

# AMERICAN DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

## CLASS OF 2023 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### APPLICATION DEADLINE AUGUST 31, 2023

- You must earn a standard high school diploma, GED, or home school diploma in Miami Dade County.
- You must currently reside in Miami Dade County.
- You must be entering college for the first time or be a graduating dual enrollee.
- You must have a cumulative high school weighted GPA of 3.00 or above.
- You must be admitted to MDC and registered for 12 or more credits for the Fall 2023 semester.
- You must complete the 2023-2024 Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA). You do not need to be eligible for federal financial aid, but you must complete the FAFSA application. If you are unable to complete a FAFSA application, please complete the [Expected Family Contribution Calculator](#). Email the results to your campus [Financial Aid office](#).
- **You must prove college readiness by meeting one of the two criteria:**
  1. Achieve [minimum test scores on approved standardized tests](#). Any combination of the highest available scores are used in determining your readiness in a skill area. Scores within a two-year period of the test date are considered valid for eligibility purposes. Expired scores will not be used. **OR**
  2. Have a cumulative high school weighted GPA of 3.5 or greater.
- Students obtaining a standard high school diploma through Florida Virtual School will be accepted if they reside in Miami Dade County.
- GED recipients must earn the diploma during the time period of May - July 2023 in what would be their senior year in high school.
- Students without a GPA on their transcripts (e.g., home schooled) must earn the diploma during the time period listed above and meet [minimum test scores](#).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- No separate scholarship application is required.
- Apply for admission to MDC and complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), but you do not need to be eligible to receive federal financial aid. Please remember that it may take several days for MDC to receive your information even after you request it. Therefore, please allow enough time for this to occur by the deadline.
- If you are unable to complete a FAFSA application, please complete the [Expected Family Contribution Calculator](#). Email the results to your campus [Financial Aid office](#).
- For additional scholarships visit <https://www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships>.

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