

2010 ALL-MCC Academic Team

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\$\$\$ Campus scholarships available to MCC students! \$\$\$

To be eligible for nomination to the All-MCC Academic Team a student must:

- Be enrolled at MCC during the 2010-2011 academic year and expect to graduate from MCC by August 31, 2011.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0 in all college credit coursework completed within the last five years.
- Be on track to earn an Associate or a Bachelor degree.
- Complete 36 college-level credits by December 31, 2010 and 48 college-level credits by August 31, 2011.
- Have earned a minimum of 30 college-level credits in the past five years.
- Not have been nominated previously for the All-USA Academic Team.
- Have a community college record free of suspension, probation, and serious disciplinary action.
- Have a record free from any criminal conduct.

To be eligible for Campus-based Scholarships a student must:

- Be at least a part time student (enrolled in 6 credit hours minimum)
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Meet Arizona State residency requirements.
- Be enrolled at MCC the semester the award is earned.
- Be a high school graduate or have been certified as having passed the GED.
- Be working toward a degree, certification program, and/or transfer program.
- Have completed at least 12 credit hours at MCC in 100 level courses or above.

Students who have received other Talent Scholarship funds may not be eligible for these funds.

The top two students from the Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain campuses (including extended campuses) will be the official All-MCC Academic Team Recipients and will have the chance to be nominated to the All-USA Academic Team to be awarded further scholarships and potential In-State tuition waivers.

Note: Any information from this application may become public through local and national media.

Applications due July 1, 2010 by 5:00pm

Return Applications to the MCC Financial Aid Office:
Southern & Dobson Campus or Red Mountain Campus

Questions? Contact the Center for Service-Learning at (480) 461-7393 or oakes@mesacc.edu

2010 All-MCC Academic Team Information Sheet

Overview:

The All-MCC Academic Team is sponsored by *Mesa Community College* to recognize scholarly achievements of students enrolled at Mesa Community College. For the purpose of this award, “scholar” is defined as one who excels in the classroom; who has the intellectual curiosity to pursue academic, career, and cultural enrichment outside the traditional classroom; that shows evidence of substantial development of talents in academic and technical education; and who has demonstrated an ability to share this development with others.

Nomination procedures:

All forms must be typed and returned together in one packet. Nominations will NOT be accepted by fax or e-mail; however, photocopies of the original forms are acceptable.

Advice to nominators and nominees:

The All-MCC Academic Team seeks to honor outstanding students from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines to hold up as representatives of all outstanding two-year college students. All elements of the scholarship application should work together to demonstrate nominees’ academic excellence; intellectual rigor, growth and potential; and how the students use their two-year college education to benefit themselves, their colleges, and their communities.

The discussion questions are meant to give judges a sense of the nominee’s background and time commitments outside of school so they can better place the nominee’s achievements in context. They should not be interpreted to mean that students must overcome obstacles or be somehow disadvantaged to be named to the All-MCC Academic Team.

Since the nomination form is written to match the judging criteria, it is important to read the application carefully and follow directions precisely. Be as specific and as concise as possible. Legibility and readability are important. **All responses must be typed in typeface no smaller than 10-point and adhere to length limits specified.** CDs, videotapes, photographs, newsletters and newspaper clippings will be removed from the nomination packet before judging and will not be returned. Do not include any information that you would not want released publicly. Contents are subject to rigorous fact-checking.

Required Materials:

- Completed application form, including responses to background, discussion AND essay questions.
- A copy of your unofficial academic transcript, including your complete college record within the last five years.
- Two letters of recommendation are required. Each letter must address the topic indicated on the form and must be completed by the individual indicated on the form. No more than two letters will be considered.

To obtain an electronic version of the application, please email Elizabeth at eillg@mesacc.edu

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All-MCC Academic Team Application

1. Personal information

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

Home address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone: () Office/cell phone: ()

Campus: Southern & Dobson Red Mountain Other: _____

Are you a Phi Theta Kappa Member? Yes or No If yes, your membership number: _____

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Maricopa Student ID Number: _____

Course of study: _____ Highest degree objective: _____

Career goal: _____

Credits earned: _____ Credits currently carried: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Nominee expects to earn a degree of: _____ in _____
(Month) (Year)

Use additional pages to complete the following sections. Use type no smaller than 10 point. Number each part and include your name, email address, **school and campus at the top of each page**. Please use complete names rather than acronyms. Each answer must be typed on a separate sheer of paper.

