Grove Scholars Program Application
FALL 2015

APPLICANT’S NAME: ____________________________
G#: __________________

Application Checklist

A complete application packet contains the following documents:

☐ Grove Scholarship Application Packet (Obtained at the SparkPoint website or by emailing grovescholar@smccd.edu).
☐ Student Education Plan (SEP) that includes Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters.

Guidelines

Under the direction of the SparkPoint at Skyline College, Grove Scholars will receive up to $2,000 in scholarship money and commit to participate in financial education and coaching, career counseling, and additional services for academic success as part of the program requirements.

If you wish to be considered for the Grove Scholars Program, you must submit a complete application (see checklist above) at SparkPoint at Skyline College, Building 1, Room 1214 by Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at 3:00 pm. The Grove selection committee will review your application and will notify you via e-mail, if selected, by Friday, September 18th, 2015. You must reply via e-mail (grovescholar@smccd.edu) by Monday, September 21st, 2015 if you choose to accept the award.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

1. **Complete** the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2015-2016 academic year, if you have not done so. *Students not eligible to apply for federal aid may complete an alternate application available upon request.*
2. **Complete** the Grove Scholars Program Application. *Applicants must apply each semester.*
3. **Enroll** in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. *If fulfilling CTE program prerequisites, you must be enrolled in at least one CTE course of the desired CTE program.*
4. **Meet** with a counselor to complete a Student Education Plan (SEP) that includes at least two semesters of course planning (Note: Fall 2015 semester must show at least 1 CTE course and full-time enrollment). You must make an appointment with a counselor in Building 2 to complete a SEP (no drop in’s).
5. **Maintain** a cumulative GPA of 2.0 along with a 75% completion rate *Applicable to continuing students only.*
6. **Maintain** full-time enrollment at Skyline College.

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Date App Rec’d: __________
Time App Rec’d: __________
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Grove Scholarship applicant (Last, First, and M.I.): 
__________________________________________________________

G#: __________________ Phone #: __________________ E-mail: __________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________
Street ___________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip code ________

Gender: □ Male □ Female □ Decline to state

How did you hear about the Grove Scholars Program? □ Email □ Friend □ Flyer □ SparkPoint Center

□ Instructor □ Counselor □ Class Announcement (Indicate class): ________________

□ Other (specify): __________________________________________________________

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What CTE program are you pursuing? ________________________________

Start date of CTE program courses (month/year) ______________________

Date expected to complete CTE program (month/year) _________________

How many CTE units do you have left to complete? ________________ units

What classes in your chosen CTE program have you completed? ________________

What classes in your chosen CTE program are you currently taking (include prerequisite(s) to CTE classes)? 

__________________________________________________________

Are you part of any of the following learning communities or programs? Check all that apply.
□ ASTEP □ DSPS □ Hermanas/Hermanos □ Honors Transfer Prog □ Kababayan □ MESA □ Puente
□ Scholar Athlete □ TRIO □ EOPS/CARE □ Women in Transition □ International Students
□ First Year Experience □ SparkPoint □ CAA, Other (specify): ____________________________

What student organization or clubs are you a part of? (i.e. Cipher, Student Government, Phi Theta Kappa, Gay,
Straight Alliance, Photography Club, etc.) ____________________________________________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you completed the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? □ Yes □ No
(Students must complete the FAFSA. Students who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid can complete an alternate application. Email grovescholar@smccd.edu for the alternate application).

List all scholarships/grants that you have received including award amount. ____________________________

List all other income sources with amounts for each source. ____________________________
PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following questions in essay format, with each question on a separate sheet of paper. Limit EACH response to the length requested (double-spaced, 1” margins, 12 point Times New Roman font). Please make sure to include the question’s title at the beginning of each response.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT SparkPoint at Skyline College AT (650) 738-7035 OR VIA E-MAIL AT GROVESCHOLAR@SMCCD.EDU

1. **Statement of Need:** Reflect on your current financial need and provide a thorough and detailed explanation of how you will use your Grove Scholarship funds to help you complete your CTE program and improve your financial situation. (1 page)

2. **Career Goal/Academic Commitment:** Explain the steps you are going to take in order to ensure timely program completion and success in entering the workforce. (1 page) Please provide detailed and specific examples showing what you have done to prepare to enter the job market? (i.e. job-related work experience, internships, volunteer, job shadowing, mentorship, etc.).

3. **Financial Coaching Workshops:** Grove scholarship recipients must participate in a series of four mandatory financial coaching workshops. These workshops are designed to educate recipients on best practices regarding: banking, budgeting, savings, and credit use. Please explain which of these areas you are most interested in improving upon and why. (1/2 page) or (4-5 sentence)

**APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION**

1. I affirm that the information provided within is true, complete, and accurate, and that this award may be revoked without appeal if the information is found by the committee to be otherwise.

2. I permit the Grove Scholarship committee to release/forward any or all parts of my application to agencies that they deem might have an interest in reviewing it for additional benefit.

__________________________________________  ___________________________  ______________
Name of applicant                                Signature of applicant            Date signed
Helpful Hints to consider as you complete your application:

Statement of Need:
- How will this scholarship help you?
- What is your current financial situation?
- What difficulties do you have paying for school and other expenses?
- How will your situation improve if you receive this scholarship?
- How does your financial situation impact other friends and family members?
- Please, provide a detailed breakdown of how you plan to spend the $2,000 award, (e.g. $200-books, $100 transportation etc.)

Career Goal/Academic Commitment:
- Why did you choose your CTE Program?
- What is your dream career in this field?
- Give specific step-by-step examples on how you’re going to achieve career success. What will your first job(s) be?
- What have you done or do you currently do to make sure you stay on track and succeed in your classes?
- What other responsibilities take a lot of your time and how do you make school a priority?

Financial Coaching Workshops:
- What areas of your financial life can be improved (savings, banking, budgeting, credit, investments etc.)?
- Why is financial planning important?
List of Approved CTE Programs

- Accounting
- Accounting Computer Specialist
- Administration of Justice
- Allied Health Science
- Automotive Technician
  - Automotive Technician – Entry Level
  - Automotive Entrepreneurship
- Solar Installation Entry Level
- Automotive Technology: All Degree & Certificate Programs
- Biotechnology
- Business: All Degree & Certificate Programs
- Cosmetology
  - Cosmetology Entrepreneurship
  - Esthetician
- Early Childhood Education: All Degree
  & Certificate Programs
- Education: All Degree & Certificate Programs
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Energy Systems Technology Management
  - Solar Energy Technology
  - Solar Installation
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Fashion Merchandising
- Massage Therapy
- Paralegal, Legal Assistant
- Respiratory Therapy
- Surgical Technology
  - Central Services Technology/Sterile Processing
- Telecommunications & Network Information Technology: All Degree & Certificate Programs

*Please contact an academic counselor in order to verify any unlisted CTE program’s Grove Scholarship eligibility. All listed programs are eligible for participation.*