

Welcome to Marist College!

As the Graduate School and Fellowship Advisor at Marist College, I am here to help guide you towards some notable scholarship opportunities, ones that can open up paths that you never realized were there in the first place.

The students with whom I work at Marist are those who think beyond course requirements. These are students who personally feel that doing the minimum is not enough. I work with those who want more, students who are hungry. The students who visit my office travel abroad, start new ventures, and question their own assumptions along with those of others. They recognize challenges in this world that they would like to take on—including those presented by competitive scholarship opportunities.

Allow me to summarize briefly just a few of these possibilities:

- You might consider applying for a scholarship that supports: budding science researchers (the **Goldwater** or the **DAAD RiSE** summer research internship), those invested in environmental issues (**Udall**), future teachers of secondary school American history or government (**Madison**), or of secondary school mathematics (**Math for America**);
- Perhaps you would like to take on a less-commonly taught language such as Arabic, Chinese, or Farsi and possibly spend six months or a year in a country where that language is the native tongue (**Critical Language Scholarship**; **NSEP Boren**);
- You could be interested in spending nine months to a year after you graduate from Marist, researching a specific issue or teaching English in another country (**Fulbright**);
- There may be public policy issues that you are eager to tackle and resolve, whether this be through work for the government or through a nonprofit organization (**Truman**);
- Perhaps you want to take on possibly the most competitive scholarship opportunities—the “holy Grails” of nationally competitive scholarships—and apply to pursue your master’s degree in the United Kingdom (**Rhodes/Marshall/Gates**).

You and I could explore still other options that may dovetail even more closely with your particular interests. The main thing is that you be aware of these things now—and start taking the steps which will place these opportunities closer on your horizon.

What can you do to make these scholarships more attainable? First off, identify and be true to your own commitments and priorities. If you devote your energies to not just demanding the most of yourself and of your studies at Marist, but also to pursuing the things that matter most to you, you will—without question—come to acquire those qualities demanded by these opportunities. Authenticity; leadership; investment in community and service to others; academic excellence; self-knowledge—these are characteristics that you should nurture.

It’s never too early to discuss with me the kinds of scholarships that will help you to realize your dreams. Find me in the Center for Career Services (Library 332). Let’s discuss the path ahead.

Best regards,



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