

TO: EXCEL/SSS Students  
FROM: Denise Sebastian, Director of Financial Aid  
DATE: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
SUBJECT: Fall 2009 EXCEL/SSS Scholarship

I am happy to announce the EXCEL/SSS Scholarship competition for the Fall 2009 semester. One (1) institutional scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to an EXCEL/SSS student for the current semester. This scholarship is funded by Mineral Area College to recognize an EXCEL student who is truly committed to academic excellence and persistence. This is a competitive scholarship, so please read and follow the directions below carefully.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Returning student with a *minimum of 24 credit hours but no more than 60 credit hours*;
- Minimum *cumulative grade point average of 2.5*;
- Enrolled *full-time*;
- Completion of the FAFSA Form is required; priority will be given to students with highest unmet need;
- Student may not be on financial aid probation or suspension;
- Student must be working toward an AA, AGS, AS, or AAS Degree. *Students working toward a Certificate are not eligible*;
- Student must have a minimum of *12 in-person contacts with an EXCEL tutor or advisor in the two semesters preceding award of the scholarship*. In addition, applicants must have a current (i.e., Fall 2009) Student Action Plan (SAP) on file in the EXCEL Office;
- If two applicants are equally qualified and one is an Upward Bound or Educational Talent Search alumnus, preference will be given to the UB/ETS alumnus;
- *Previous recipients* of the EXCEL/SSS Scholarship are *not eligible to apply again*.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:** \$500.00 (one-time award; non-renewable)

**SELECTION PROCESS:** EXCEL/SSS Office staff will review all applications for compliance with the eligibility requirements stated above. *Those applications which are complete* (i.e., include the completed application, a letter of recommendation from an instructor, and a one (1) page typewritten essay outlining educational goals) *and which meet the eligibility requirements* will be sent to the Financial Aid Office. The Director of Financial Aid and/or the Financial Aid Committee will make the final selection.

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications for this scholarship may be obtained in the EXCEL/SSS Office. A letter of recommendation from an instructor and a one-page essay outlining your educational goals are required. *Incomplete applications will not be considered*.

**DEADLINE:** *September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009*. Submit completed applications to the EXCEL/SSS Office.

Questions regarding this scholarship may be referred to the EXCEL/SSS Director or Assistant Director.



# Mineral Area College

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## FALL 2009 EXCEL/SSS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Previous recipients of the EXCEL/SSS Scholarship are not eligible to apply)

◆ Please attach the following to your scholarship application:

Letter of Recommendation from an Instructor  
1 Page Typewritten Essay Outlining Your Educational Goals

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE IN? \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_ FEMALE

Do you have a High School Diploma? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Do you have a GED Certificate? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Did you participate in either Upward Bound or Educational Talent Search? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If you answered "YES" to the above question, check the program in which you participated: \_\_\_\_ UB \_\_\_\_ ETS

What is your intended major course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree are you pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate from Mineral Area College? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

Do you plan to live on-campus at College Park? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ UNSURE

Are you interested in applying for a scholarship for housing at College Park? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

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School and/or community activities that you have participated in, including the dates of those activities:

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Awards and honors received, including the dates received:

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Special Circumstances (please indicate financial/medical/employment or other conditions that may exist in your family which may affect your ability to pay for college):

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I certify that the information that I have provided on this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am, by my signature, authorizing the release of my grade point average and other pertinent information regarding my educational plans to scholarship sponsors at the discretion of the Financial Aid Director for purposes of evaluating scholarship applicants.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

◆ Please complete the entire application (both front and back), sign/date and return to the EXCEL/SSS Office at Mineral Area College, P. O. Box 1000, Park Hills, MO 63601. To be considered for the EXCEL/SSS Scholarship, the application and required documentation must be postmarked no later than **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Students who are awarded scholarships will be notified by mail at the time that an award is made.

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Mineral Area College complies with guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and need assistance with this or any portion of the registration/education process, notify us at the address or telephone number above as soon as possible. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs. Deaf or speech impaired callers please use Relay Missouri: 1-800-735-2966.

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