

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## BLACK STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

*This scholarship fund was established by the faculty and staff of San Diego Mesa College to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student who has achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership.*

### **TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Must be a matriculating student in a least nine (9) units at Mesa College
- Must be in good academic standing at the time of application submission
- Have completed a minimum of three (3) courses in Black Studies at Mesa College
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units at Mesa
- Have a cumulative grade point of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for Mesa College courses completed, and a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the major of Black Studies
- Have leadership/service related to Black Studies at Mesa College and/or within the community
- Compose a written/oral video essay

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

All completed applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from the Mesa College Black Studies faculty, classified staff, Black Student Union, and administration.

### **APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Biographical Questionnaire	10 points maximum
GPA of 2.5 and higher	20 points maximum
Leadership/Community Service	20 points maximum
Essay	30 points maximum
Recommendation letter	10 points maximum
Black Studies courses completed	10 points maximum

### **RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Recipients will be notified by mid-April. Awards will be presented on Friday April 27, 2012, 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**

*Applicants are requested to submit the following documentation:*

1. Submit a fully completed biographical questionnaire. All information requested must be provided.
2. Submit **unofficial** transcripts.
3. Submit one current letter of recommendation on official letterhead:
  - One (1) from someone who can provide information regarding your leadership/community services.
4. Submit a well-written original essay about your background, what goals you hope to fulfill with your higher education, why you need this scholarship to fulfill these goals and what significant contributions you feel you've made to serve your community. Your essay should be typed, double spaced, and no longer than two pages.
5. Submit a unique form of self-expression (art, music, poetry, etc.)

### **RETURN OR MAIL TO:**

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

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