

# All-USA Community College Team - Applications available now!

**Campus Deadline: Friday, November 9, 2012- Program Deadline: Monday, December 3, 2012**

**Help Mesa College identify 2 nominees from our campus. Encourage students to apply.**

Please announce in your areas and forward/print copies of this message for eligible students.

## Scholarships

### All-USA Community College Academic Team



The All-USA Community College Academic Team is presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa and sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group. **Twenty students will be selected to the national team, each receiving a \$2,500 scholarship and medallion.** These students will be featured in the USA TODAY newspaper and presented at Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents Breakfast held during the Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges Convention (AACC) April 22, 2013, in San Francisco, CA

### Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team



The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team. In addition, the Coca-Cola Foundation, along with the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation recognizes the New Century Scholars. **Fifty students will be named Gold Scholars, each receiving a \$1,500 scholarship, fifty students will be named Silver Scholars, each receiving a \$1,250 scholarship, and fifty students will be named Bronze Scholars, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.** A state may have multiple Gold, Silver, or Bronze Scholars. All scholars will also receive special medallions. **The top scoring student in each of the fifty states will be named a New Century Scholar and will receive a \$2,000 stipend.** In addition, one student from a Phi Theta Kappa chapter in Alberta, Canada, and one student from a chapter in one of six sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa chapters exist will be awarded.

## Mesa College Nomination process

### All-USA & Coca Cola Community College Teams

All students may log in to the application by going to <http://my.ptk.org/edge/>. Phi Theta Kappa members may log in using their Phi Theta Kappa username and password. If they have forgotten their log in, follow the steps on the log in page for **"Forgot Username or Password."**

Non-members may access the application by selecting the link that says **"Create Non-Member Account"** on the log in page. Non-members should follow the instructions to create an account and view the application. Once the student has logged in, he or she should select the link in the center of the page that says **"2012 Fall Scholarship Programs."** They should follow the instructions and enter the enrollment key when instructed.

**Mesa's Enrollment Key is MTY2MjYw4933.**

The application is a Common Application and Phi Theta Kappa members may apply for separate Phi Theta Kappa Guistwhite and/or Hites Transfer Scholarships at the same time as the All-USA Community College Academic Team.

### DEADLINES

Each campus can nominate 2 students by December 3, 2012. In order to meet this deadline Mesa College will be accepting nominations through Friday, November 9, 2012. A committee will review the applications and make certain that the nominees meet the eligibility criteria. The committee will then select two nominees and will work with them to ensure completeness of their applications before submission as our Mesa College nominees.

## For more information:

- visit <http://www.ptk.org/?q=become-a-member/scholarships&destination=node/18893>
- call the Dean of Student Affairs Office at (619) 388-2699, or,
- stop by (H-500)

# Eligibility Requirements

## All-USA Community College & Coca-Cola Academic Teams

- Each nominee must be currently enrolled at the indicated college and campus, and must be enrolled through December 2012.
- Each nominee must have a minimum of 36 semester (or 48 quarter) college-level credit hours completed at or transferred to a community college by December 31, 2012, and be on track to complete a minimum of 48 semester (or 72 quarter) college-level credit hours by August 30, 2013. (Do not include remedial or developmental coursework in total credit counts.)
- By December 31, 2012, each nominee must have a minimum of 30 semester (45 quarter) college-level credits completed at a community college in the past five years (fall 2007-present). The scholarship seeks to recognize students who are community college students; not those that have taken many courses at other types of educational institutions and are transferring in many credits.
- Each nominee must be on track to obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree (or the equivalent of a U.S. associate's or bachelor's degree).
- Please note if a student is selected as a Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team member, the student will be required to provide proof of enrollment at either a two-year or four-year school for the fall 2013 semester.
- Each nominee must post a minimum of a 3.50 or higher GPA out of a possible 4.0 in all college-level coursework completed in the past five years (fall 2007-present). Please include coursework at all institutions attended in the past five years when calculating GPA. GPA is calculated at the point of application. For nominating institutions in Canada or in sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa chapters exist, please note that nominees must rank in the top 10% of their class. Please note that the student must maintain a 3.50 GPA or higher at the end of fall 2012 to remain eligible.
- Students must submit a transcript by January 16, 2013, showing fall coursework and grades. If the student does not submit these transcripts documenting credit and GPA maintenance requirements, the student may be eliminated from consideration for national scholarships. The institution should assist the nominee in uploading a final transcript.
- Each nominee's record at this community college must be free from academic suspension, probation or other serious disciplinary action.
- Each nominee's record must be 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.
- 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.
- Nominees may not have previously been nominated for the All-USA Community College Academic Team, the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team or the New Century Scholars program.
- If a nominee(s) is chosen as an All-USA Community College Academic Team member, or a New Century Scholar, and is attending an institution in the United States, the institution will provide travel and accommodation expenses for the nominee to attend the American Association of Community Colleges Convention in San Francisco, California, April 22-23, 2012. (Winners attending college outside of the United States are not required to travel, but are welcome if they can attend.)
- The institution will notify Phi Theta Kappa should a nominee face suspension, probation or other serious disciplinary action between the time of nomination and the American Association of Community College Convention in April. In addition, we request that you contact us should the student no longer meet eligibility requirements such as not meeting credit or GPA requirements after the fall 2012 semester.
- If a nominee is chosen as an All-USA Community College Academic Team member or a New Century Scholar, the institution will assist the student in providing up to four 5"x7" professional quality, color photographs or a 300 dpi digital photograph for publicity purposes.
- Please discuss with your nominee(s) that he/she understands that any part of the application may become public through the media should the nominee be selected as a winner.
- Institutions must refrain from publicly announcing any All-USA Community College Academic Team members before April 22, 2013, when winners are announced at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention in San Francisco, California.
- Each nominee is considered to be of good character and an exceptional and responsible member of the academic community.