

# Accelerating Opportunities (AO)

## Letter of Support

The Accelerating Opportunities (AO) program at Nunez Community College integrates basic skills with career and technical instruction. Students that participate in the AO program are eligible to be awarded a scholarship to enroll at the college and begin earning college credits that can be applied towards a college degree or used to enter the workforce.

Benefits of participating in the program include:

- Waived tuition and book fees for up to 13 credit hours for eligible candidates
- Earn industry-based certifications *and* college credits towards a degree
- Earn your high school equivalency (HiSET) through co-enrollment in the Adult Education Program
- Develop valuable academic and professional success skills
- Benefit from strong academic and student support services in the program
- Explore academic and professional opportunities suited to your goals

Eligible candidates will be required to commit to the following:

- Attending up to three classes during a 16 week semester program (approx. 20 hours /week)
- Completing all the requirements of each class including assigned reading, homework, essays, and exams

The AO program is a very unique opportunity for students to co-enroll at the college while finishing the process of earning a HiSET (if needed). As noted, this program requires a significant investment of time and effort from each student. Each student is required to submit a letter of support from a community member, professional contact, or family member that attests to their ability to be successful with this program. Please respond to the following questions on the reverse side of this form as a way for us to get to know the student better and determine if they are a good fit for the AO program.

Sincerely,

AO Program Staff  
504-278-6320



Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you know the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the AO program? Do you believe the candidate will be successful? Why?

Will you be available to support the candidate throughout the semester to help them to be successful? If so, how?

Are there any things about the candidate that you think will be a challenge to their success? (*example: time management, reading level, etc.*)

Do you endorse this candidate for participation the AO program?

Can we contact you for further information about the candidate if needed? Yes / No

Your Contact Information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_