



# SOMERTON EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

## Who

Any MESA student in good standing, enrolled at College of Alameda or Diablo Valley College.

## What

Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to MESA students to help with expenses for critical necessities which do not fall under other student aid programs. Examples include: eye glasses, computer software, textbooks, supplies needed for coursework, transportation expenses, and limited dental care.

## How

Requests are approved by the MESA Coordinator/Director at your school. Provide the following information in your request:

- Notation at the top that the request is for a Somerton Educational Grant
- Your name, address, email, phone number, and department major
- Describe your academic status and list your current GPA
- List areas of your involvement in the MESA program
- Amount requested and itemization of how the money will be spent
- A brief personal statement of why this is a critical necessity and how it will help you in your studies
- A signed letter of recommendation from an instructor, counselor, or MESA program staff at your school

Please forward your request to the MESA Coordinator/Director at your school:

### College of Alameda

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### Diablo Valley College

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## When

There is no deadline. Funding will be immediately available, if approved. Philanthropic Ventures Foundation will issue checks made payable to the student. This is a one-time educational grant.

*The Somerton Educational Grants Program was established in memory of Professor Wilbur Somerton (co-founder of MESA) and Irma Somerton, in recognition of their commitment to young people.*



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