

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Attached is an application that your student completed to participate in the Motherlode Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) Program. MEOC is a federally-funded program that provides personalized transition services to individuals who wish to obtain a GED/High School Equivalency and attend a college/vocational program. Our goal is to help our clients to realize the transformative impact of education, take advantage of the financial resources that are available, and make a successful transition into higher education.

As a MEOC participant, your student will be eligible to receive these types of services:

- Educational guidance
- Assistance with applying for financial aid and scholarships
- Workshops to develop and improve academic and life skills
- Referrals to:
  - GED/High School Equivalency programs
  - Academic tutoring services
  - Disability services
  - Social services
  - Mental health services
  - Vocational training programs
- Enrichment events and activities
- Follow up services

As a federally-funded program, we are charged with providing services to traditionally underserved populations. This includes students who are low income and first generation (neither parent has a bachelors degree). **In order for us to verify whether or not your student fits into the low income category, we must ask for your taxable income for last year. If you are not required to file federal income taxes, please write in your taxable income as \$0. In addition, we need your signature on the back of the application because your student is still considered a dependent.**

Taxable income is found on the following line of your tax form:

Form 1040, line 43  
Form 1040A, line 27  
Form 1040EZ, line 6

If you do not meet the income guidelines for low income students or your student is not first generation, don't worry! Our guidelines state that only 2/3 of our population must be low income, first generation students, allowing us to serve some non-low income and non-first generation students

**We appreciate your willingness to provide this critical information for your student.** Your completion of this application will allow us to become your student's "personal assistant" to help them navigate the path to higher education. We look forward to partnering with you and your student to ensure that this journey is a successful one!