Getting Started

1. Complete the FAFSA:
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at **fafsa.ed.gov**. You should complete the FAFSA by May 1 of the year you graduate. In order to access the scholarship, Sinclair College <u>must</u> be listed on the current FAFSA. Use Sinclair code: 003119.

2. Bring your Tech Prep scholarship certificate:
Your scholarship certificate will verify to every advisor and department representative that you are to receive a $3,000 scholarship. Upon completion of the FAFSA process, the scholarship is automatically posted to your account. For information about when funds will pay out each term, check your Student Finance Account Summary on your Web Advisor.

3. Meet with an academic advisor and develop a class schedule:
During your senior year meet with an academic advisor to discuss your course selection. To schedule an appointment, call 937-512-3700 or visit **www.sinclair.edu/services/basics**. **Please note:** In order to use your scholarship you **must** activate an academic program (i.e., declare a major). Your academic advisor can assist you.

4. Check your email frequently:
Check your email at **my.sinclair.edu** for funding and scholarship updates.

5. Register for classes:
You can register in person at Registration and Student Records, Building 10 on the second floor or online at **schedule.sinclair.edu**.

6. Attend New Student Orientation:
Visit **www.sinclair.edu/orientation** for more information.

Visit www.mvtechprep.org > Resources > Scholarship Awards for more information.

The Sinclair Tech Prep Scholarship

The **purpose** of the Sinclair Tech Prep Scholarship is to recognize merit and to provide financial support for students pursuing a certificate or associate's degree at Sinclair College. Students completing the high school requirements of the Tech Prep program and meeting the scholarship qualifications are eligible to receive a $3,000 scholarship. Beginning fall semester following high school graduation, scholarship recipients may receive up to $750 per semester to cover tuition and books. **Students must register for classes at Sinclair no later than the end of the fall registration deadline one year following their high school graduation in order to activate their scholarship.** For example, a 2017 graduate may register for classes fall semester 2017, spring semester 2018, or fall semester 2018. Upon completion of at least one fall or spring term, the scholarship money may be used for summer terms. Once enrolled, students may use the scholarship for up to three years.

To Qualify for the Scholarship

To be eligible, students must:

- Earn a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.25 junior year and the first semester of senior year.
- Complete three or more CTE courses, or two courses in a single pathway, and graduate from high school.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. **Other financial aid must be used prior to using the Sinclair Tech Prep Scholarship.**
- Be enrolled a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the full scholarship benefits of $750.00 per term. Enrollment for 9 to 11 hours will be pro-rated at $563.00 per term.

  Please note: For the 2016-17 Sinclair academic year, the Tech Prep Scholarship may cover books, but not tuition, for developmental (DEV) classes. Beginning fall 2017, the Tech Prep Scholarship may cover certain required developmental courses, but only those aligning with Federal Financial Aid guidelines.

- Maintain good academic standing as defined in the Sinclair College catalog "Grades" section (i.e., a GPA of 2.0 or higher).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: My college placement test scores indicate I need developmental courses in one or more areas. Can I still receive the Tech Prep Scholarship?
A: The scholarship will **NOT** pay for developmental coursework, but it will pay for courses toward your degree or certificate. You can pay to take developmental courses and, at the same time, take other courses that the scholarship will cover. Other forms of financial aid may apply to developmental courses. Developmental courses count toward your full-time enrollment status.

Q: What degrees and certificates are available to me to pursue with the scholarship?
A: Students may pursue *any* degree or certificate program at Sinclair using their Tech Prep Scholarship funds!

Q: When do I have to begin at Sinclair to be eligible to use the scholarship?
A: Students must register for classes at Sinclair no later than the end of the fall registration deadline one year following their high school graduation in order to activate their scholarship. For lapses of more than the time specified, students must file a petition with the Tech Prep office in Building 6, Room 131.

Q: I intend to join the military upon high school graduation. May I use the Tech Prep Scholarship once my commitment is over?
A: So as long as you are full-time active duty, you may defer the scholarship until one year after your active duty is completed. For lapses of more than one year, students must file a petition with the Tech Prep office in Building 6, Room 131.

Additional questions? Please contact our office at 937-512-5146!