

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## **The Good Samaritan Pay it Forward Scholarship Established 2011**

*This scholarship fund was established by Cynthia James to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student who has demonstrated service to either community or country.*

### **TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Completed at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Demonstrated a GPA of at least 2.0
- Currently enrollment in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Demonstrated service to either community or country

### **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 donor.

### **APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Biographical Questionnaire	10 points maximum
Essay	60 points maximum
Letters of recommendation (2)	30 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 awards banquet is mandatory for release of scholarship award.**

## 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
  - One (1) verifying your community/military involvement
4. This scholarship is two parts. The \$500 award will be given as two separate checks. The recipient will receive the sum of \$400 and the remaining \$100 will be given to the recipient's "good Samaritan pay it forward project". Please submit an original essay on the following topics:
  - Please provide a brief history of your accomplishments and/or progress in your planned educational program
  - Please describe how you have served either our country or your community.
  - Please outline your plan to "pay it forward".

### 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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