

MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS
2009-2010 APPLICATION PACKET
DEADLINE TO APPLY: 4:00 PM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING APPLICATION PACKET

Below are instructions for applying to the Cañada College Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Transfer Scholarships (M-SETS) program for 2009-10. This is a **competitive** need-based and merit-based scholarship sponsored by the National Science Foundation, and is open to graduating high school seniors and current Cañada College students. Please note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee a scholarship as there are only 21 scholarships available this year: nine (9) scholarships at \$3,000 each for students eligible for Trigonometry or Precalculus, six (6) at \$4,000 each for students eligible for Calculus 1 or higher, and six (6) at \$4,000 each for students who are within one year of transferring to a four-year school as a STEM major.

For more details see: <http://www.canadacollege.edu/NSFscholar/>

Cañada College M-SETS Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be citizens of the United States, nationals of the United States, aliens admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence;
- Must demonstrate financial need for the 2009-2010 aid year as defined by the US Department of Education rules for need-based Federal financial aid. The 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed, see: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted as part of the packet. Cañada's Federal school code is 006973;
- Must enroll full-time (at least 12 units) at Cañada College each semester of the award;
- Must be majoring in a STEM field (Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, Geosciences, Mathematics, or Physical Sciences including Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy and Materials Science);
- Must be eligible to take College Trigonometry (Math 130), or higher, in Fall 2009;
- Must have a Grade Point Average of at least 2.7 in math, science and engineering courses, and 2.5 overall for continuing or returning students; Grade Point Average of at least 2.7 in high school math and science courses for incoming freshmen students.

The completed application must be submitted **no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2009** to Cañada College Bldg 18-109, Attn: M-SETS Program, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94061. Applications postmarked after September 18, 2009 will not be accepted. **Only completed application packets will be reviewed.**

A completed application packet contains the following documents:

1. Application Form (Page 2) – Completed, signed and dated.
2. High School or College Transcripts – High school students need to request a copy of their transcripts from their high school. Current Cañada students need to include copies of ALL college coursework at Cañada College and any other colleges they have attended. Unofficial transcripts accepted.
3. Copy of 2009-2010 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) – showing Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Please include Cañada's school code (006973) on your FAFSA application.
4. Student Educational Plan (SEP) – showing all completed, in-progress, and future college courses needed to transfer to a four-year university in a STEM major. If you do not have current SEP, please see a Cañada College counselor. (Graduating high school seniors must apply for admission to Cañada, take the Math and English Placement Tests, and see a counselor to obtain their SEP).
5. Personal Statement – Must be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of 2 pages in length. Please include information about yourself and family, your academic and career goals, past experiences/interest in mathematics, science or engineering, details on extra-curricular activities such as involvement in student government, clubs, sports, community service and/or volunteerism, and any honors or awards you have received in the past.
6. Letter of Recommendation – One letter of recommendation from a math or science instructor. Please use the Recommendation Form provided on page 3. The letter must be signed and sealed by the recommender.

Submit 1-6 listed above. Send to Cañada College Bldg 18-109, Attn: M-SETS Program, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94061.

CAÑADA COLLEGE MATH, SCIENCE, & ENGINEERING TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

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Please print clearly in blue or black ink or type:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening/Other Phone _____

Date of Birth (for ID purposes) _____ E-mail Address _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Permanent Resident? Yes No If yes, Alien Registration Number: _____

Will you be attending Cañada College full time fall 2009 (12 or more units)? Yes No

Are you eligible for federal financial aid? Yes No

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Work-study, etc.) EFC: _____

Other Scholarships you are receiving fall 2009: List name(s) and amount(s) _____

Academic Status:

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Math and Sciences GPA: _____

G-number (Assigned by Cañada upon admission): _____

Intended Transfer University: _____

Intended Major: _____

Highest Level Math Class Completed:

Course Title _____

Grade _____

Placement Test Date: _____ Placed into MATH _____

Cañada Summer Enrichment Program(s) you applied for:

Math Jam Engineering Institute L.E.A.P.

FOR CURRENT CAÑADA COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

G-Number: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Math and Sciences GPA: _____

Major: _____ No. of Units Earned: _____

Intended Transfer University: _____

Prospective Semester and Year of Transfer: _____

Highest Level Math Class Completed:

Course Title _____

Grade _____

Are you a MESA Student? Yes No

Are you taking a math class this semester? Yes No

If yes: Course _____ Instructor _____

Certification: I certify that all information provided in this application packet is true and factual to the best of my knowledge, and that any scholarship award may be revoked without appeal if any information is found to be false. I understand that incomplete packets and/or inaccurate information will disqualify my entire application. I understand that all data included may be verified by Cañada College and/or the San Mateo County Community College District for accuracy. I hereby authorize the review of the above information.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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A COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP PACKET CONTAINS: (1) Completed Application Form (this page), (2) High School or College Transcripts, (3) Copy of 2009-2010 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), (4) Student Educational Plan (SEP), (5) Personal Statement, and (6) one sealed Letter of Recommendation.

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Recommendation Form

Instructions to Applicant

Complete Part 1 of this form, and then give it to a math or science faculty member who can comment on your academic performance and potential to succeed as a college student.

Part 1: Applicant Information (please print or type)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Instructions to Recommender

To the Recommender: The student named above is applying for the Cañada College Math, Science, and Engineering Transfer Scholarships (MSETS) sponsored by the National Science Foundation. A candid evaluation of the student's academic performance and potential for success is a critical component in our decision.

Please complete Parts 2 and 3 of this form below. Place the completed form in an envelope, seal and sign on the seal. Return the sealed and signed envelope to the applicant before Friday, Sept. 18, 2009.

For further information about the Cañada College M-SETS program, visit our website at www.canadacollege.edu/NSFscholar.

Part 2: Recommender Information (Please print or type)

Name: _____
 Institution: _____ Position/Title: _____
 Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Part 3: Evaluation

Please rate the applicant on the following attributes:	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Not able to comment
Critical thinking ability					
Motivation					
Oral expression					
Written expression					
Empathy, ability to work with others					
Self-confidence					
Reliability, responsibility					
Breadth of intellectual interest					
Leadership skills					

How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months

Overall recommendation for the student:

Highest recommendation _____ Strongly recommended _____ Recommended as satisfactory _____
 Recommended with reservation _____ Not recommended _____ Insufficient basis to evaluate _____

Additional Comments: (In the space provided or on a separate sheet, explain why the applicant is deserving of this scholarship. Also, please comment on the applicant's ability to succeed as a STEM major, as well as other relevant information.)

Recommender Signature

Date

Please return the completed form to the applicant in a **sealed envelope** (with signature on the seal) before **Friday, Sept. 18, 2009**. The completed application packet will have to be submitted by the applicant on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, 2009.