



The National Science Foundation (NSF) promotes and advances scientific progress in the United States. It is committed to developing the nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science educators by enabling individuals to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Miami Dade College shares this commitment and is sponsoring the *Tools for Success* program for students interested in furthering their education and pursuing careers in STEM disciplines.

*Tools for Success* is a Miami Dade College and NSF program at the Wolfson and Kendall Campuses. The program offers academic and financial support to students majoring in STEM fields. The goal of *Tools for Success* is to prepare students academically so that they will successfully complete their AA degrees, transfer to four-year institutions and succeed in their STEM careers.

PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT	The appointment period for this Service Award Agreement shall be from Fall 2009-1 to Spring 2010-2 provided the student remains enrolled at Miami Dade College throughout the period of appointment and abides by the requirements of the program.
ELIGIBILITY	<p>To be eligible to participate in this program students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above.</li> <li>• Be a United States citizen, permanent resident, national or alien admitted as a refugee at the time of application.</li> <li>• Be exempt from or have completed all college preparatory courses at the time of application, with the exception of MAT 1033.</li> <li>• Submit a completed application packet, including a written essay, prior to the application deadline.</li> </ul>
REQUIREMENTS	<p>To remain in the program students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declare a STEM major.</li> <li>• Make satisfactory progress towards the completion of an Associate of Arts degree in a STEM major within two academic years. 2009-1 through 2010-2.</li> <li>• Remain enrolled as a student at Miami Dade College and complete a minimum of nine (9) credits per major term (fall and spring) each academic year.</li> <li>• Enroll and successfully complete four 1-credit <i>Tools for Success</i> courses. One course each major term (fall and spring).</li> <li>• Attend all Science Forums and Mentor House Meetings. These activities are scheduled on Wednesdays during the college-wide Activity Hour (12pm – 1:15pm). Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded.</li> <li>• Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.50 <u>and</u> pass all courses with a minimum grade of “C”.</li> <li>• Serve as a mentor for first year students during their second year in the program.</li> <li>• Plan to transfer to a four year program and major in a STEM discipline.</li> </ul>

PROBATION	<p>Student will be placed on a probationary status for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA falls below 2.50. The student must improve GPA during the following semester to be removed from probation. Failure to raise GPA above 2.50 will result in the student being dropped from the program.</li> <li>• Student earns a grade of “D” (69%) or below in any course in which he/she is enrolled. If another grade of “D” is earned in a future semester, the student will be dropped from the program.</li> <li>• Student fails to attend monthly Forums and Mentor House meetings. If this rule is violated for two months, the student will be dropped from the program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student placed on Probation will <u>not</u> receive service award payments.</b></p>
SERVICE AWARD	The student will be awarded a \$1000 (distributed in four equal payments) service award for the 2009-2010 academic year and \$1000 (distributed in four equal payments) for the 2010-2011 academic year. Payment schedule is subject to the availability of funds. If the student fails to meet the requirements of the program, the student will be dropped from the program and no further payments will be granted.
iPod	An iPod will be awarded to students enrolled in IDS 1107. If the student leaves or is dropped from the program prematurely, the iPod must be returned to the Project Director. Otherwise the student may keep the iPod. The iPod possession form must be signed by the student prior to award of the iPod.
TUITION	Tuition for the four 1-credit <i>Tools For Success</i> courses will be reimbursed to the student, however all other tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student.
TERMINATION OF AWARD	If the student does not meet the requirements of this agreement or prematurely terminates from the program or ceases enrollment at Miami Dade College no further Service Award payments will be granted and the iPod must be returned to the Project Director. If the student graduates from Miami Dade College or transfers to a four-year institution no further Service Award payment will be granted, however the student may retain possession of the iPod.
AFTER COMPLETION OF PROGRAM OR TERMINATION	The student will continue to have access to their mentor and may continue to serve as a mentor for other students in the program.

### SERVICE AWARD AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE FORM

I have carefully read the above Service Award Agreement with full knowledge that this agreement is granted subject to the terms described herein. By accepting the agreement, I am agreeing to all the terms.

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Signature of Student

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Printed Name of Student

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Date

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Student Number