

'Opportunity Starts Here' Scholarship Application

Open to high school seniors graduating in May 2017 and preparing to attend Mat-Su College in fall 2017. Award waives up to **12 credits of tuition** applicable to Mat-Su College courses only during the **fall 2017 semester**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 1) Be a high school senior graduating from a MSBSD high school or a Mat-Su Borough resident completing a home school program
- 2) Have earned a high school GPA of 2.75 or better
- 3) Have applied for admission to Mat-Su College or University of Alaska Anchorage
- 4) Be registered or planning to register for classes at Mat-Su College for the fall 2017 semester

Preference given to students who completed **Tech Prep** classes while in high school and students planning to graduate with an **Associate of Applied Science** degree or **Associate of Arts** degree from Mat-Su College.

To apply:

- 1) Apply for admission as an Undergraduate to any degree program offered by Mat-Su College or UAA
- 2) Submit a current high school transcript.
- 3) Complete the Mat-Su College 'Opportunity Starts Here' Scholarship Application form.

Type your responses to the questions listed on the application and submit your responses (1-2 pages) to the address below before the **deadline of April 7, 2017, 5:00 pm.**

Send completed scholarship application and responses to:

By Mail:

Mat-Su College
ATTN: Mariana Weatherby
Student Services
PO Box 2889
Palmer, AK 99645

OR

By Fax

ATTN: Mariana Weatherby
Step 1: Fax Application to: 907.745.9747
Step 2: Call 907.745.9746 to confirm receipt of fax

OR

By E-mail:

- Step 1. Scan a copy of your application, completed responses & current high school transcript
- Step 2. E-mail to info@matsu.alaska.edu stating **SCHOLARSHIP** in the subject line.



Due date: April 7, 2017

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Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(include City, State) _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Degree program at Mat-Su College or UAA _____

Have you completed the FAFSA (federal financial aid application)?* Yes _____ No _____

*Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply

Please attach 1 – 2 typed pages that address the following questions:

- 1) What are your career and educational goals? Please explain how Mat-Su College fits into your plans for your future career. Explain why you are requesting financial assistance.
- 2) What classes did you take in high school that helped you prepare for your chosen career field? Explain why you think these will help you in college and your career.
- 3) Describe your involvement in community or school organizations, sports, activities, volunteer projects, honors, or awards you have received. Tell us how your involvement contributed to your school or organization and how your involvement sets you apart from other applicants.
- 4) Describe your (paid or volunteer) work experience.

All applicants must read and sign the following:

I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the use of my academic and financial aid information for the purposes of scholarship consideration and/or awarding.

By signing below I further indicate that Mat-Su College may release my name as a scholarship recipient for the purpose of scholarship recipient publication or announcement, unless specified otherwise in writing.

Applicant's Signature

Date