Dear SCHEC Scholarship Candidate,

On behalf of the South Coast Higher Education Council (SCHEC), I want to thank you for your interest in applying for our 2015 SCHEC Scholarship. This year we will be offering $500 scholarships to students who will be selected by our Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Academic qualifications (e.g., 3.0 minimum GPA and academic preparation)
- Personal background and career/educational goals
- Challenges overcome, extracurricular/leadership involvement, and other strengths
- Clarity of essay
- Your potential for future success (based on your reference forms)

SCHEC is a consortium of both community colleges and universities which have campuses based in Orange County. Each of these institutions contributes to our SCHEC Scholarship Fund and they work together to find ways to assist community college students to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

To be eligible for this year’s SCHEC Scholarship, we have provided you with several materials in the attached packet. Please make sure that your packet is complete and that all materials have been submitted on or before our deadline (April 6, 2015) so that you may be considered for this year’s award. Also be sure that the university to which you are transferring is a member of SCHEC. Please see www.schec.net for the most up-to-date list of member institutions.

Each of the following documents must be sent to the SCHEC Vice Chair no later than April 6, 2015:

- SCHEC Scholarship Application (Be sure you have signed your application)
- Unofficial Transcripts from ALL Colleges Attended
- Personal Statement (500 Word Essay; See SCHEC Scholarship Application for details)
- Two Signed Reference Forms

Please be sure to read all application materials carefully and submit all required documents as described. If you have any questions, you may email our SCHEC Scholarship Chair at schec.oc@gmail.com

Best wishes,

Marci Trevino
SCHEC Vice Chair
National University
C/O Mark Redfern
3390 Harbor Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA. 92683
SCHEC Transfer Scholarship Checklist
All materials must be postmarked by April 6, 2015

- Have I signed and enclosed my application?
- Have two faculty and/or other professionals who know my background and potential completed SCHEC reference forms? Have they been mailed by my references directly to SCHEC or are they included in my application packet? (Be sure to confirm that your references have mailed the appraisal forms no later than the postmark deadline of April 6, 2015.)
- Are all college transcripts enclosed? Transcripts must be provided for every college attended (may be official or unofficial).
- Have I enclosed my personal statement of up to 500 words?

Students Please Note:
Incomplete application packets will not be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.

The committee will consider the following when reviewing your application:
- Academic preparation (3.0 minimum GPA and completed coursework)
- Personal background (e.g., first generation, cultural background)
- Clarity of essay
- Career/educational goals and achievements
- Challenges overcome in pursuing your education
- Extracurricular activities and leadership involvement
- Your potential for future success
- References (classroom faculty preferred; family members excluded)

Students Please Note:
Scholarships are offered only to students currently enrolled in a SCHEC institution who will be transferring to a SCHEC four-year college/university or professional school during the 2015-2016 academic year. Awards are for one year only (students may reapply as long as they remain eligible). Students who are not transferring in 2015-2016 or are transferring to non-SCHEC universities are not eligible for this award.

Awardees must accept their scholarships within 21 days of their initial award notification. SCHEC scholarships will be awarded annually, and will be distributed in up to three payments. Students must earn at least a 2.0 GPA during the first term at their university after transferring and must verify eligibility and full-time enrollment to receive their awards. Students who do not meet these criteria will have their scholarships rescinded and subsequent payment(s) will be forfeited. Non-attendance will result in a request for a return of the distribution of that term and render the student ineligible for any later distributions.

Dream Act AB 130/AB 540 students: must provide additional documentation (e.g., high school transcript) to show that they meet the qualifications under AB 130/540 to be eligible for the SCHEC Scholarship.
SCHEC Transfer Scholarship Application
Award for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Personal Background

Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial

Permanent Street Address                      City                                           State                                           Zip Code

Mailing Street Address                        City                                           State                                           Zip Code

Primary Phone Number (  )____________________ Secondary Phone Number (  )____________________

Email Address

US Citizen?  Yes  No  Permanent Resident Visa?  Yes  No  AB 540/130?  Yes  No

State of Legal Residence _________________________________ County _________________________________

I. Academic Information

High School Name _______________________________ City/State __________________ Graduation Date (or GED Date)

College Now Attending Name ______________________ City/State __________________ From (Mo/Yr) ______ To (Mo/Yr) ______

Major/Minor _______________________________ Cumulative G.P.A. as of most recent term

Other Colleges Attended: (Include all colleges. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

1. College Name ______________________________ City/State __________________ From (Mo/Yr) ______ To (Mo/Yr) ______

2. College Name ______________________________ City/State __________________ From (Mo/Yr) ______ To (Mo/Yr) ______

Class Level Next Year (circle one):  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

When do you plan to transfer (circle one):  Fall 2014  Winter 2015  Spring 2015

To which four-year SCHEC college/university or professional school are you planning to transfer? **

College Name ______________________________ City/State __________________

Have you applied to the four-year campus?  Yes  No

Been admitted?  Yes  No

Expected degree after transfer ______________________________ When do you expect to graduate? (term/year)
II. Personal Statement (Attach a separate sheet)

Please write an essay of up to 500 words that addresses the following topics:
(You may cover as many topics as appropriate in your essay).

- Major/Career Goals
- Background/Personal History
- Challenges/Obstacles Overcome
- Community Involvement
- Work experience, if applicable
- Other activities (e.g., student organizations, professional associations, etc.)
- Reason(s) why you think you should receive a scholarship

III. Reference Forms

Please include two completed (SCHEC) Reference Forms. These should be filled out by someone who can address your ability and performance in college.

I hereby authorize SCHEC to release my scholarship application and transcript information to any organization or individuals involved in the selection of scholarship recipients. I certify that all information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to the specific terms for scholarship eligibility.

Student Signature  ___________________________________________________________  Date ______________________

Deadline:

Applications and all supporting materials must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2015. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all the required documentation is submitted before the deadline.

Enclose the following materials with this application: (Only completed applications will be considered.)

- Essay of up to 500 words
- Two completed Reference Forms (These may be mailed separately by persons completing the forms, but must still be postmarked no later than April 6, 2015.)
- Transcripts from all colleges attended (may be unofficial)

Please send materials to:  Marci Trevino
                           National University
                           3390 Harbor Blvd.
                           Costa Mesa, CA 92683

If you have any questions, please contact Marci Trevino at: schec.oc@gmail.com

** Please verify the campus to which you are applying is a SCHEC campus. Applications indicating non-SCHEC campuses will be denied. A list of current SCHEC campuses can be found on the checklist sheet or at www.schec.net
The applicant listed below is applying for a scholarship from the South Coast Higher Education Council. He/She has recommended you to give an appraisal of his/her ability and performance in college (family members are excluded). Please type or print the information requested below. This completed appraisal form must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2015.

Applicant’s Name

Phone Number

Position

Person Submitting Reference

Position

Phone Number

Reference Mailing Address

City

State

How long have you known the applicant? ____________________________

In what capacity have you known the applicant? ____________________________

Please check (✓) each characteristic in the appropriate box to show your appraisal of the applicant’s rating on the characteristic concerned.

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Applicant’s Name ________________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Current College or University ___________________________________________

WAIVER

Students have the right to inspect references that are submitted in connection with their applications. They may also waive this right

Under the provision of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, (please circle your response)

1. I have retained my right to access this information; or
2. I have waived my right to access this information

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _____________________
SCHEC Scholarship Reference Form
Attention student: Two references are required

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SCHEC Reference Form for Applicant
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