



Montgomery County, MD, Chapter

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR 2011 – 2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Project Management Institute (“PMI”), with more than more than half a million members and credential holders in 185 countries, is the leading membership association for the project management profession. A vital and forward-thinking organization, PMI is comprised of over 250 geographic chapters and 30 communities of practice. The local Montgomery County chapter has more than 1,400 members and represents project managers in government, industry and in academia. In order to introduce graduating high school seniors to information on this profession and better prepare them for project management as a future career, the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter has established a college scholarship program. Our goal is to offer some financial assistance to two graduating high school seniors to pursue further education. One of these will be open to all qualifying high school seniors. The other scholarship, new for the 2011-2012 year, will be open to the children and grandchildren of PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter members.

Award Amount \$1000	Deadline Date March 23, 2012	Awards Available Up to 2 - 1 “Open” and 1 “Member”
<p>Description</p> <p>One of the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarships is open to all high school seniors currently enrolled in a Montgomery County, Maryland high school, in the 2011-2012 school year who are planning to attend an accredited U.S. college starting in the 2012 - 2013 school year. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and be in good standing, as well as take and pass the attached quiz about the Project Management profession. These applicants will be considered for the “Open” Scholarship</p> <p>The other PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship is open to high school seniors who are (1) the child, step child, adopted child, foster child, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild) of a current PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter member and (2) currently enrolled in a Montgomery County, Maryland high school, in the 2011-2012 school year who are planning to attend an accredited U.S. college starting in the 2012 - 2013 school year. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and be in good standing, as well as take and pass the attached quiz about the Project Management profession. These applicants will be considered for the “Member” Scholarship and, if not selected for that, will also be considered for the “Open” Scholarship.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>Please visit the sponsor’s Web site for additional information http://www.pmimontgomerycountymd.org/ for information on PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter.</p>		
<p>Applicable Majors</p> <p>All fields of study</p>		

Project management is an excellent career field to consider. Project managers' specific duties vary widely depending on the task at hand, but common duties are:

- Understanding the project and preparing a plan to ensure it is accomplished on time, on budget and doing what it is supposed to do.
- Figuring out the project stakeholders and communicating with them.
- Leading and directing a team of people to complete a project.
- Following up and making sure that things are proceeding according to schedule.

Project management skills are needed in many different fields. Most project managers work regular business hours in offices, however certain positions may involve travel or working in different locations.

Salaries vary but the average in the U.S. for a project manager with a university degree and 2-4 years experience is over \$65,000 and the average for project managers in the Washington, D.C. area is over \$96,000. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects job growth in this field to be faster than average through 2018.

How to Apply

The applicant must print the attached forms, complete the applicant information, follow the Rules for the Scholarship Program, and successfully complete the 2011 – 2012 PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Quiz (“Quiz”). If the applicant is less than eighteen years of age, his/her parent or legal guardian must sign the application. If over eighteen years of age, his/her parent, legal guardian or guidance counselor must sign the application. An applicant’s guidance counselor must complete a certification section. The applicant is invited to pay particular attention to rules 2,3, and 4., below when applying for the scholarship. If they are applying for the scholarship for the child, step child, adopted child, foster child, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild) of a current PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter member, the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter member must complete a certification section.

How the Award is Made

All properly submitted applications with qualifying scores on the Quiz are eligible for a random drawing for this special “Open” scholarship. Those that qualify as the child, step child, adopted child, foster child, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild) of a current PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter member shall also be eligible for a random drawing for the “Member” scholarships. If they are not selected in the “Member” random drawing, they will also be eligible for the “Open” random drawing. Both scholarship winners will be randomly selected at our April 2012 Dinner Meeting. The selected applicant will be notified and their name will be announced on the Chapter website on or around April 30, 2012.

Rules for the Scholarship Program

1. The Chapter “Open” Scholarship is open to all high school seniors (graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year) currently enrolled in a Montgomery County, Maryland high school; who are accepted at an accredited U.S. college for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The student must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, be in good academic standing, and exhibit deportment that permits them to accept honors.
2. The Chapter “Member” Scholarship is open to the children, step children, adopted children, foster children, or a descendant of one of these (for example, grandchildren) of a current PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter member who are high school seniors (graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year) currently enrolled in a Montgomery County, Maryland high school; who are accepted at an accredited U.S. college for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The student must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, be in good academic standing, and exhibit deportment that permits them to accept honors.
3. A graduating senior wishing to apply must complete the Application for Project Management Scholarship for 2011-2012 Form (pages 7-9, 10 is optional) which includes the Quiz Answer Sheet. Applications require an original signature of the applicant and their parent or guardian if under the age of eighteen or their parent, guardian or school counselor confirming they are eighteen or older. Only one application per student shall be accepted. If they want to be considered for the “Member” scholarship, certification is required from the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter current member that they qualify as the member’s the child, step child, adopted child, foster child, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild).
4. The ten (10) question quiz must be completed solely by the applicant. The applicant is free to find the answers either at the <http://www.PMI.org>, <http://www.pmimontgomerycountymd.org>, or the http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_management websites, this announcement, or from any relevant PMI publication. A passing grade of at least eighty percent (80%) on the Quiz qualifies the applicant for the scholarship drawing.

