

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

PUENTE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

*This scholarship fund was established by the Puente Club of San Diego Mesa College in order to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving current or past Puente student currently in good academic standing. **This scholarship is intended for continuing students.***

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be currently enrolled at least 12 units at Mesa College
- Have completed or currently participating in the Puente Program
- Have completed a minimum of 12 units at Mesa College
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- **Enroll in 12 units for the fall 2012 semester at Mesa College or in an accredited four year post-secondary academic institution. Verification of enrollment in 12 units for the fall 2012 semester will be required prior to release of award.**

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 Mesa College Puente Program Counselor and English Instructor.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED AS FOLLOWS:

Biographical Questionnaire	20 points maximum
GPA of 2.5 and higher	20 points maximum
Successful Participation in the Puente Program	30 points maximum
Essay	10 points maximum
Puente Club Participation	10 points maximum
Recommendation letter (1)	10 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 one (1) current letter of recommendation on official letterhead:
 - One (1) from a Mesa College faculty member discussing your academic achievement and/or progress in your planned educational program.
 - or-**
 - 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 typed well-written original essay addressing the following:
 - What role has the Puente program played in your educational career.
 - What hardships/challenges have you encountered and overcome in obtaining an education?
 - Why should you be awarded this scholarship?

The essay should be no more 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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