How to Apply:

- Complete the SAFE Application.
- Provide a copy of all college transcripts.
- Provide a typed 300 word essay entitled "My Education and Career Goals."
- Provide two letters of support from faculty or employers.
- Copy of Financial Aid award letter (for current semester).
- Copy of signed Student Contract.

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