4. An applicant's guidance counselor must certify the application as indicated. The application and completed Quiz must be mailed, with a postmark no later than March 23, 2012, to:

PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 234
Cabin John, MD 20818-0234

5. All properly submitted applications with qualifying quiz scores will be accepted by the Chapter for a drawing. The scholarship winners will be randomly drawn during our April dinner meeting; notified by mail or phone; and, the scholarship winner's name will be announced on the Chapter Website on or about April 30, 2012. .

6. A maximum of two (2) \$1000.00 scholarships, one "Open" and one "Member" will be awarded no later than June 1, 2012. The monies shall be used solely for books, tuition, room and board, or other college related expenses.

7. The Chapter reserves the right to withhold scholarship monies pending verification of rules compliance and acceptance at an accredited college or university.

8. No prizes will be substituted nor any other prize offered in lieu of the established scholarship awards.

9. It is the Chapter's intention is to award these scholarships; however, if any unforeseen event precludes this award, this application process shall not result in a commitment to fund the award(s) until the scholarship winners are formally notified by mail.

10. This application and scholarship award process does not constitute a contract between the applicant, or any other party, and the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter, or any other representative or portion of PMI. Upon signing and submitting the application, the applicant and his/her parents/guardians agree that these rules and application(s) shall be administered, interpreted, graded and adjudicated exclusively by the Chapter and its Board, with no right of appeal to any other entity or authority.

Project Management and Quiz Background

WHAT IS A PROJECT?

A project can be defined in terms of its distinctive characteristics - a project is a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product or service. By contrast, manufacture of a long established product, or a continuing function such as accounting or contract management, is not considered a project. Projects are often implemented as a tactical means of contributing to the achievement of an organization's strategic plan.

Examples of projects include:

- * Developing a new product or service.
- * Designing a new transportation vehicle.
- * Constructing a building or facility.

WHAT IS PROJECT MANAGEMENT?

Project management is the application of knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to project activities to meet project requirements. In today's global marketplace, complexity and speed are certainties. In such an environment, a good axiom for project management is *Do It, Do It Right, and Do It Right Now*. Creating clear direction, efficiency, timely response, and quality outcomes requires project managers who are agile -- adept at change. The associated disciplinary areas are clearly spelled out in the following PMI definition.

“Project management is the application of knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques to a broad range of activities in order to meet the requirements of a particular project. Project management is comprised of five Project Management Process Groups which are also known as Performance Domains – Initiating Processes, Planning Processes, Executing Processes, Monitoring and Controlling Processes, and Closing Processes – as well as cross-cutting knowledge and skills like active listening, brainstorming, data gathering techniques, and conflict resolution techniques.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE?

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PMI MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD CHAPTER?

The Chapter is a non-profit organization that strives to be recognized as professional project managers dedicated to serving the business and educational community of Montgomery County, Maryland through the advancement of project management. As with the PMI website, answers to many of the qualifying quiz questions may be found on our website; <http://www.pmimontgomerycountymd.org>.

2011 – 2012 PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Quiz

1. The acronym PMP stands for:
 - a. Professional Project Manager.
 - b. Project Management Procedures.
 - c. Project Management Professional.
 - d. Project Management Principles.

2. Which of the following is NOT a project attribute?
 - a. A project is a temporary endeavor.
 - b. A project is undertaken to create a unique product or service.
 - c. A project has no distinct end point, but is anticipated to continue forever.
 - d. A project requires the interrelated effort of different skills and personnel.

3. The following statement is NOT true about PMI:
 - a. It is a non-profit organization with revenues derived from dues, publications and seminars.
 - b. It has more than a half million members worldwide.
 - c. It is made up of members exclusively from North America, to include the USA, Canada and Mexico.
 - d. It provides education, certification and professional exchange opportunities designed to strengthen and further establish the project management profession.

4. Which of the following is not one of the content areas (also called Performance Domains) covered by the PMP?
 - a. Initiating the Project.
 - b. Monitoring and Controlling the Project.
 - c. Communication about the Project.
 - d. Closing the Project.

5. The October 2011 PMI Montgomery County Chapter dinner meeting was held at which of these restaurants?
 - a. Normandie Farm.
 - b. McDonald's.
 - c. Golden Bull Grand Café.
 - d. Le Madeline.

6. Which of the following is not one of the Chapter's objectives:
 - a. Create and deliver an educational program that strengthens local professional project manager's skills and supports the PMI Professional Certification Program.

- b. Hold meetings each month for project managers to gain insight into project software capabilities.
 - c. Provide scholarships for college bound high school students.
 - d. Design and construct affordable housing for the county's senior citizens.
7. Examples of modern day projects include all the following EXCEPT:
- a. Design and construction of an addition to your school.
 - b. Managing the operations of Baltimore's BWI Airport.
 - c. Rebuilding the Pentagon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
 - d. Organizing and managing the State Football Tournament.
8. Project management is comprised of which five Process Groups?
- a. Initiating, Planning, Executing, Monitoring & Controlling, and Closing.
 - b. Integrating, Maintaining, Executing, Supervising & Controlling, and Closing.
 - c. Initiating, Planning, Performing, Maintaining & Controlling, and Completing.
 - d. Commencing, Preparing, Implementing, Supervisory & Directing, and Completing.
9. Project management assists an organization to meet its client's needs by providing all BUT ONE of the following services.
- a. Standardizes routine operations tasks for maximum efficiency and accountability.
 - b. Ensures resources, to include human, money and materials, are used effectively and efficiently.
 - c. Allows senior managers to establish specific metrics or service levels and, in some cases, qualitative measures of success.
 - d. Increases the probability of project success.
10. Project management requires cost-cutting knowledge and skills including which of the following
- a. Data gathering techniques.
 - b. Brainstorming.
 - c. Conflict resolution techniques.
 - d. All of the above.



Montgomery County, MD, Chapter

2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Page 1 of 4)

First & Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Residence Street Address: _____

City: _____, MD ZIP: _____

Residence Phone Number: _____

I am the child, grandchild, or other qualifying relation to a PMI Montgomery County member: No : Yes: PMI Member Name _____ Member #: _____

High School in which applicant is currently enrolled: _____

High School Street Address: _____

High School City: _____, MD ZIP: _____

High School Telephone Number: _____

Cumulative GPA as of date of application (minimum 2.75 required): _____

List of all colleges to which student is applying and/or accepted:

I certify that (1) the data provide above is correct and complete, (2) I prepared for and completed this attached 2011–2012 PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance from any other person, and, (3) my deportment is such that I am not barred from any high school activity nor judged ineligible to receive any award or certificate granted by my school.

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTE: Signature of a parent or legal guardian is required below if applicant is less than 18 years of age or, if 18 or older, or to confirm that the applicant is 18 years or older (guidance counselor can also confirm). Application is ineligible if a required signature is not provided.

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Parent/Guardian Certification Section (Page 2 of 4)

Name of Applicant: _____

Student under 18: I certify that the applicant is my child/guardee for whom I am responsible at law, and that the data provided above is correct and complete. I further certify that my child/guardee prepared for and completed the attached 2011–2012 PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance of me or any other person.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Printed full name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Alternate Parent/Guardian/Guidance Counselor Certification Section

Student 18 or older: I certify that the applicant is my child/student and they are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Signature of Parent, Legal Guardian or Guidance Counselor

Date

Printed full name of Parent, Legal Guardian or Guidance Counselor

Counselor Certification Section

I certify that I have personally checked the applicant's academic, department and class standing information provided in this application and verified that it is correct and complete. To the best of my knowledge, I verify that the applicant prepared for and completed the attached 2011–2012 PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance from any staff member at this school.

Signature of Guidance Counselor

Date

Print full name of Guidance Counselor

Title

Name of High School

Contact Information (e-mail or Phone)

**2011–2012 PMI MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP
QUIZ
ANSWER SHEET (Page 3 of 4)**

Ensure that the (your) name entered here matches the name of the applicant. Complete the quiz by darkening the letter (answer) chosen such that a clear acetate sheet placed over the answer sheet will allow the grader to immediately recognize your choice. There is only one or best correct answer per question. We look forward to your successful qualification for a scholarship.

Name of Applicant: _____

1. [A] [B] [C] [D]

6. [A] [B] [C] [D]

2. [A] [B] [C] [D]

7. [A] [B] [C] [D]

3. [A] [B] [C] [D]

8. [A] [B] [C] [D]

4. [A] [B] [C] [D]

9. [A] [B] [C] [D]

5. [A] [B] [C] [D]

10. [A] [B] [C] [D]

For use of PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter only:

Date of Postmark: _____

Date Received: _____

Score: _____

Enter in: Member: _____ Open _____

Code Assigned: _____

PMI Member Relationship Certification Section (Page 4 or 4 - Optional)

Name of Applicant: _____

I certify that I am a current member of the PMI Montgomery County, MD Chapter and that the applicant is my child, step child, adopted child, foster child, or a descendant of one of these (for example, a grandchild).

Signature of PMI Member

Date

Printed full name of PMI Member

PMI Member Number

Residence Street Address: _____

City: _____, MD ZIP: _____

Residence Phone Number: _____

Relationship of Applicant to PMI member:

- Child
- Step Child
- Adopted Child
- Foster Child
- Grandchild
- Other: please specify: _____