2. UNOFFICIALTRANSCRIPT Transcript(s) must include your complete college record for at least the last five years. If you have attended more than one institution in the last five years, submit unofficial transcripts from **ALL** schools you have attended. If you would like to explain special circumstances that have affected the transcript (withdrawals or a drop in grades, for example), an addendum of no more than a half typed page will be accepted. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation.

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Each answer may not exceed one half typed page). **A.** If applicable, describe paid positions, with dates and estimated time spent, as well as family or other non-volunteer obligations you have, while attending community college (do not include activities listed in other sections of this application). **B.** Why did you choose to attend a community college? **C.** Describe one research project you were involved in while attending college and how it impacted your scholarly pursuits.

4. CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT (may not exceed one typed page). Using numbers and bullets rather than paragraph form, List **NO MORE THAN FIVE** community college organizations in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in community college. Feel free to include any honors or awards received related to your involvement. Be certain to include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week) plus specific activities or duties performed and scope or impact of your work. Do not include activities listed in the previous sections. Judges will consider **ONLY** the first page.

5. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (may not exceed more than one typed page). Using numbers and bullets rather than paragraph form, List **NO MORE THAN FIVE** community activities in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in community college. Feel free to include any honors or awards received related to your activities. Be certain to include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), plus specific activities or duties

performed and scope or impact of your work. Do not list activities listed in previous section. Judges will consider ONLY the first page.

6. ESSAY QUESTION (may not exceed two pages, typed and double-spaced). Describe your most significant endeavor since attending community college in which you applied your academic or intellectual skills from your community college education to benefit your school, community or society. The endeavor may be in community/service-learning, in research, in the arts, or in advocacy/public affairs. Judges will consider originality, initiative, and degree of difficulty, results, impact and benefit to society. ONLY two double-spaced, typed pages will be considered. Please limit your answers to one specific endeavor.

7. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #1 - LEADERSHIP LETTER

Letters of recommendation give the judges an expanded picture of the nominee’s academic and leadership accomplishments and civic involvement. This letter must be from a **current** community college faculty member, administrator or dean and should give specific examples of how the student has demonstrated leadership abilities, service involvement and impact outside the classroom.

Letters should not exceed 500 words and must be typed on letterhead in type no smaller than 10 point, and signed. Your letter must be clearly identified as Letter of Recommendation #1 at the bottom of the letter.

Current community college (mark one): Faculty member Administrator Dean

Recommender’s name	Phone number	E-mail
Title		Length known nominee (mo/yrs)

8. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #2 - Endeavor Letter

The second letter of recommendation should be from a mentor or supervisor who was directly involved in the endeavor that the nominee writes about in the essay. This letter should focus on the merits and impact of the endeavor discussed in the nominee’s essay. If the endeavor discussed in the essay is a group project, the mentor should discuss the role the student played in the project and its success.

Letters should not exceed 500 words and must be typed on letterhead in type no smaller than 10 point, and signed. Your letter must be clearly identified as Letter of Recommendation #2 at the bottom of the letter.

Mentor from (mark one): Campus Community Professional

Recommender’s name	Phone number	E-mail
Title		Length known nominee (mo/yrs)

9. WAIVER AND SIGNATURE

I agree to allow my name to be placed in nomination for the All-MCC Academic Team. I also agree to have my GPA and academic standing reviewed for eligibility for this award. Further, I allow Mesa Community College to use my name and picture for publicity as one of the recipients of this award. If I am nominated to the All-USA Academic Team, I will be available to complete the required process for this recognition. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this nomination are subject to verification and, if found untrue, will result in my disqualification. I understand that any part of this application may be released for public consumption. Routine uses of the data include possible public relations including press releases to news media and to campus community.

(Signature of nominee)

(Date)