

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
Rita Sanchez and Richard Griswold del Castillo Scholarship
\$500

This scholarship fund is established to encourage Mesa College students to transfer to San Diego State University's Chicana/o Studies Department. It recognizes and provides financial assistance to students who intend to develop their knowledge and commitment to Chicana/o Studies as a major.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be currently enrolled as a student at Mesa College with at least 6 units.
- Be completing an Associate Degree or a transfer program in Spring semester with application to San Diego State University as a declared major in Chicana/o Studies.
- Have completed a minimum of 6 units as preparation for the major in Chicana and Chicano Studies.
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for Mesa College courses completed

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be received by 4:00 on February 27, 2009. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

All completed applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed by Rita Sanchez and Richard Griswold del Castillo.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

GPA of 2.5 and higher	20 points maximum
Leadership/Community Service	20 points maximum
Essay	30 points maximum
Recommendation letters (2)	20 points maximum
Biographical Form	10 points maximum

RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Recipients will be notified by mid-April. Awards will be presented on Friday May 8, 2009, at the Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. Recipients will be honored as special guests and will receive one complimentary dinner ticket. Attendance at the Scholarship Banquet is strongly encouraged so that your achievements can be celebrated and the generosity of the donors publicly acknowledged.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. A fully completed application-biographical questionnaire. All information requested must be provided.
2. Submit two current letters of recommendation on official letterhead:
 - One (1) from a Mesa College faculty member (counselors are faculty members) specific to this scholarship and discussing your academic achievement and/or progress in your planned educational program.
 - One (1) from a person (faculty or non-faculty) who can provide information regarding your internship(s), work-experience, and/or community service activities.
3. Submit a well-written original essay about your background, problems you have encountered, and your educational and career goals. Your essay should not exceed 500 words.
4. A letter from the Chair of the CCS Department at SDSU stating that you have been admitted the SDSU as a CCS major.

RETURN OR MAIL TO:

San Diego Mesa College
Student Affairs Office
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
7250 Mesa College Drive, H-500
San Diego, CA 92111

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.
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