

# 2013 ALL-MCC Academic Team

*Sponsored by Mesa Community College*

\$\$\$ 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 Spring 2013, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters.
- You must plan to graduate from MCC at the May 2014 Ceremony (graduation certification required).
- Have a minimum cumulative **GPA of 3.5** 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 at least 36 college-level credits by December 31, 2013, and be on track to complete at least 48 credits by August 30, 2014. Do not include remedial/development coursework in total.
- 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, or, if the nominee is a convicted felon, he or she must have completed all conditions of sentencing including probation, at the time of nomination.
- Be a U.S. citizen.\*
- Be considered to be of good character and an exceptional and responsible member of the academic community.

\* The nominee must hold temporary or permanent residency in the country of the community college the student is attending, or possess a visa considered appropriate by the college. Please note that the All-USA Community College Academic Team program awards only U.S. Citizens. The Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team and New Century Scholars programs have a variety of temporary and permanent citizenship options; please have your nominee review the acceptable documents verifying the student's citizenship status on the demographic tab of the application. International students and students attending college in Canada and/or a sovereign nation with a Phi Theta Kappa chapter may only be considered for the New Century Scholars program and/or an All-State Community College Academic Team program.

## To be eligible for Campus-based scholarships a student must:

- Be at least a part-time student (enrolled in 6 credit hours minimum).
- Be an Arizona State Resident.\*\*
- Be a U.S. Citizen.\*\*
- 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.*

\*\* Proposition 300 passed by Arizona voted in November 2006, stipulates that college students who are not legal US Citizens or without lawful immigration must pay out-of state tuition, and that persons who are not United States citizens and who are without lawful immigration status are not eligible for financial assistance using state money.

The top two students from the Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain Campuses (including all extended campus locations) will be the official All-MCC Academic Team students and will have the chance to be nominated to the All-USA Academic Team to be awarded further scholarships and in-state tuition waivers.

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

## **Applications due August 1, 2013 by 5:00pm**

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

Questions? Contact: Duane Oakes (480) 461-7214 or [duane.oakes@mesacc.edu](mailto:duane.oakes@mesacc.edu)

# All-MCC Academic Team Information Sheet

## Overview:

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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; who 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:

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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:

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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 student uses their two-year college education to benefit themselves, the college, and their communities.

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

This nomination form is compiled to match the judging criteria for the ALL-USA scholarship, it is important to read the form 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:

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- Completed application form, including responses to background, discussion, and essay questions.
- A copy of your unofficial academic transcript(s) including your complete college record within the last five years.
- Two letters of recommendation. 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, go to the Financial Aid website [www.mesacc.edu/scholarships](http://www.mesacc.edu/scholarships)**

# All-MCC Academic Team Application

## 1. Personal information:

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

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus:  Southern & Dobson Number of credits on this campus \_\_\_\_\_  
 Red Mountain (and extended campuses) Number of credits on this campus \_\_\_\_\_

Phi Theta Kappa member:  Yes  No

Date of birth: / / 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)

## 2. Unofficial Transcript

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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 transcripts from **ALL** schools attended. If you would like to explain special circumstances that have affected the transcript (withdrawals or a dip in grades, for example), an addendum (see #6) of no more than 250 words, or half a typed page will be accepted. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation.

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 on a separate sheet of paper.

## 3. Discussion Questions

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### Short Answer Discussion Question A – Outside Obligations:

Organize your answer in an easy-to-read format using bullets, numbers, or charts, rather than paragraph format. If applicable, describe up to three obligations which include family responsibilities, employment, or other non-volunteer obligations you have while attending community college. Do not include campus or community activities that you will include in other sections. Be sure to list your activities in priority order, with the first activity being your most significant. If you do not have any outside obligations, you do not need to complete this question and may move to the next section. Your response may not exceed more than 250 words.

**Short Answer Discussion Question B – Awards:**

Organize your answer in an easy-to-read format using bullets, numbers, or charts, rather than paragraph format. If applicable, list up to five awards, scholarships, or special recognitions that you have received while enrolled at a community college. List your most significant award first, including the name of the award and the date received. If you do not have any awards or recognitions, you do not need to complete this question and may move to the next section. Your response may not exceed more than 250 words.

**Short Answer Discussion Question C – Community College Attendance:**

Why did you choose to attend a community college? This response is required and may not exceed more than 250 words.

**Short Answer Discussion Question D – Biography:**

Please provide, in your own words, your biography in a short paragraph. Feel free to include any significant life events or experiences to give judges a broader understanding of what motivates you. This response is required and may not exceed more than 250 words.

**4. Campus Involvement – Discussion Question**

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Organize your answer in an easy-to-read format using bullets, numbers, or charts, rather than paragraph format. List no more than five community college organizations in which you have participated. Include dates, leadership positions held, amount of time spent (hours/week), specific activities or duties performed, and the scope or impact of your work. Do not include web links or photographs as these will be removed prior to judging. If you do not have any campus activities, you do not need to complete this question and may move to the next section. Please note that a competitive application will most likely have content in all sections. Your response may not exceed 250 words.

**5. Community Activities – Discussion Question**

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Organize your answer in an easy-to-read format using bullets, numbers, or charts, rather than paragraph format. List no more than five community activities in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in community college. Include dates, leadership positions held, amount of time spent (hours/week), specific activities or duties performed, and scope or impact of your work. Do not include activities listed in other sections. Do not include web links or photographs in the text box as these will be removed by judges prior to judging. Your response may not exceed 250 words.

**6. Optional Addendum**

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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 250 words will be accepted in an optional addendum section. However, even with an optional addendum, your GPA must be above a 3.75 to be considered eligible. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation. Please limit your addendum to 250 words or less.

**7. Essay Question – Most Significant College Endeavor**

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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, research, the arts, journalism, advocacy/public affairs, etc. Judges will consider originality, initiative, degree of difficulty, results, impact, and benefit to society. Please limit your answer to one specific endeavor. Do not include web links or photographs in the text box as these will be removed by judges prior to judging. This response is required, and may not exceed 500 words.



## 8. Graduation Certification

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I have reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ academic graduation plan and he/she is on schedule to graduate from Mesa Community College by the Spring 2014. The student listed above is scheduled for classes for both Fall and Spring semesters and is eligible to participate in the Spring Commencement Ceremony. The student is also eligible to transfer to a University in the Fall 2014 semester.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Official MCC Advisement Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Official MCC Advisement Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

To get this signed, please meet with one of the Academic Advisors listed below who serves as a representative for the All-MCC Academic team process:

### **Southern and Dobson Campus**

Jenny Gerlock	<a href="mailto:jenny.gerlock@mesacc.edu">jenny.gerlock@mesacc.edu</a>	480-461-7237
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### **Red Mountain Campus**

Robert (Corky) Palacios	<a href="mailto:roberto.palacios@mesacc.edu">roberto.palacios@mesacc.edu</a>	480-654-7623
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## **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. I also understand that if my GPA drops because of completed classes being posted to my transcript, I may be removed as an official nominee for the ALL-USA Academic Team scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of nominee)

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(Date)