



**Application Instructions and Guidelines for the:  
Metropolitan Community College – Giving Hope & Help  
EDUCATION IS YOUR PASSPORT SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Giving Hope & Help (GH&H)-Education Is Your Passport Program* is a program to provide educational and financial assistance for Pre-K through Adult College Students. **This portion of the program (The MCC-Giving Hope & Help EDUCATION IS YOUR PASSPORT SCHOLARSHIP) is designed to benefit low income High School Senior Scholars as well as low income SINGLE PARENTS with a FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP to MCC-Penn Valley or MCC-Maple Woods.** Scholars will be awarded the full-ride scholarship, additional scholarship award opportunities and community service/volunteer opportunities to meet needs and make a difference with Giving Hope & Help initiatives.

**Qualifications/Guidelines for the MCC – Giving Hope & Help  
Education Is Your Passport Scholarship:**

- High School Senior with a GPA of 2.5+ on a 4.0 Scale
- Submit *Official* High school transcript
- Single Parent age 21 or older with one or more children living in the home
- Submit **two** letters of recommendation from a high school counselor, educational, community organization leader, past or present employer, etc.
- **Submit a 500-1,000 word Essay on a need(s) in your community and how you plan to give back to meet the needs(s) while in college and beyond to make a difference.**
- Submit a letter of acceptance on official letterhead from Metropolitan Community College (A clear copy of the letter is acceptable). Apply at [https://my.mcckc.edu/psc/ACCESS/PSLOOK/HRMS/c/MCC\\_STU\\_HOME.MCC\\_OL\\_AP\\_PL.GBL?&](https://my.mcckc.edu/psc/ACCESS/PSLOOK/HRMS/c/MCC_STU_HOME.MCC_OL_AP_PL.GBL?&)
- Agree to an interview with the GH&H Board as a part of the selection process.
- Intend to enroll and complete an Associate's Degree Program offered by: MCC-Penn Valley or MCC-Maple Woods beginning August, 2019.
- Recipients must enroll in 15 Credit Hours per semester for the two year program
- MCC Grade Requirements: Earn ALL A's, B's. & C's (NO D's, F's or W's) (W = Withdraw from a course)
- **Recipient must handle all financial aid affairs and financial requirements once awarded this scholarship directly with MCC.**

- **Submit completed application by stated deadline** including proof of LOW INCOME- **Attach Household W-2** from previous year or **CURRENT Household W-2 or Tax Transcript**. Transcripts can be requested at: [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript) (Low Income Guidelines attached. Direct all inquiries to the IRS.)

**High School Scholars and Single Parent Scholarship Recipients will receive:**

- **A TWO YEAR, FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO MCC-PENN VALLEY OR MCC-MAPLE WOODS. Books, Fees, and Tuition will be paid in full.**
- **The opportunity to receive one of two \$500+ financial scholarship awards in the GH&H founder's grandparents honor:**
  1. **The Alexander Sr. & Cleo McCallop Giving Scholarship Award**
  2. **The Neoma Spearman Literacy Scholarship Award**
- The Determination Award (Single Parents)
- The Perseverance Award
- All recipients will receive a college scholarship app provided by Giving Hope & Help- Educational Corporate Sponsor: College Coaching Network
- **Volunteer opportunities** throughout college via the Giving Hope & Help organization and partnerships with educational/community organizations.

The application is in a PDF format and the information can be saved in the document. This method is preferred over handwriting.

The completed and legible application packet **MUST** be emailed and **MUST ALSO BE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE MAILED**

1. Scan all documentation **INTO ONE FILE** and email to: [donate@givinghopeandhelp.com](mailto:donate@givinghopeandhelp.com)
2. Mail to: Giving Hope & Help PO Box 2446-Lee's Summit, Missouri- 64063  
Attn: Education Is Your Passport Program Scholarship Committee

**Important Information:**

- Accepting applications January 28, 2019 – April 15, 2019.
- Applications must be legible, complete and postmarked by April 15, 2019.
- Questions: Email Giving Hope & Help Inc. at: [donate@givinghopeandhelp.com](mailto:donate@givinghopeandhelp.com)
- Scholarship recipients will be notified of the award and program details via phone and email by 4/30/19. **Please assure the contact information is CORRECT.**
- Scholars will receive the scholarship/awards at the Scholarship Awards Program and Fundraiser Banquet. Scholars are requested to arrive at 6pm Sharp.
- Silent Auction at 6pm. Program at 7pm.
- **Scholarship Recipients MUST BE PRESENT at the Scholarship Awards Program to receive scholarship awards.**
- One parent, guardian or one child age 10 and up of the single parent awardees may attend as a complimentary guest. Awardees must inform GH&H of the complimentary guest's name and age if under 18. All others accompanying awardees may purchase a ticket for \$50 from Giving Hope & Help. *Tickets will be available at Eventbrite.com.*

## **Recipient Community Service Commitment and Expectations:**

- Make a commitment to serve the community as a Giving Hope & Help World Changer Volunteer for 10 or more hours per calendar year until college graduation. Opportunities will be granted to scholars to serve the community.
- Volunteering includes sharing GH&H created post on social media.
- Keep GH&H abreast of academic success and intended graduation date. (email updates and phone communication is acceptable)

### **GET SOCIALLY CONNECTED TO GH&H**

- **LIKE, FOLLOW and SEE FIRST** Giving Hope & Help on Facebook.
- Follow GH&H on Instagram and Twitter @givehopehelp.
- Subscribe to the Giving Hope & Help YouTube Channel - to support and share the difference making initiatives of GH&H.
- Share the difference making initiatives with your network.

**Giving Hope & Help is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that compassionately partners with other human service organizations, the community, businesses and individuals to meet community needs and make a difference in the in the areas of education, scholarships, domestic violence support and prevention, as well as cancer support and fundraising.**

*Giving Hope & Help reserves the right to partner with educational and community organizations for advancement of scholars and the program at large.*



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Jessica McClellan-Founder & President

# Federal TRIO Programs

## Current-Year Low-Income Levels

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(Effective **January 18, 2018** until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
<b>1</b>	\$18,210	\$22,770	\$20,940
<b>2</b>	\$24,690	\$30,870	\$28,395
<b>3</b>	\$31,170	\$38,970	\$35,850
<b>4</b>	\$37,650	\$47,070	\$43,305
<b>5</b>	\$44,130	\$55,170	\$50,760
<b>6</b>	\$50,610	\$63,270	\$58,215
<b>7</b>	\$57,090	\$71,370	\$65,670
<b>8</b>	\$63,570	\$79,470	\$73,125

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,480 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,100 for Alaska; and \$7,455 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the [Federal Register](#) on January 18, 2018.