



San Diego Mesa College
 Financial Aid Office
 7250 Mesa College Drive
 San Diego, CA 92111



**Validation of Rigorous Course of Study
 And High School Exit Exam Status**

Section 1 – To be completed by student

 Date _____
 SSN or SDCCD Student ID

 Last Name _____
 First Name _____
 MI

 Street Address

 City _____
 State _____
 Zip

 High School Attended _____
 State _____
 Date Graduated (MM/YY)

I hereby authorize high school officials to release information regarding my high school transcript and/or academic records to San Diego Mesa College – Financial Aid Office.

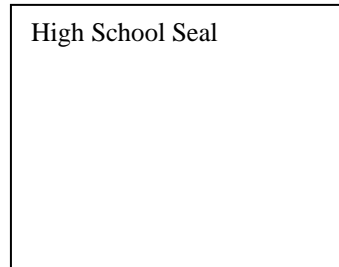
Student Signature _____
 Date

Section 2 – To be completed by a High School Official *(Must include official seal, faxes not acceptable)*

The student identified above may be eligible for an additional grant in the amount of \$750-\$1300 based on this validation. *When validation is complete, please return the form via mail to Mesa College – Financial Aid Office. Do Not Include Transcripts.*

The student identified above graduated from _____, _____
Name of High School City, State

on _____ and completed the following rigorous course of study:
 MM/DD/YY



- _____ Completed the California A-G Course Requirements
- _____ Completed the State Scholars Requirements
- _____ Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____
- _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____
- _____ California International Baccalaureate exam –score _____

OR

_____ Completed out of state requirements in _____
State Type of rigorous course requirement (program name)

Did the student successfully pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)? Yes _____ No _____ On _____
MM/DD/YY

or pass the High School Exit Exam required by your state? Yes _____ No _____ State _____ On _____
MM/DD/YY

 Print Name of Principal or Designee _____
 Phone Number

 Signature of Principal or Designee _____
 Date



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7250 Mesa College Drive
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Phone: (619) 388-2817

Re: Potential Academic Competitiveness Grant Recipient

Dear Mesa College Student,

Greetings!

We are contacting you because you have been identified as a student who may be eligible to receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) for the 2009-10 academic year. The ACG is a newly created, federal program that provides eligible students with \$750 for their first year of college and \$1300 for their second year of college.

Minimum Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Be a high school graduate by the beginning of the 2009/10 academic year
- ✓ Have completed a rigorous high school curriculum
- ✓ Be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
- ✓ Be enrolled in at least half-time at census date
- ✓ Have a minimum 3.0 GPA for the 2nd year grant eligibility
- ✓ Be a Pell Recipient

Additionally, the high school graduation date can be no earlier than 1/1/06 for first year recipients and no earlier than 1/1/05 for second year recipients. Other conditions may apply.

If you feel that you meet the above requirements, please have the form on the back of this letter completed and returned by your high school. **It is important to note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee eligibility for this grant.** The instructions for this form are as follows:

1. The student should complete Section 1 in blue or black ink. Please print neatly.
2. The student must submit the form to his/her high school for completion of Section 2.
3. The high school must return the form directly to Mesa College Financial Aid Office to the address in the letterhead.

Please note, the form should be sent directly from the high school. We cannot accept forms that are submitted by the student unless they are in an envelope sealed by the high school. **Faxed forms will not be accepted.**

Once we receive this form from your high school we will begin to verify your eligibility for the ACG. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for the ACG or any other financial aid programs, please contact us at 619-388-2817. If you are determined to be eligible for the ACG you will receive an updated award letter with the amount of your ACG.

Sincerely,

Mesa College Financial Aid