

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
BRAILLE TRANSCRIBERS' GUILD SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS - SUPPLEMENT**

*This scholarship fund was established by the Braille Transcribers' Guild to provide financial assistance to visually impaired students who are pursuing their educational goals at Mesa College.*

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

- Be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Have completed a minimum of 6 units at Mesa College
- Have grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale for Mesa College courses completed, and cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Must have demonstrated financial need
- Must be pursuing either an associate degree or certificate program
- Must submit a letter of verification of visual impairment from DSP&S at Mesa College or equivalent
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of Mesa College

**APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be received by 4:00 p.m. 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 a committee composed of representatives from the Mesa College Counseling Faculty, Classified Staff, Student Government, Administration and members of the community.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Biographical Questionnaire	20 points maximum
GPA of 2.5 and higher	20 points maximum
Leadership/Community Service	20 points maximum
Essay	30 points maximum
Recommendation letter (1)	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 guest 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. A fully completed application-biographical questionnaire. All information requested must be provided.
2. Submit one current letter of recommendation from a faculty member of Mesa College specific to this scholarship substantiating progress in your planned educational program.
3. Submit a well-written original essay about your educational/career goals and briefly describe how this scholarship might assist you in the accomplishment of those goals. Be sure to follow recommended length of 500 words or less.
4. Please document financial need. Fill out the attached Financial Disclosure Form.
5. Submit verification of visual impairment.

### **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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