



Southwestern Michigan College
2008-2009 Academic Achievement Awards Application
Financial Aid Office, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Academic Achievement Awards Program at Southwestern Michigan College provides scholarships for students in the most recent high school graduating class, based on students' academic achievement. The program includes two levels of scholarships:

- Awards of Distinction are SMC's highest merit-based scholarships and cover all tuition and fees for four consecutive semesters, as well as a \$1,000 annual stipend for books. To be considered for this award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Awards of Excellence cover one-half of the student's tuition for four consecutive semesters. To be considered for this award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

For priority consideration, students must complete their portion of this application, have a qualified high school official complete the box below and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by December 14, 2007. For late consideration students must submit the completed application by March 14, 2008. Both scholarships require full-time attendance and enrollment for a minimum of 12 credit hours for the 2008 Fall Semester by June 30, 2008. Other restrictions may also apply.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

High School Attended _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

**TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
OR DESIGNATED HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL**

Cumulative (*unweighted*) Grade Point Average of Above Student on 4.0 Scale _____
(GPA may be calculated at conclusion of junior year or after first grading period of senior year)

Composite ACT Score _____ OR Composite SAT Score _____

Signature, Verifying High School Official _____

Title _____ Date _____

Note: An official transcript and official verification of the test scores listed above must be attached to this form or this application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Personal Statement: In the space provided below, explain how your skills, aptitudes, and experiences will contribute to your success as a student at Southwestern Michigan College.

I agree to abide by the policies and procedures governing the award and acceptance of the scholarship for which I am applying. Furthermore, I affirm that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that applying for a scholarship does not guarantee I will be selected to receive an award. I authorize Southwestern Michigan College to publicize my receipt of any scholarship as appropriate.

Student Signature

Date

**For further information, contact the SMC Financial Aid Office
269-782-1314
800-456-8675, ext. 1314**

FOR FINANCIAL AID STAFF ONLY

Date Scholarship Application Received _____

Date Application for Admission Received _____

Recommended Scholarship _____

Staff Member Signature _____

Enrolled in 12 credits by June 30? YES NO

Comments: