

MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Career-in-a-Year (CIY) – FAQs

1. What is the Career-in-a-Year (CIY) program?

The CIY is a tuition and fees assistance program that ensures all students enrolled in eligible CIY programs will have their tuition and eligible fees paid.

2. Are all students required to complete the college admission application?

Students who are enrolling in Curriculum programs are required to complete the college admission application. Students enrolling in Continuing Education programs are not required to complete the college admission application.

3. Are all students required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Students who are enrolling in curriculum programs are required to complete the FAFSA.

4. Are all students required to complete the CIY scholarship application?

Yes. All students, both curriculum and continuing education who are pursuing a CIY award must complete the CIY scholarship application.

5. May all students apply for a CIY award, even those who have a high expected family contribution (EFC)? (does not apply to Continuing Education)

Yes, a student with a high EFC may apply.

6. Must CIY students begin in the 2021 Fall semester?

To be eligible for CIY awards, curriculum students must begin an eligible program in the 2021 Fall semester. CIY-eligible continuing education programs must have a start date in the 2021 Fall, 2022 Spring, or 2022 Summer semester.

7. Do CIY students have one-year to complete their CIY programs using CIY funds?

CIY students enrolled in curriculum programs have a maximum of 3 semesters (2021 Fall, 2022 Spring, & 2022 Summer) to complete their program. Students must start 2021FA. Some programs require less than 3 semesters to complete. CIY students enrolled continuing education programs must complete the course in its entirety as stated in the course syllabus. Students may complete a CIY program

beyond the one-year timeframe but may need to “pay out of pocket” or seek other scholarships.

8. Are Career and College Promise (high school) students eligible for CIY?

High School students may be eligible for a tuition waiver through the Career and College Promise Program. Students should discuss enrollment opportunities with their high school counselor or with someone in the MCC High School Programs office. For more information call (252) 789-0312 or email michelle.griffin@martincc.edu.

9. Who is eligible for CIY with regards to state residency? (does not apply to Continuing Education)

All students must be eligible for NC in-state tuition rates.

10. Will the CIY program cover student fees? If so, which fees?

Yes, CIY will cover Student Activity Fees, Technology Fees, and Equine Fees.

11. Are transition course tuition costs included? (does not apply to Continuing Education)

Yes; the transition course must be part of an eligible CIY program.

12. Can a student receive an award for two CIY programs?

No; CIY will cover the cost of tuition for one eligible program.

13. Can students “double major”—a non-CIY program and a CIY program?

Yes. However, CIY will only pay for the cost of courses of the eligible CIY program.

14. Will the CIY opportunity be available to new students starting in 2022 Spring?

Students wishing to enroll in a curriculum program are strongly encouraged to enroll in the 2021 Fall semester. Depending on funding availability, CIY curriculum programs may be available in the 2022 Spring; a decision has not been made. Continuing education programs may have start dates in the 2021 Fall, 2022 Spring, or 2022 Summer semesters.

15. Are book and supply costs included in the program?

CIY is a “last dollar” program and ensures that students’ tuition and fees are paid. CIY does not guarantee that books and supplies will be paid. Some student financial aid awards may cover the cost of books.

16. Will students receive any “cash-in-hand,” I.e., Will students receive a disbursement?

CIY is a “last dollar” program and ensures that students’ tuition and fees are paid. CIY does not guarantee that students will receive a disbursement. Some students may receive a disbursement based upon on their total financial aid package.

17. Are returning students eligible?

Yes. If they are already in a CIY program, their eligibility extends for the remainder of the program. If they are new to a CIY program, eligibility extends through the 2022 Summer semester or until the program is completed (whichever occurs first).

18. Are returning students required to be in good academic standing? (does not apply to Continuing Education)

All returning students may apply for a CIY award. Eligibility is dependent upon the program GPA of the CIY program.

19. Must students remain in good academic standing to continue to receive CIY funds? (does not apply to Continuing Education)

Yes. Students’ program GPA must remain 2.0 or above. Students are not provided a “warning” semester.

20. Are students eligible for CIY if they have exceeded their FA lifetime eligibility?

Yes.