

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

WHITNEY M. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established Spring 2007

This scholarship fund was established by San Diego Mesa College in memory of 19-year-old student Whitney Young who died at the hands of a hit-and-run driver before fulfilling her desire to become a teacher. This scholarship is intended to recognize and provide financial assistance to deserving students who are pursuing a career in child development, teaching and/or related fields involving children.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Current enrollment in a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Successful completion of a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Interest in pursuing a career in child development, education, or field related to working with children, e.g., child psychologist
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Current involvement working/volunteering in a position relating to children

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012 at the Student Affairs Office. 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	20 points maximum
GPA of 3.0 and higher	20 points maximum
Work/volunteer in the following: child development, education and/or field relating to children	20 points maximum
Essay	20 points maximum
Recommendation letter (1)	20 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 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. Submit a fully completed biographical questionnaire. All information requested must be provided.
2. Submit **unofficial** transcripts.
3. Submit a current letter of recommendation on official letterhead from an individual who can provide information about your work/volunteer experience related to child development, teaching and/or a position involving children.
4. Submit a well-written original essay about why you would like to pursue a career in child development, teaching or a related field involving children. 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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