

Montevallo Partnership Programs

DESCRIPTION

The Montevallo Educator/Business Partnerships (MEP and MBP) are programs for the following potential students:

- Educators (MEP) in participating school systems who wish to complete graduate degrees or certificate programs at the University of Montevallo.
- Employees of Shelby County-based businesses (MBP) who wish to complete a Master of Business Administration.

BENEFITS

Qualifying students will be eligible for up to **\$110 scholarship per credit hour** towards tuition for eligible classes.

Employees of the participating school systems and businesses are also eligible for a waiver of the Graduate Admission Fee when applying for admission.

BUSINESS/SCHOOL SYSTEM ELIGIBILITY

School systems/Businesses wishing to participate in a Montevallo Partnership must have a Partnership agreement executed between the school system/business and the University of Montevallo and identify a designated coordinator for the school system. The designated system coordinator is the only individual authorized to verify employment.

EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Alabaster City Schools
- Alexander City Schools
- Bessemer City Schools
- Bibb County Schools
- Catholic Diocese of Birmingham
- Chambers County Schools
- Chilton County Schools
- Dallas County Schools
- Fairfield City Schools
- Homewood City Schools
- Hoover City Schools
- Jefferson County Schools
- Leeds City Schools
- Midfield City Schools
- Mountain Brook City Schools
- Pelham City Schools
- Pell City Schools
- Shelby County Schools
- Sylacauga City Schools

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- America's First Federal Credit Union

- Talladega City Schools
- Talladega County Schools
- Tarrant City Schools
- Teach for America Participants & Alumni
- Tuscumbia City Schools
- Vestavia Hills City Schools

Montevallo Partnership Scholarships will not apply to the following:

- any repeated coursework
- undergraduate coursework
- students eligible for certain types of VA benefits or other scholarship programs may have the scholarship amount prorated

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Students must be pursuing one of the following programs:

Online/Distance Programs

- Applied Instruction M.Ed.;
- Curriculum & Teacher Development Ed.S.;
- Instructional Leadership Ed.S.;
- Instructional Leadership M.Ed.;
- Instructional Technology Ed.S.;
- Master of Business Administration
- Professional Educator Masters--Elementary, P-12 Visual Art, & Secondary;
- Reduced Hour Option (Instructional Leadership Certification Program)

Hybrid/Traditional Programs

- Alternative M.Ed.--Elementary, P - 12 Visual Art and EDHH, & Secondary (online modality option beginning Fall 2025);
- Master of Business Administration;
- School Counseling M.Ed.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

New Students must meet the following requirements to begin participating in the partnership:

- meet all application/admission requirements for their chosen degree program
- be accepted to one of the approved programs
- meet any requirements of their school system/business
- must not be under disciplinary action with their employer or external accreditation/governing agency
- submit a signed Partnership participation form to the Office of Graduate Studies
- register for classes no later than the first day of the academic semester

Currently Enrolled Students must meet the following requirements to begin participating in the partnership:

- meet the retention requirements for their current degree program

- have no holds or outstanding balances on their student accounts
- be in good standing with the University
- meet any requirements of their school system/business
- must not be under disciplinary action with their employer or external accreditation/governing agency
- submit a signed Partnership participation form to the Office of Graduate Studies
- register for classes no later than the first day of the academic semester

RENEWAL/PARTICIPANT VERIFICATION

Once students join the Partnership, their participation will be automatically renewed pending employment verification each semester.

**If a student changes their employment status with the partnership entity, please notify the University before the next semester of attendance.

Approval of New Partnership Participants

The Partnership coordinator will confirm the student's initial eligibility for the program by signing the Partnership participation application. The student should submit the signed application to the Office of Graduate Studies **5 working days** before the start of UM's classes.

Renewal of Partnership Participants

For subsequent semesters, the Office of Graduate Studies will provide a list of currently enrolled students to the Partnership's designated coordinator to ensure continued eligibility. The Partnership Coordinator will affirm the continued eligibility of these participants at least **5 working days** before the start of UM's classes.

UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Graduate Studies Office will coordinate with the school system/business on participation in the program and to provide support to each participant's designated coordinator.

Each academic term, the graduate office will submit the names of all new participants and eligible/ineligible continuing students to the Student Aid and Registrar's Offices.

The Registrar's office will place a student attribute on each participating student to indicate their participation in the scholarship program. They will also remove the attribute when a student is no longer eligible. The Student Aid Office will apply the appropriate scholarship to the student's account based on the attribute placed by the Registrar's Office.