

THE FRANCE & MERRICK
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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A merit scholarship opportunity for talented undergraduates who have demonstrated potential for leadership in the area of civic engagement, especially to Baltimore City, and strong academic records.

2014-2015 AWARD AVAILABILITY

The Shriver Center is currently accepting applications for **two Fellows** positions and **five Scholars** positions.

Applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens
- Be Undergraduate students
Graduation date no sooner than May 2015
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA

Administered by The Shriver Center at UMBC, The France & Merrick Scholarship Program provides educational funding for UMBC students with strong academic standing and a commitment to civic engagement. 2014-2015 award winners participate in individual service commitments based on their specific interests throughout the 2014-2015 academic year. Their commitment strengthens the culture of service at UMBC.

AWARDS

Based on availability, scholarships are distributed across the academic year.

Fellows receive a scholarship (not to exceed \$15,000 for MD students; and \$22,000 for out-of-state students) towards tuition, mandatory fees, and room & board expenses.

The Fellows also convene occasional meetings for the France & Merrick Scholarship Program.

Scholars receive \$1,000 for the year, attend group meetings, and work with their respective service sites throughout the school year.

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES

Interested candidates must:

- Submit a France & Merrick Scholarship Program application
- An **unofficial** copy of your academic transcript
- Two essays

Application materials are due by 5:00PM on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014. Anything received **after** this date will not be considered. Based on the strength of the application and meeting submission expectations, candidates will be invited for an interview. Shriver Center Staff will coordinate follow up interviews the week of April 7th, 2014, as needed. Decisions for 2014-2015 will be **made in the first week of May 2014.**

QUESTIONS

Contact Lori Hardesty, Assistant Director, Service-Learning, with any questions at (410) 455-2493 or lhargesty@umbc.edu.

THE FRANCE & MERRICK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

Date _____ Campus ID _____

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Age _____ Gender _____ (M/F) Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ (Y/N)

Permanent Address _____

Mailing Address _____

UMBC Email Address _____

Please list the best phone number to reach you _____

Race/Ethnicity (Please check)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

UMBC Academic Information

Major/Minor _____

Current GPA _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Community Service Experience

Please list and describe the three most meaningful community service and/or service-learning experiences in which you have participated.

1. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: Started/Ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

2. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: Started/Ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

3. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: Started/Ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

Please submit the following:

1. This application packet
2. An unofficial copy of your academic transcript(s)
3. Please respond to **each** of the following questions. **Each** essay should not exceed **two (2) double-spaced pages**.
 - a) What do you perceive to be the biggest challenge currently facing Baltimore City? How do you think your service to the community addresses this challenge?
 - b) What and/or who inspires you to do service? Why?

Applications should include:

- Application Packet
- Unofficial Transcript
- Two essay responses (no more than 2 pages each)

They can be submitted to:

Lori Hardesty

Assistant Director, Service-Learning, K-16 Partnerships
The Shriver Center
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

Submissions can be made by mail, email at lhardesty@umbc.edu, or in person to The Shriver Center (1st Floor of the Public Policy Building, past the elevators). They **must** be received by Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 at 5:00PM.