

EXCEL / Student Support Services – a TRiO Program

Applicants must complete the attached application and bring it to the initial interview, along with the requested documentation indicated in the application.

There are **three ways to qualify** for EXCEL (you only need to meet *one* requirement):

- 1)** Neither parent has a bachelor's degree; or
- 2)** Family is of limited income (usually meaning student has a Pell Grant); or
- 3)** Student has a disability documented in the ACCESS office at MAC, room AS117

Most Mineral Area College students – perhaps as high as 90% – are eligible for EXCEL services under one of the three criteria above.

Please read the application carefully, complete it fully, gather documentation, and return to the EXCEL office in Room C-3 in the Arts and Sciences Building **on the date your interview is scheduled.**

We very much look forward to working with you!

I. PERSONAL DATA:

Social Security Number: _____ Student ID Number: _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Email _____ .stu@mineralarea.edu

U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Resident Alien Number: _____

Ethnicity/Race (Mark all that apply):

☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Black or African American

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Asian ☐ White

How did you find out about EXCEL/Student Support Services? _____

II. EDUCATIONAL DATA:

High School: _____ Year Diploma or GED received: _____

How many years has it been since you attended high school or college? _____

Area of Interest/Intended Major _____

Have you attended other colleges? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, name of college(s): _____

Degrees Completed _____

Are You: ☐ Currently enrolled at Mineral Area College ☐ Applied for admission

Immediate and Long-term Educational Goals (check all that apply)

☐ Associate of Arts (AA) ☐ Associate of General Studies (AGS) ☐ Doctorate

☐ Associate of Science (AS) ☐ Bachelors (BS or BA) ☐ Post-Doctorate

☐ Associate of Applied Science (AAS) ☐ Masters (MA) ☐ Other

☐ Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)

III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: *(Information in this section is held in strict confidence.)*

A. First Generation Status: What is the highest grade/level of education completed by your parents (biological/adoptive) and/or guardian(s)?

Father _____ Mother _____ Guardian _____

****B. Disabilities: (Optional, used for eligibility purposes only. If a disability is indicated, confirmation will be requested from the Access Office Director.)**

1. Do you have any documented disabilities, including learning, physical, or mental, that would substantially limit your participation in college? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Did you receive services related to your disability in high school, or do you currently receive services from any agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, from whom did/do you receive services and what services did/do you receive? _____

C. Financial Aid Data (signed Federal Tax Return, signed FAFSA, or other taxable income from another governmental source required for documentation)

1. Have you applied for financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you been awarded financial aid at Mineral Area College? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, what type? (e.g., Pell Grant, Scholarship, etc.) _____
3. Answer the questions below to determine if you will need to provide your parents' information.

- Were you born before January 1, 1995? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you have a legal dependent other than a spouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- A. If you answered 'No' to every question in number 3, your parents, or the person(s) with whom you primarily resided prior to your eighteenth birthday, must complete the information below and provide documentation, such as Federal Tax Return, signed FAFSA, or other taxable income from another government source.

Current family size _____ **Total 2017 taxable income \$** _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please Print

Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian

- B. If you were born before January 1, 1995, **or** if you answered **yes** to any question in number 3, please indicate your **2017 taxable income** below and provide documentation such as Federal Tax Return, signed FAFSA, or other taxable income from another governmental source.

Current family size _____ **Total 2017 taxable income \$** _____

Source of income _____ Student signature _____

Statement of Confidentiality

The personal and financial aid information you give to the EXCEL Director or Assistant Director is sent to the Department of Education. The information is protected by the Privacy Act. No one may see the information unless he or she works with, or for, the EXCEL Program, or is specifically authorized to see the information. In addition to the information you provide, the EXCEL Director or Assistant Director may request financial aid information from the Financial Aid Office. This information is necessary to determine if the applicant is eligible to participate in the program and qualifies for SSS Grant Aid; it also helps the federal government to measure your success. Please sign below if you give EXCEL permission to contact the Financial Aid Office regarding your financial aid information and to send your personal and financial aid information to the Department of Education.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify (1) that I have read the statement of Confidentiality and (2) that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name of Student	Signature	Date
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Form Completed By: _____

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Questions? Contact the EXCEL office at:

EXCEL/Student Support Services
Mineral Area College
P.O. Box 1000 * Park Hills * MO * 63601-1000
(573) 518-2131

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and need this information provided in an alternative format, notify an EXCEL staff member immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

Mineral Area College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, religion, creed, or marital or parental status. For more information, call the Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator at 573-431-4593 or U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights.