



Financial assistance designed for part-time students

Part-Time **Success** Scholarship

Supporting part-time students, strengthening our communities.

Did You **KNOW** ?

- Most scholarship opportunities are specifically designated for graduating high school seniors.
- A large number of grants and scholarships require students to be enrolled full-time in order to qualify.
- Because they are established in the workforce, many non-traditional, adult students only attend classes on a part-time basis.
- A 2017 study found that nearly half of all community college students in this nation have run out of money after paying their tuition bill.
- It is forecasted that low-income students these will make up one third of the state's future workforce, but only about one in five ultimately completes a 2- or 4-year degree.

The Part-Time **Success** Scholarship is in the process of being established with the Middlesex Community College Foundation and will accept student applications in the Fall of 2019.

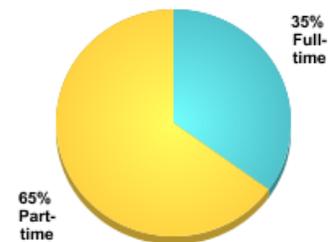
If you are interested in making a donation to the scholarship fund, please contact Beth Jendro Noël at noelb@middlesex.mass.edu or call **781-280-3596**.



FALL 2017

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (ALL UNDERGRADUATE)	8,206
Undergraduate transfer-in enrollment	695

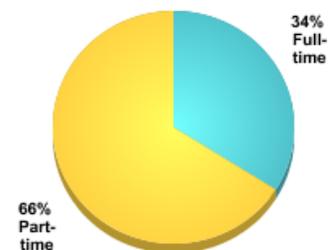
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FALL 2017

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (ALL UNDERGRADUATE)	5,726
Undergraduate transfer-in enrollment	295

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Data source: National Center for Education Statistics



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Last year, approximately 65% of all community college students in the Greater Lowell and Greater Lawrence area were enrolled as part-time* students, taking fewer than 12 credits a semester. Additionally, these students are going to school during a time of increasing tuition costs and decreased state funding.

Many low-income, part time students feel they must choose between getting an education or making their car or rent payment, even buying food.

While some state and federal loans are available for students taking 3 or fewer classes, financial assistance options are limited.

The majority of grants and scholarships are designed for traditional-aged students who are enrolled full-time.

With limited financial assistance options and having to balance family and work commitments with class time, it is not surprising that part-time students can feel like a college education is out of reach.

A scholarship can help alleviate some of the financial burdens and stress these students face, so they can focus on their education. Supporting our students in this way will strengthen our communities. This will help in the creation of a healthy and highly trained workforce that will contribute to and support the communities where we live and work for years to come.

** National Center for Education Statistics*

This scholarship was founded by Beth Jendro Noël as her capstone project in the Mill Cities Leadership Institute (MCLI). A higher-education professional for the last eighteen years, Beth has witnessed first hand the impact that rising tuition costs and dwindling state funding has had on marginalized student populations. Through her work with MCLI, Beth was inspired to find a way to shrink the achievement gap for minority and low income students by creating scholarships for part-time community college students who have limited financial assistance options, and for whom access to affordable education is difficult. To learn more about, or to donate to, the Part-Time Success Scholarship established at Middlesex Community College, email Beth at noelb@middlesex.mass.edu or call 781-280-3596.



The Mill Cities Leadership Institute (MCLI) is a nonprofit leadership and professional development program designed to foster and strengthen socially responsible leadership skills of emerging and established leaders who work and or live in Lowell and Lawrence. MCLI's powerful experiential approach empowers participants to address challenges of social responsibility in their workplaces and communities and goes beyond classroom walls to develop leaders who have awareness, vision, confidence, and a broader network for social justice and action. Program participants are challenged to practice emotionally intelligent leadership, to network and build relationships with professionals from different sectors, to analyze civic issues and understand their interconnections, to engage with local leaders, to identify opportunities for impact in their workplace and community, to generate new initiatives and solutions, and to build inclusive, responsible approaches to social issues. To learn more about the Mill Cities Leadership Institute, contact Delia Duran-Clark, program director at dduran-clark@lawrencecommunityworks.org or 978-722-2600.