

GATEWAY to COLLEGE

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the **Gateway to College** program at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Gateway to College is a unique dual enrollment opportunity for students who either have not experienced success in the traditional high school setting or are looking for a new opportunity to excel while still in high school or home school. Gateway students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma with the added benefit of receiving free college credits toward an Associate degree or certificate through a variety of career-focused pathways.

This unique scholarship program funds tuition, fees, and first-semester books for all enrolled students. Upon acceptance, students are responsible for a one-time \$100 fee which is good for the entire time a student is enrolled in the program. The Gateway to College Program is funded through Chapter 70 School Choice funds from the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District. Gateway graduates earn their high school diploma from Mahar while taking all of their classes at MWCC.

To receive full consideration for the Gateway to College program, put your best foot forward. It is important that you read through the information packet carefully, and that you complete all of the required steps by the given deadline dates. Application materials must be complete and neatly written, printed or typed, and students wishing to be considered for acceptance into the program must attend both days of the information session along with an interview with a Gateway staff member. Please bring all application materials to your scheduled Information Session.

The first steps to take in applying for the Gateway to College Program include obtaining and completing an application and attending an Information Session. To obtain an application and to reserve a space at an Information Session, you may contact Gateway to College at 978-630-9248. Your parent/guardian is highly encouraged to attend the first day of the Information Session.

Accepted applicants must be prepared to begin class on the first day of each term, with the understanding that 100% attendance is expected. Students who apply for the program after classes are underway will automatically be referred to apply for the next semester.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the application process. Again, thank you for your interest; my staff and I look forward to meeting you and helping you chart your educational future.

Kindest Regards,

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