Aug. 11, 2006

Dear EXCEL/SSS Student:

This letter is to inform you that, as an EXCEL student, you may be eligible for a grant award of approximately $400 for the Spring 2007 Semester. This award will be made to a maximum of 84 EXCEL/Student Support Services (SSS) students who meet the federal government’s eligibility criteria, satisfy the minimum participation requirements established by EXCEL/SSS, and complete the attached application. (If more than 84 EXCEL/SSS students meet the criteria, awards will be made on the basis of participation in excess of the minimum requirements above. If fewer than 84 EXCEL/SSS students meet the above criteria, awards will be increased proportionately.)

The government’s eligibility criteria are:
• current Pell Grant recipient at the time the award is made – i.e., February, 2007
• current EXCEL/SSS student
• unmet financial need in excess of $400
• Sophomore or Freshman class standing (i.e., transferable credit hours not to exceed 62 hours unless student is following an articulated degree program that specifies more than 62 hours)
• enrolled as of the census date for Spring Semester 2007

EXCEL’s requirements are:
• a minimum of five in-person EXCEL/SSS tutoring, advising, or cultural activity contacts between Aug. 21, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2006 (to be verified by EXCEL staff)
• attendance of at least one workshop during the same period
• a SAP for Fall, 2006 or Spring, 2007 semesters on file in the EXCEL/SSS office by Dec. 31, 2006. (If in doubt, contact Matt or Elaine!)
• completion of the attached Supplemental Grant Aid Application by December 15, 2006

The total award amount of $33,758 is designated for direct grant aid to EXCEL/SSS students and will be awarded in the 2006-2007 program year. Grants will be disbursed by the Financial Aid Office after the Spring Semester census date, based on the list of qualified students provided by EXCEL/SSS. If you have questions about eligibility for Supplemental Grant Aid or how to apply, contact Matt or Elaine.

Sincerely,

Elaine Belovich
Director, EXCEL/SSS

Matt Sopko
Assistant Director, EXCEL/SSS
APPLICATION FOR SSS
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AID
2006-2007

EXCEL/SSS Student: To be considered for Supplemental Grant Aid, which will be awarded in the spring 2007 semester, you must meet the federal government’s criteria and EXCEL’s participation criteria stated on the accompanying letter. In addition, you must have a current SAP on file by December 31st and complete and return this application to EXCEL by December 15th.

1. Name: __________________________________________

2. Phone: __________________________________________

3. E-mail Address: ________________________________

4. Do you have a current SAP: (i.e., for fall 2006 or spring 2007?)

   _____  Yes
   _____  No
   _____  No, but I will schedule an appointment with Matt or Elaine and complete an SAP by December 31, 2006.

5. Do you plan to be enrolled at Mineral Area College for the spring 2007 Semester?

   _____  Yes
   _____  No

6. Why do you feel you need additional grant aid and, if awarded, how do you plan to use it? (Minimum of 25 words; maximum of 50 words; please write legibly.)

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NOTE: EXCEL/SSS staff will confirm your current status as an EXCEL/SSS student with sophomore or lower class standing (as of January 20, 2007) and your EXCEL contacts between August 21 and December 31, 2006. The Financial Aid Office will confirm that you are a Pell Grant recipient with unmet need in excess of $400 as of the spring 2007 census date.