

**JAMES H. MONTGOMERY APPALACHIAN STUDIES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

**Scholarship Application**   
**2021**

*Applications due by* ***5:00 pm Friday April 30, 2021***

*If you have any questions about this opportunity OR about declaring the Appalachian Studies Minor, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Leila Weinstein, Appalachian Studies Minor Program Coordinator, via email: lweinstein@mhu.edu or phone: 828.689.1115, OR stop by the Ramsey Center for Appalachian Studies. We are located on the Bailey Street side of Renfro Library – enter from Bailey Street parking lot (look for our glass door & sign).*

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*If you do not receive a confirmation email when you submit your application, please follow up via phone or in person: 828.689.1115.*

This endowed scholarship fund was established by James H. Montgomery of Austin, Texas, a native of North Carolina, through a major gift and is awarded for one academic year to eligible students pursuing the Appalachian Studies minor.

The scholarship is designed to motivate Mars Hill University students to broaden their understanding of and appreciation for the history, culture, and environment of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, with an emphasis on Western North Carolina. Montgomery Scholars are student ambassadors for the Appalachian Studies program and for the Liston B. Ramsey Center for Appalachian Studies and are required to participate in service hours that enhance their understanding of the region and their connection to the Ramsey Center.

**Requirements**

Award recipients must participate in service hours in the following areas:

1. The Ramsey Center for Appalachian Studies;
2. The Bascom Lamar Lunsford “Music of Appalachia” Festival (the first Saturday in October); and
3. An organization or initiative outside of MHU dedicated to the *culture, history, or environment* of Southern Appalachia (the organization must be approved by the Appalachian Studies Scholarship Committee). If you are unsure that the organization you have chosen is eligible, contact program coordinator Leila Weinstein ([lweinstein@mhu.edu](mailto:lweinstein@mhu.edu)). **You do not have to have an exact organization in mind before applying.**

**Award Amounts/Required Hours**

Award amounts vary depending on the year and the number of applicants, but generally range between $5,000 and $14,000.

For awards under $5,000 per semester, students are expected to participate in 50 service hours each semester: 25 at Ramsey Center programs (including the festival) and 25 at an outside organization.

For awards $5,000 and over per semester, students are expected to participate in 60 service hours each semester: 30 at Ramsey Center programs (including the festival) and 30 at an outside organization.

Exact details will be arranged upon the awarding of the scholarship.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. Be classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior;
2. Have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; and
3. Be available to work at the Lunsford Festival (first Saturday in October).
4. Be planning to declare an Appalachian Studies minor if they have not done so already.

**Selection Procedure**

After review of the applications, candidates may be asked to participate in an interview with the Appalachian Studies Scholarship Selection Committee before final decisions are made. The Financial Aid Committee, upon the recommendation of the Appalachian Studies Scholarship Selection Committee, will make the selection. Scholarship amounts will vary annually, depending upon the number of eligible applicants.

**Award Maintenance Requirements**

To continue to receive the scholarship, students must submit the following for mid-academic year and end-of-academic year review by the Appalachian Studies Scholarship Selection Committee:

1. Transcript showing evidence of successful progression towards the Appalachian Studies minor and continued strong academic standing (maintaining the required minimum 3.0 GPA)
2. Evidence via monthly hour logs of service contributions to the Ramsey Center and selected organization.

The Ramsey Center for Appalachian Studies

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[www.mhu.edu/ramsey-center](http://www.mhu.edu/ramsey-center)

**MONTGOMERY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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CLASS STATUS (please circle) freshman sophomore junior senior

DECLARED APPALACHIAN STUDIES MINOR? (circle one) yes not yet, but planning to declare

APPALACHIAN STUDIES COURSES TAKEN (include semester/year taken and grade earned)

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APPALACHIAN STUDIES PROJECTS/SKILLS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/AREAS OF INTEREST (attach an additional sheet, if desired):

AREA(S) OF INTEREST FOR THE SERVICE COMPONENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

OTHER FINANCIAL AID YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING (including amounts)

MARS HILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY/STAFF REFERENCES (provide the names and contact information of two faculty members or staff at Mars Hill University who can vouch for your interest in and commitment to Appalachian Studies)

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**Statement of Interest and Purpose**

Please attach a 500-word document in which you detail your reasons for pursuing the minor in Appalachian Studies, your interest in the region, and what you expect to do with Appalachian Studies in your future endeavors, both professional and otherwise.

**Transcripts**

Please arrange for your official Mars Hill University transcript to be sent to the Appalachian Studies Program Coordinator (Leila Weinstein: lweinstein@mhu.edu).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_