

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
EOPS PROGRAM - SUPPLEMENT
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This scholarship fund was established by the EOPS Department of San Diego Mesa College in order to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving EOPS student currently in good standing with the program.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be currently enrolled at least 9 units at Mesa College
- Be currently receiving services from the EOPS Program
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- **Enroll in 12 units for the upcoming semester at Mesa College or in an accredited four year post-secondary academic institution.** Verification of enrollment in 12 units for the **upcoming Fall Semester** will be required prior to release of award
- Maintain academic progress. Verification of academic progress from counselor will be required.
- Must meet all of the requirements of the EOPS Mutual Responsibility Contract (MRC)

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 Mesa College EOPS Program, classified staff, student government, and administration.

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 letters (2)	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 two current letters of recommendation on official letterhead:
 - One (1) from 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 (non-faculty) who can provide information regarding your internship(s) work-experience, leadership and/or community service activities.
3. Submit a typed well-written original essay with a paragraph on each of the following:
 - Why should you be awarded this scholarship?
 - What does your education mean to you?
 - What hardships/challenges have you encountered in obtaining an education?
 - What extra-curricular activities have you participated in, and what volunteer positions have you held?

The essay should be no more than two pages.

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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List and describe any paid or unpaid internships, work experience, leadership and/or community service activities.

If you are awarded this scholarship, information about you will be included in the Scholarship Banquet Program. To ensure we include the correct information please list: 1) your educational goal; 2) your career goal; and 3) examples of one or two things that you would like to accomplish in your lifetime, personal or professional. Be sure your statement does not exceed more than four lines.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE INFORMATION

I certify that the preceding information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and authorize the release of my student records to persons who need access to them in consideration of my application.

Student Signature _____ Date _____