

Summary of the MESA Program

MESA is a scholarship program designed to help bring capable undergraduate students to EOU to pursue a Bachelor's degree in mathematics and to be prepared for entry into the Masters of Teaching/Teacher Licensure program in the College of Education. Eastern Oregon secondary schools need well trained teachers to offer the higher level math curriculum now required of all schools by the State of Oregon Academic Content Standards. EOU has the capacity to produce more teachers from its programs and the MESA scholarship program will help bring students into EOU mathematics and teacher education programs. Scholarships will range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year and may be renewed annually. Each year 5 to 10 MESA scholarships will be awarded.

A scholarship program designed for the future math teachers of Eastern Oregon!



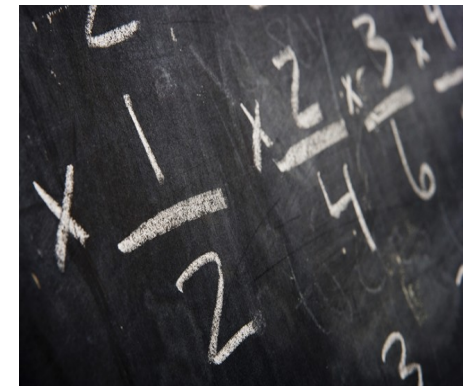
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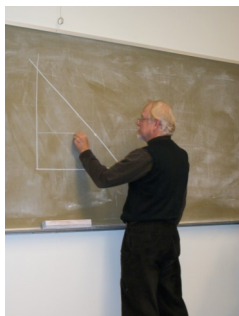


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Criteria for Awarding MESA Scholarships



To be eligible for the MESA Scholarship, students must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or above from their high

school (for Freshman applicants) or previous college. The following criteria will be used to rank eligible applicants:

1. Essay describing why student is pursuing a teaching career.
2. Math teacher recommendation(s)
3. Math coursework at prior school (high school and/or previous college)
4. Membership in underrepresented population in mathematics teaching (gender, social economic status, ethnicity, rural background).

Application Procedures

1. MESA Application Form: Contact Dr. Knudson-Martin to request an application packet.
2. EOU Application Form: If you are not already an admitted student at EOU, you must submit an application for university admission to EOU's Admissions Department prior to consideration for a MESA scholarship.
3. Applicant Essay: In a 500 word essay, describe why you want to pursue a career as a secondary school math teacher. Please include descriptions of experiences you had in school- as a student or while helping others learn math, that encouraged you to become a teacher.
4. Transcripts: Provide unofficial transcripts from the registrar's office of your high school and any college or university you have attended
5. Letters of Recommendation: Please obtain and submit letters of recommendation from math teachers from whom you have taken classes.

MESA Review Committee

Decisions on MESA scholarship awards will be made by the MESA Review Committee. This committee will be comprised of three faculty members: one from mathematics education (College of Education) and two from mathematics (College of Arts and Sciences). Appointments to this committee will be made by the respective deans of these colleges.



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