DEAR STUDENT OR RECENT ALUMNI:

As an outstanding student or recent alumni of a technological education program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), you have been nominated to attend a national conference:

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION (ATE) PRINCIPALS INVESTIGATORS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21-23, 2009
OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL, 2500 CALVERT STREET, WASHINGTON, DC

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), in collaboration with NSF, is hosting this conference. The conference will highlight students like you and their participation in ATE programs and related activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Please use the Student/Alumni Application Form to apply to attend. A limited number of applicants, representing ATE projects across the nation, will be selected to participate. If you are selected, your conference registration fee and lodging costs for two nights, October 21 and 22 will be paid for by AACC. Your sponsoring college will cover your travel costs.

As part of your attendance, you will be expected to participate in a student/alumni recognition breakfast on Thursday, October 22 from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. and a showcase session and reception honoring students/alumni on Thursday evening from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. There will also be an opportunity to be involved in student-led presentations and sessions at the conference.

The student/alumni showcase session will give you an opportunity to highlight your program of study and career path. For the poster session, you will have a 6’ x 30” table on which to display materials related to your program of study. Poster boards and pins will be provided for display purposes. We will also provide access to electrical outlets. Students/alumni may request minimal AV such as a DVD player/television or a LCD computer monitor. Internet connections will not be provided.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the attached application form and return it to AACC by Monday, September 14. A review committee will judge applications, and students selected to participate will be notified by Thursday, September 17.

Congratulations on your skills and accomplishments that have been recognized through this nomination. We hope you will consider applying to join other students/alumni, ATE program leaders, and representatives from industry and government in Washington in October as we celebrate the success of the ATE program.

Sincerely,

Lynn Barnett
Vice President for Academic, Student and Community Development
STUDENT/ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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1. STUDENT NAME
NICKNAME/NAME FOR BADGE
INSTITUTION
STUDENT’S STREET ADDRESS
CITY                                           STATE  ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE                                      FAX
E-MAIL

2. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME (OR NOMINATING CONTACT)
INSTITUTION
STREET ADDRESS
CITY                                           STATE  ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE                                      FAX
E-MAIL                                         ATE GRANT AWARD # (REQUIRED)

3. PLEASE LIST YOUR NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON A FORMAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE AND IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU CORRECTLY.

4. AREA OF STUDY AND/OR PROGRAM NAME

5. GOAL FOR ATTENDING THE ATE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING EXPECTED OUTCOMES (250 WORDS; OR ATTACH TO SEPARATE PAGE).

6. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO PRESENT AS PART OF A STUDENT-LED PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE SESSION AT THE CONFERENCE. IF SO, PLEASE LIST 2-3 TOPIC AREAS ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT.

7. STUDENT/ALUMNI SIGNATURE                        DATE
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE                    DATE

Please mail or fax this form to the address below to arrive by COB on Monday, September 14:
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ABOUT ATE
Funded by the National Science Foundation, the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program endeavors to strengthen the skills of technicians, whose work is vitally important to the nation’s prosperity and security. In ATE centers and projects, two-year colleges have a leadership role and work in partnership with universities, secondary schools, business and industry, and government agencies to design and carry out model workforce development initiatives. For more information, see www.atecenters.org, www.ateprojectimpact.org, and www.aacc.nche.edu/ateprogram.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by the U.S. Government whose mission is to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense. The foundation competitively awards grants for research and education in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. For more information, see www.nsf.gov.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES (AACC)
The American Association of Community Colleges is the primary advocacy organization for the nation’s community colleges. The association represents 1,200 two-year, associate degree–granting institutions and more than 12 million students. AACC promotes community colleges through five strategic action areas: recognition and advocacy for community colleges; student access, learning, and success; community college leadership development; economic and workforce development; and global and intercultural education. For more information, see www.aacc.nche.edu.

ABOUT THE ATE CONFERENCE
The 16th annual ATE Conference, jointly sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), will be held October 21-23, 2009 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The conference is a national event that promotes technical education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The conference is attended by over 700 people representing community colleges, four-year institutions, secondary schools, and business and industry. The event also includes and highlights participation by approximately 40 ATE students and recent alumni.

TRAVEL/HOTEL
For students/alumni accepted to attend the conference, AACC will cover registration fees and lodging costs for two nights, October 21 and 22. The student’s sponsoring college will cover travel costs.

STUDENT/ALUMNI CONFERENCE EVENTS
In addition to attending conference sessions, students are expected to participate in the student/alumni recognition breakfast on Thursday, October 22 from 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.; and a showcase session and reception honoring students/alumni on Thursday, October 22 from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. The student/alumni showcase session will give you the opportunity to highlight your program of study and career path.

There is also an opportunity to participate in a student tour of Washington, DC on Thursday, October 22. For further information about student events and the ATE Conference, please see www.aacc.nche.edu/2009ATE. Detailed information will also be sent out to all students/alumni who are accepted to attend the ATE Conference.