

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

BIOLOGY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty of San Diego Mesa College's Biology Department to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student majoring in a field of study in which Biological sciences are foundational, including biology majors, allied health majors (nursing, medicine, etc.), environmental science majors, etc., and who has achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Have completed a minimum of two Biology courses at Mesa College with a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale for Mesa College courses completed

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 Biology faculty, classified staff, student government, and administration.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire	5 points maximum
GPA of 3.0 and higher – All Mesa classes	10 points maximum
GPA of 3.0 and higher – Mesa Biology classes	20 points maximum
Internships/Community Service	10 points maximum
Essay	30 points maximum
Recommendation letters (2)	10 points maximum
Number of Biology classes completed	15 points maximum

RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Recipients will be notified by mid-April. Awards will be presented on Friday 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 two current letters 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.
 - One (1) from a person (non-faculty) who can provide information regarding your internship(s)/work-experience, leadership and/or community service activities.
4. Submit a well-written original essay on the following: Why does the field of biology appeal to you? What events, influences or circumstances in your life have shaped your understanding or appreciation of biology? Please describe these events and your future career or educational goals as they pertain to the field of biology.

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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