

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Francis P. Akamine Memorial Poetry Scholarship

Established Fall 2010

This scholarship fund was established by Pianta in loving memory of her brother, Francis P. Akamine, who dedicated his life to public service and equality in the eyes of the law. This scholarship was established to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student who has a talent for writing poetry and who strives in some way to help the community or the environment.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- **Currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College**
- **Declared academic goal of transfer to a four year institution**
- **Demonstrated a GPA of at least 2.0**
- **Demonstrated community involvement through (prior or present) community or military service**

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 faculty, classified staff, student government, and administration

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire	05 points maximum
Military or Community Service (or both)	25 points maximum
Poems and Personal Statement	60 points maximum
Recommendation letter	10 points maximum

RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Recipients will be notified by early April. Awards will be presented on 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 required for release of scholarship funds. Non-attendance will, in most cases, result in forfeiture of scholarship award.

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 a person who can provide information and verification of military or community/volunteer service or both.
4. Submit a list of creative courses taken (if any.)
5. Submit a brief paragraph (double spaced, typed, approximately 150 words or less) on the role that poetry has played in your life (e.g., when you began to write, why you write, etc.).
6. Submit three original poems (single spaced, typed). Poems considered appropriate for submission are broad. They may reflect creativity and sensitivity for personal/human issues, social conscience, or nature/the environment.

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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