

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
VAL AND RON ONTELL FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship fund has been established by Val and Ron Ontell faculty members of Mesa College to provide financial support for students who are intending to pursue courses of study leading to a California Teaching Credentials or Librarian. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship may be used for general expenses such as books, supplies, parking, etc.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Have a declared intention of becoming a teacher or librarian on any educational level.
- Be currently enrolled at Mesa College.
- Have completed a minimum of 12 semester units at Mesa College.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Be working toward a degree or transfer program to an accredited four-year institution.

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, and the Mesa College Foundation.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire, including education or library-related work	20 points maximum
GPA of 3.5 and higher	25 points maximum
Essay	35 points maximum
Recommendation letter (1)	20 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 must submit the following:

- *A well-written essay of no more than 2 pages (double-spaced, with one-inch margins and in 12-point type) the essay should describe **the circumstances under which you realized you wanted to become a Teacher or Librarian.***
- *A fully completed application-biographical questioner. All information requested should be provided.*
- *A current letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can discuss your academic achievements and goals.*

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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