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Thank you for your submission.

Your application has been submitted successfully, and the tracking number is 92032. **Please note that iGAM operates from the Eastern Time Zone. Your submittal will reflect a time stamp that is 1-hour later than Central Time; 2-hours later than Mountain Time and 3-hours later than Pacific Time.**

You will receive information on the status of your application 8 to 10 weeks following the application deadline.

For your records, here is a copy of the contents of your application.

Organization Information

For your application to be considered you must complete all of the required information in this application, including the required attachments on Tab 3 and submit the application by 5 p.m. central time on the due date.

The primary leader of the organization, will be notified of a decision by standard mail 8 to 10 weeks following the deadline. If funds are awarded, a grant report must be completed in iGAM as assigned that accounts for all funds awarded. Report instructions are sent by e-mail to the e-mail account used to manage this online application approximately two-weeks following award notification.

Organization Name

Provide the name of your organization as it is filed with the IRS.

Foundation Of The Metropolitan Community Colleges

Tax ID

510181875

If applicable, provide any other name the organization may operate as.

Mailing Address

3200 Broadway

City

Kansas City

State

MO

Zip/Postal Code

64111

Web Site

If a Web Site has been established for the organization, please provide the address.

www.mcckc.edu/foundation.asp

Organization Focus

Select from the following, that which best fits your organization's primary focus.

Education

Organization's Primary Leader Information (such as an Executive Director, President or Board Chair)

Written grant communications are sent by standard mail to the organization's primary leader.

Job Title

Director of Foundation

Prefix

Mr.

First Name

Kent

Last Name

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Suffix

<None>

Phone Number

816-604-1411

Extension, if any

Fax Number

816-759-1408

E-mail Address

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Grant Application Contact Person

Electronic confirmation of grant application submissions will be sent by e-mail to the e-mail account used to manage this online application.

Grant Application Contact Full Name

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Job Title

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Phone Number

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Application Questions

Mission

What is your organization's mission?

The Foundation of Metropolitan Community Colleges was founded in 1975 and supports the mission of MCC: Preparing Students, Serving Communities, Creating Opportunities. As the nonprofit, fundraising arm of MCC, the Foundation serves over 32,000 students annually by addressing their financial and educational needs through scholarships, educational enhancement programs and the improvement of learning facilities.

Program or Project Name

Provide a brief, descriptive name for the program or project.

International F1 Student Scholarship

Total Amount Requested (\$)

3000.00

Type of Support

Select from the following that which best describes your proposed use of dollars.

Other

Program or Project Area

Education

Geographical Area Served

Select the geographic region that best fits those proposed to be served by the use of dollars.

United States-Kansas City Metro Area-Jackson County, MO

Program or Project Overview

First, what is your program/project? In summary form, please tell us what you will do. Second, what problem are you addressing and about how many individuals within your focus area have it?

The International F1 Student Scholarship program will award three \$1000 scholarships to high achieving F1 students who are pursuing their education at Metropolitan Community College (MCC). F1 students are a non-U.S. citizen in an academic or language program pursuing a full course of study in the United States. This scholarship would help to offset the cost of their tuition, but not cover it in full. Currently F1 students pay \$229 per credit hour and are required to take at least 12 credit hours each semester. This scholarship aims to assist F1 students in covering the cost of their education.

Along with like institutions, MCC requires proof of the ability to provide one year's estimated tuition, fees and living expenses, a Form I-20 and a student visa. MCC requires that sponsors provide an affidavit of support and letter of account or bank statement when they apply. The minimum amount they have to prove they have is \$16,500USD. For the upcoming academic year, this will be broken down to \$7,866 for tuition, enrollment fee and pay plan fees; \$1,500 for health insurance; \$7,134 for living expenses, books, transportation, etc. The reality of the projected ability to fund their college career is that most are able to do it their first year, but then struggle their second and third years when their families and/or sponsors begin sending significantly less money. Many students believe that once they get here they will be able to get work to pay tuition. Unfortunately, the law only allows for on-campus employment and MCC has very few student regular positions due to budget constraints. The law does allow for students to apply for off campus work permission, but the cost of the application is \$380.

MCC serves a predominantly non-first world international population. While many international students come from well-off families that can afford to send their son or daughter abroad for an education, most MCC students come from African nations. Often, many extended family members or community sponsors have pooled money to send a promising student to our country -- typically to pursue a career in health care. Once their financial support has been expended for their first year, they often cannot cover the next term's tuition payment. Currently we lose up to 10-15% of the F1 students per year due to the lack of needed income to fund college attendance. Often, situations at home have prevented the family or sponsor from sending additional funds.

