**MEP Eligibility Criteria**

MESA TARGET STUDENT POPULATION: MESA serves educationally disadvantaged students and, to the extent possible by law, emphasizes participation by students from groups with low rates of eligibility for four-year colleges.

The checklist is an effort to specify and record identifying indicators associated with being educationally disadvantaged. It is provided to MESA staff as an informal mechanism for collecting information to identify students eligible to participate in MESA programs on the basis of disadvantagedness. While it is not an exhaustive list, it is illustrative and does include areas of special interest to MESA Directors. We suggest that staff complete the checklist for each MESA applicant and maintain it as part of the student’s file.The checklist is meant to make it easier to explain in the future the selection of individual students for the current program year. Checkmarks are meant only to reflect one’s direct knowledge of the student’s background as it pertains to a particular item. No other documentation will be required, though program personnel can exercise their option to request it.

**Primary Eligibility Criteria (Student is REQUIRED to meet at least ONE)**

First Generation in College (Students may also be eligible if parent has a degree from a foreign country)  
  
Low Income Student  
 a. Student is a recipient of NEED based Financial Aid (Defined by Center)  
 b. Family makes less than 2X the median family (of 4) income nationally

**Secondary Eligibility Criteria (Requirements are determined at Center Level)**

Past Participant In MESA

EOP Eligible

Enrolled in Engineering College

Attended a Low Performing H.S.

Other (Please Specify your particular reason that you think should make you Eligible for MESA)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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