



Workforce Development &  
Continuing Education

# GEER Program Overview

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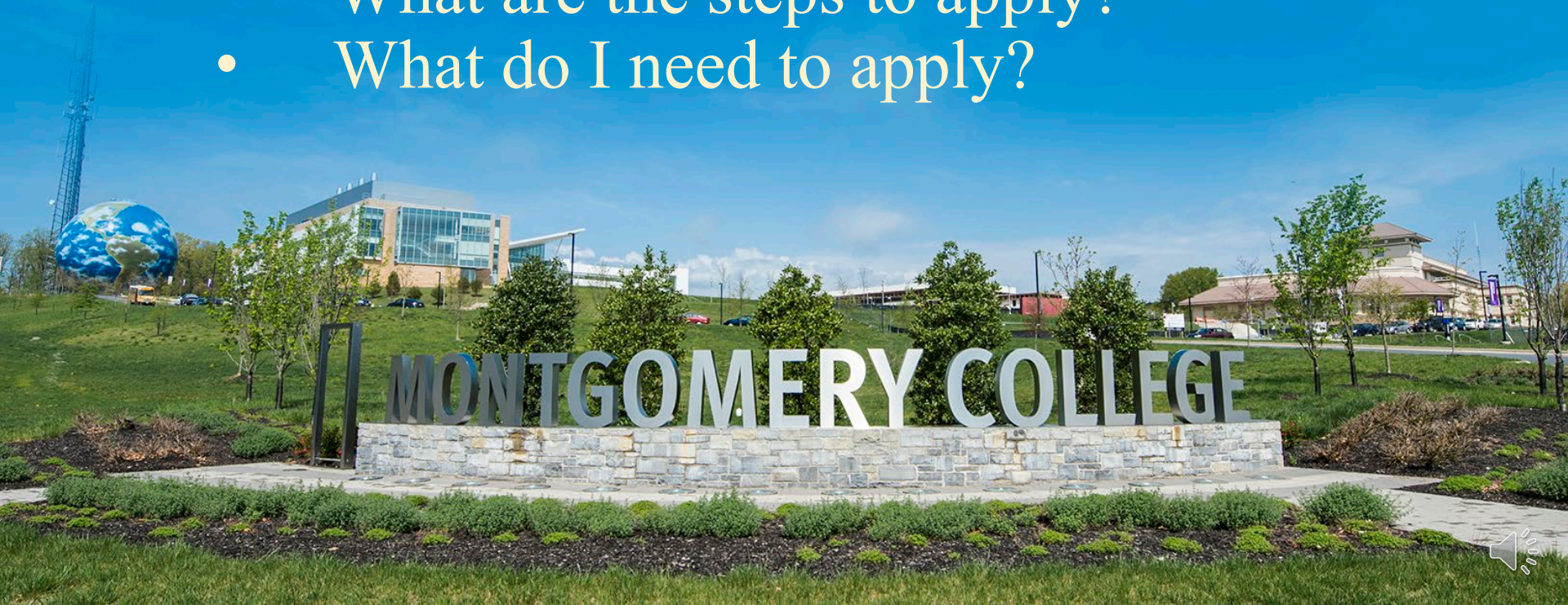
*Governor's Emergency Education Relief  
(GEER) Fund*





This presentation will answer the following questions:

- What is the GEER Program?
- Who is eligible?
- What are the rules?
- What are my responsibilities?
- What are the steps to apply?
- What do I need to apply?



# What is the GEER Program?

*The Governor of Maryland has established a fund to help residents impacted by COVID enroll in workforce training classes that lead to a credential, so that you can get a job more easily.*

Students may qualify for support in one or more of three areas:

- Tuition and fees up to \$3500 for approved courses
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- Other fees (e.g. credentialing exam fees) up to \$500





# Who is Eligible?

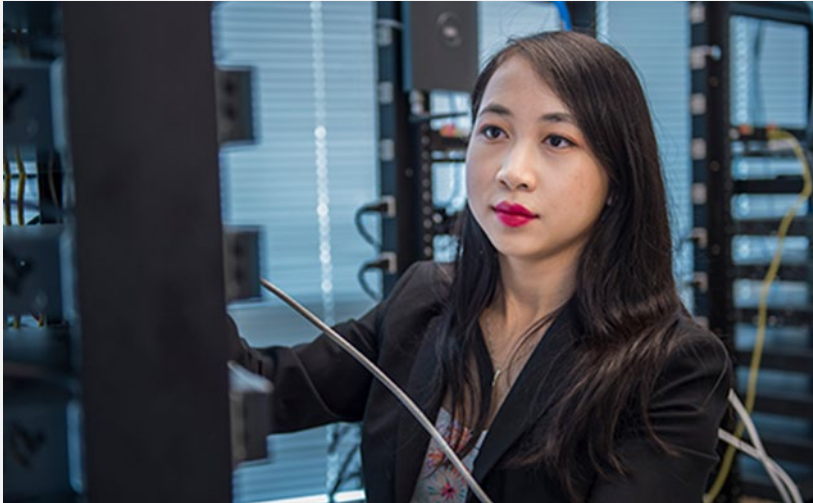


## Applicants must:

- Be a current Maryland resident
- Be legally eligible to work in the US at the time of application
- Have their employment status affected by COVID – this includes a job loss, reduction in hours/pay, unstable employment, or challenges finding new employment
- Not owe any more than \$5000 to the College and/or be in collections



# What are the rules?



- Funding may be used for approved courses only.
- There is no guarantee that there will be a seat available in the class you select. *For best results, apply as early as possible and stay flexible.*
- Funding may not be used to cover past courses or fees.
- Students must be enrolled in an approved course in order to qualify for just technology or credentialing funding.



# What are the rest of the rules?



- Students may receive funding for two or three classes in a row if the total is less than \$3500, and they are part of an approved plan. Students will receive funding for approved and awarded courses only! Some certifications courses have more than one course in a sequence. Students must successfully complete each course to move forward and receive funding for the course(s).
- Students must begin to use the funding as soon as it is offered. There are no refunds on unused money.
- Students can lose funding if they do not meet the responsibilities listed such as attendance compliance, incomplete document submission, timely response, etc



# What are my responsibilities?

- Sign up for the class by the deadline given.
- Use any vouchers by the deadline given.
- Follow all course policies established by the instructor, including attendance.
- Do all of the homework and tests.
- Ready to look for a new or better job.
- Respond to Montgomery College staff follow-up questions regarding progress and needs.
- Agree to have basic data collected on their program participation and outcomes, including success in the course, credentials earned, and employment.





# What are the steps to apply?

Before you start, review GEER website completely as it provides important information and updates such as Program Guide, Frequently Asked Questions, the GEER approved course list.

1. Fill out the GEER Eligibility Screener form.
2. If you are eligible to apply for GEER funding, you'll get an email with the link to the full application and instructions on how to submit your documents.
3. Follow the email with instructions on next steps.
4. Complete the full application.
5. Be patient and flexible as Montgomery College staff will review your application and contact you by phone or email.





# What do I need to apply?



The following documents are required for your application:

- Completed Montgomery College GEER Funding application
- One document in each of these categories to verify: (See *Acceptable Documents* for details.)
  - Maryland residence
  - Employment authorization
- A complete and signed registration form. You can refer to the GEER website for the approved courses and you may reach out to program contacts for further information on the course of study.





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