Total Program/Project Budget (\$)

Provide the dollar amount of the total program/project budget in this format: 0,000.00

3,000.00

Percent of total dollars and services your organization provides in the State of Kansas and the State of Missouri. (%)

State of Kansas %

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0

State of Missouri %

Do **NOT** enter percent symbol or decimal point.

100

Client Information

Define the number and characteristics of the clients your program will serve.

MCC currently has 181 F1 students enrolled representing 51 countries, mostly from African nations. Of these students, 101 (55.8%) come from third world countries. Thirty-one (17%) of the F1 students live in residential areas in Kansas City with a median income that falls below 200% of poverty level.

Student eligibility requirements for scholarship:

1. Must have an immigration status of F1 student
2. Must have an Form I-20 issued by Metropolitan Community College
3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater

Scholarship application submission requirements:

1. A 500 word essay on "How will an MCC education help you make a difference in the world?"
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member

A committee comprised of the Dean of Student Development, an Enrollment Management representative, one Designated School Official and one faculty member will review the applicants and choose three scholarship recipients.

Organizational Expertise

For the specific program area for which you seek our support, what is your core know how? What do you know how to do especially well? What have you achieved in the past three years for persons in this or other programs you have undertaken that are most like the project for which you are seeking our support?

MCC has three Designated School Officials located on the MCC-Penn Valley campus. These designations are earned through Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a department of Homeland Security. Having the Officials on staff is a requirement for MCC to participate in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program. Every year a representative is sent to the National Conference to receive the latest regulations and these three individuals work to stay current with trending issues to better assist our students. The Penn Valley campus hosts our Applied Language Institute that serves as a cooperative program with UMKC teaching English as a Second Language. Our campus is known for its diversity and our work with the international student population. The most recent achievement in serving our international students was the creation of the World Citizen Scholarship in 2005. Awards from \$150 to \$450 have been distributed annually to one student per year.

Differentiation

In your geographic area, what groups are most similar to you, and what differentiates you from them? MCC, Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) all welcome F1 students. Even though JCCC and KCKCC offer a lesser tuition rate for international students, many international students choose MCC as their institution, specifically the Penn Valley campus, due to the location and ease of transportation. MCC is unique amongst the three colleges because we offer an intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Unlike the other colleges, MCC hosts the largest number of F1 students from third world countries.

Since most scholarships through MCC require a student to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), MCC F1 students do not qualify. Federal regulations prohibit F1 students from applying for a FAFSA. Because of MCC budget constraints, work opportunities for student workers, in general, have decreased thus affecting the F1 students' ability to find on-campus employment.

Results/Outcomes

Specify what results you are committed to achieving, and for how many persons. Indicate the reason for not setting lower or higher levels. What assumptions do you make about the needed intensity and duration of your program to insure results for participants?

We are committed to helping three students with up to a third of their tuition, by awarding them \$1000 each. Awarding three allows us to give each student a significant amount towards their tuition and fees but still hold them accountable for their commitment they originally made when asking for F1 status and being awarded their I-20 from MCC.

Setting the criteria of a 3.0 cumulative GPA, a 500 word written essay and a recommendation from a faculty member for application for this scholarship will better ensure that we will award those students that have the highest probability of degree completion. Subsidizing F1 students' financial need, will allow them to focus on their studies and successfully complete their education therefore positively affecting the global society.

Without You

For the people you serve, what would happen without you? That is, how many people are likely to get the result you state if you did not exist?

If MCC is unable to provide these scholarships, we will miss the opportunity to assist three deserving international students with completing their education and preventing drop out from their programs of study.

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Attachments

Title	File Name
Program/Project Budget	MCCF Project Budget.pdf
Board of Directors	MCCF Board of Directors.pdf
990 Tax Return (Not Required)	MCCF 2012 Form

Audit (Not Required)

[990.pdf](#)
[MCCF 2013 Audit
Report.pdf](#)
[MCCF Operational
Budget.pdf](#)

Annual Operating Budget

Files attached to this form may be deleted 120 days after submission.

**The Foundation of Metropolitan Community College
International F1 Student Scholarship
Project Budget**

REVENUE

Mary Elizabeth Martin Scholarship Trust	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	3,000.00

EXPENSES

3 scholarships @ 1,000 each	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	3,000.00