

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
**THERAPY SPECIALISTS SCHOLARSHIP FOR PHYSICAL
THERAPIST ASSISTANT - SUPPLEMENT
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This scholarship fund was established by Therapy Specialists, a private practice specializing in occupational, physical, and speech therapies to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student majoring in Physical Therapy Assisting who has achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership (one \$800 scholarship will be awarded).

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Have successfully completed the first year of courses in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Mesa College
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for Mesa College courses completed
- Have a declared major in Physical Therapy Assisting

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 the Vice President of Therapy Specialists, a Physical Therapist Assistant currently practicing in physical therapy, and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director at Mesa College.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire	10 points maximum
GPA of 2.5 and higher	20 points maximum
Internships/Community Service	20 points maximum
Essay	30 points maximum
Recommendation letters (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 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 on official letterhead:
 - One (1) from a 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.
or
 - One (1) from a person (non-faculty) who can provide information regarding your internship(s) work-experience and/or community service activities.
3. Submit a well-written original essay about your background, your educational and career goals, and your interest in the area of geriatrics in the field of physical therapy. Your essay should not exceed 500 words.

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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