

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

MURL GIBSON COUNSELING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty of San Diego Mesa College's Counseling Department to recognize and provide financial assistance to students who have benefited from personal, academic, and/or career exploration with the assistance of a counselor.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Have completed (or be enrolled in) a minimum of one of the following San Diego Community College District, Personal Growth Classes: PERG 65,120,127,130 or 140
- Be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Mesa College
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Have on file an official Educational Plan and be working toward one of the following: Certificate, Associate Degree and/or transfer.

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 applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified automatically.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

All completed applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from the Mesa College Counseling Faculty, Classified Staff, Student Government, Administration and members of the community.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire	25 points maximum
GPA of 2.0 and higher	10 points
Essay	40 points maximum
Recommendation letters (2)	25 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 an individual (e.g., professor, supervisor, community representative) who can provide information regarding personal accomplishments and/or progress in your planned educational program.
4. Submit a well-written original essay demonstrating how you have benefited from your education and life experiences. Describe any unusual circumstances, challenges, and/or personal growth you have experienced. 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, CA 92111

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