Bakersfield College
2013-2014 AERA-MESA Merit Scholarship
Application Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2014

1. Eligibility criteria:
   • Minimum 2.5 GPA
   • Coursework related to major and tentative transfer to a 4-year institution
   • Declared major in one of the following disciplines:
     □ Biology
     □ Chemistry
     □ Computer Science
     □ Engineering
     □ Geology
     □ Mathematics
     □ Physics

2. Checklist:
   **IMPORTANT!!** All of the following items must be completed and included with your application by the date above.
   □ Application
   □ Essay
   □ Unofficial Transcript
   □ Resume
   □ Two letters of recommendation from a SEM (Science, Engineering, Mathematics) faculty members. Letters must be:
     • written for the AERA-MESA Scholarship
     • signed by the faculty member
     • in a sealed envelope with the faculty members signature across the seal.
     • submitted with your application.
   Application will not be considered if the sealed letters are not included.

3. All applications must be delivered by the deadline above in a **Sealed, Large Manila Envelope (marked “AERA-MESA Scholarship”)** to:
   MESA Center
   Science & Engineering Room 46

**Scholarship Notifications:** Students selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by mail. It is required that recipients send a letter of gratitude to the donors listed on the award letter.
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Personal Information
Name: ___________________________  Today’s Date: ____________
College ID #: _____________________  Date of Birth: ____________
Gender:  □ Male  □ Female
Mailing Address: ___________________________ ______________________
City: ___________________________  State: _______  Zip: _______
E-mail Address: ___________________________ ______________________
Home Phone: ( ) ______ - _______  Cell: ( ) ______ - _______

Academic Information
Major: ___________________________  G.P.A.: __________________
Plan to transfer to: ___________________________ ______________________

Extra Curricular Activities/ Volunteer Work
□ Yes  □ No
(If yes, fill in the following and include any additional pages if needed).

Extra Curricular Activity  Date Started  Date Ended
________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________
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Relevant Coursework
Have you taken any courses relevant to your major?  □ Yes  □ No
(If yes, fill in the following and include any additional pages if needed).

Course  Final Grade  Course  Final Grade
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Recommendation Letters
Letters must be from a SEM (Science, Engineering, and Mathematics) faculty member. (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, or Physics)

In support of my AERA-MESA scholarship application, I have included two signed, sealed letters of recommendation from the following faculty members:

1. _______________________________ Dept: _______________
2. _______________________________ Dept: _______________

(Please remember, applications received without recommendation letters will be considered incomplete and will not be looked at).

Essay
Essays must be typed double spaced.
Essay must be 1000-1500 words.
Applicants must write one essay addressing the following topic:

• What are your career/ professional goals?
• Explain how you plan to achieve your goals after leaving Bakersfield College.
• Are there any special circumstances that could prevent you from achieving your professional goals?

I, _______________________________, hereby release information contained on this application as well as my academic transcripts to campus personnel and/or private donors as may be required in connection with the AERA-MESA scholarship. In addition, I waive my rights to access and review confidential recommendations acquired for purposes of determining and granting this scholarship. I understand that scholarships may be denied if any information reported on this application is found to be intentionally misleading or inaccurate.

_________________________________________  ____________________________
Applicant’s Signature                      Date