

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

DOROTHY ALICE CAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Established Fall 2010

This scholarship fund was established in loving memory of Dorothy Alice Cain by family and friends.

Dorothy Alice Cain, known as “Dot” to her family and friends, was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts, married Kenneth Ray Cain, and resided in Tuscaloosa before moving to Birmingham, Alabama. Dot had six children: Susan Cain Wehrle, Dr. Judith Cain, Kenneth Cain, Jr., Sara Beth Cain, Christopher Cain and Timothy Cain whom she raised when the marriage failed. She worked for many years at Brookwood Medical Center and then for her church, East Lake United Methodist Church.

Dot became ill in 2009 and died on May 6, 2010 from advanced stages of ovarian cancer. Dot was a voracious reader with a wry sense of humor and an infectious laugh. She enjoyed vacationing with her family; among her favorite trips were Hawaii, Paris, and San Diego because she loved the smell of the ocean. Most of all, Dot loved and was very proud of her children, and their many academic and creative achievements.

To celebrate her life and recognize her accomplishments of raising six children on her own, the Dorothy Alice Cain Memorial Scholarship was established to assist students from a single-parent household who are struggling with school expenses.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Complete at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Demonstrated a GPA of at least 2.5
- Currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Plans to transfer to a 4-year college/university
- Demonstrated financial need. Verification of financial need will be processed through the Financial Aid Office at Mesa College.
- Single parent household. Please provide an essay on your family situation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Completed applications and all required supporting documents must be received by 5:00 pm on February 29, 2012. Late or incomplete application will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

All completed applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed by a committee composed of faculty, classified staff, student government, and administration.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

GPA of 2.5	20 points maximum
Essay	40 points maximum
Letters of recommendation (2)	10 points maximum
Financial Need	30 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 required for release of scholarship funds. Non-attendance will, in most cases, result in forfeiture of scholarship award.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicants are required 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:
4. Submit a well-written original essay about your interests, accomplishments, educational and personal goals. Explain how you overcame any obstacles. The essay should be typed, double spaced, and no longer than two pages.

RETURN OR MAIL TO:

San Diego Mesa College
Student Affairs Office
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
7250 Mesa College Drive, H-500
San Diego, Calif. 92111

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29, 2012 AT 5:00 PM