Open to high school seniors graduating in May 2015 and preparing to attend Mat-Su College of the University of Alaska Anchorage in fall 2015. Award waives up to **15 credits of tuition** ($2610), applicable to Mat-Su College courses only during the **fall 2015 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 higher

3) Have applied for admission to Mat-Su College or UAA main campus

4) Be registered or planning to register for classes at Mat-Su College for the fall 2015 semester

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

**To apply:**

1) Apply for Undergraduate admission to any degree program offered by Mat-Su College or the UAA main campus

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 17, 2015, 5:00 pm**.

Send completed scholarship application and responses to:

**By Mail:**

UAA, Mat-Su College
ATTN: K.B. Holbrook
Student Services
PO Box 2889
Palmer, AK 99645

**OR**

**By Fax:**

Step 1. ATTN K.B. Holbrook
FAX #: 907-745-9747
Step 2. Call 907-745.9746 to ensure receipt

**OR**

**By E-mail:**

Step 1. Scan a copy of your application & completed responses
Step 2. E-mail to info@matsu.alaska.edu stating SCHOLARSHIP in the subject line.
‘Opportunity Starts Here’ Scholarship Application

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 ___________________________