

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
JUAN MANUEL AVILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR NONRESIDENT IMMIGRANT STUDENTS
2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Juan Manuel Aviles was an immigrant who left his native Nicaragua with the sole intent of providing better educational opportunities for his children. He believed deeply in the idea that "education is a great equalizer". He taught his children that every person has the opportunity to make a difference by becoming educated and giving back to society.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

Hispanic AB540 Nonresident Students with a 2.5 G.P.A. or higher.

Title 5, Section 54045.5 and the California Education Code of Regulations and Education Code Section 68130.5 defines AB540 Nonresident students as those who meet four specified requirements be exempted from the payment of nonresident tuition. Those requirements are:

1. High school attendance in California for three or more years;
2. Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof;
3. Registration as an entering student, or current enrollment at an accredited institution of higher education in California, not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2009 academic year; and
4. In the case of a person without lawful immigration status, the filing of an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

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 faculty, classified staff, student government, and administration.

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. Each recipient will be honored as a special guest and will receive one complimentary dinner tickets. 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 required to submit the following documentation:

1. A fully completed application-biographical questionnaire. All information requested must be provided.
2. An original essay about how the immigrant experience shaped your educational goals.
3. An original essay explaining how you expect to “give back” to the community upon achieving your educational goals.

MAIL TO:

San Diego Mesa College Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
7250 Mesa College Drive, H500
San Diego, CA 92111

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