

About ACF Student Aid Award Programs

Albuquerque Community Foundation has 11 separate scholarship/financial aid programs to help New Mexico residents attain their educational goals.

ALL information on eligibility, deadlines and applications needed to apply for a scholarship or financial aid award is on this website, in this section. Here you will also find articles to help you in your search for assistance, on how to apply and links to other helpful sites. Be sure to check with your high school guidance counselor or college financial aid department for other possible sources of assistance and help with the application process.

All applicants to Albuquerque Community Foundation scholarship programs must:

- Be a New Mexico resident for a minimum of one year
 - attend a U.S. post-secondary, accredited, not-for-profit educational institution
- Note: Some programs are only eligible for students attending New Mexico colleges/universities and some programs are available only to Albuquerque residents

**LATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS
MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED.**

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE STATEWIDE -- DEADLINE March 3, 2008

Notah Begay III Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Professional golfer Notah Begay III established this scholarship fund in 1999 to benefit Native American athletes attending college. Awards are made to high school graduates demonstrating strong academic achievement and participation in any varsity level sport. Two \$2,000 awards will be made for the 2008-09 school year.

Additional criteria:

- applicants must be Native American scholar-athletes
- minimum GPA 3.0
- attend school full time
- include in your personal statement how you plan to give back to your community after college

Additional required attachments:

- proof of tribal enrollment or Certificate of Indian Blood (minimum 25%)
- one reference from a current academic teacher or counselor
- one reference from an athletic coach

New Mexico Manufactured Housing Association Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

This fund was established in 1996 by the Manufactured Housing Association to provide scholarship award to a New Mexico high school graduate residing in a manufactured home. Two or more awards will be made for up to \$1,000 each.

Additional criteria:

- student applicant MUST live in a mobile/manufactured home
- minimum GPA 3.0
- attend school full time

Additional required attachments:

- copy of your FAFSA, Student Aid Report or your statement of financial need
- proof of residency in a mobile/manufactured home: a copy of title or rental agreement OR retail installment contract OR county tax assessment
- one reference from a teacher or counselor (1 page, 1 side only)

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPECIAL CRITERIA -- DEADLINE March 21, 2008

Woodcock Family Education Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

This fund was established in 1993 by Albuquerque businessman C.E. (Woody) Woodcock and his wife, Dixie, to support students of exceptional promise in the fields of science and math. The Woodcocks strongly believe the future of this state and the country is dependent on the quality of education. Three scholarships will be awarded to Albuquerque high school graduating seniors for a total award of \$11,000 payable over four years of undergraduate study.

Additional criteria:

- Albuquerque metro area high school graduating seniors only
- students with strong math and/or science credentials
- attend school full time
- minimum GPA 3.8
- this is a merit-based award – DO NOT fill out Part IV Other Scholarships and Financial Aid Awards in the Application

Additional required information and/or attachments:

- career goals in personal statement MUST include those in the field of math or science
- one reference from a math or science teacher
- one or more references from other teachers, internship or work programs, or community services

Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Established by the Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque, this program recognizes students with a strong history of community service. Four \$1,000 one-time scholarships are awarded annually to Albuquerque metro area high school graduates with strong community service experience and strong academic records.

Additional criteria:

- Albuquerque & Rio Rancho area high school graduating seniors only
- students with strong community service experience
- minimum GPA 3.0
- attend school full time

Additional Information to include in your personal essay:

- if your school has a key club, are you a member?
- how you plan to give back to your community after college

Additional required attachments

- well-written essay on the importance of community service including **one** paragraph on why you deserve this scholarship award (maximum 2 pages, one side ONLY)
- reference from one counselor or teacher (1 page, 1 side ONLY)
- reference from someone at a community service program where you have had significant participation (1 page, 1 side ONLY)

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOLS -- DEADLINE March 21, 2008

Bryan Cline Memorial Soccer Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Eldorado High School (EHS) only

Bryan Cline played fullback on the Eldorado High School soccer team. After his death in 1986, friends and family established this fund to recognize graduating senior varsity soccer players. Recipients must exhibit a strong scholastic record and leadership qualities. Two one-time \$1,200 awards are given annually to EHS varsity soccer team graduating seniors (one girl & one boy)

Additional criteria:

- attend school full time

Additional information to include with your application:

- name of your varsity soccer team coach
- 2 letters of reference – one from a teacher or counselor and one from a soccer coach

Applications must be returned to Eldorado High School Principal's Office

Barnes W. Rose, Jr. and Eva Rose Nickol Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Albuquerque High School (AHS) only

This fund was established in 2003 by the family in memory of Barnes and in honor of his sister Eva. One \$1,200 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate of Albuquerque High School in pursuit of a college degree in engineering. Applicants should demonstrate math and/or science interest and skill through SAT/ACF scores and/or strong grades in appropriate high school classes.

Additional criteria:

- minimum GPA 3.6
- show participation in the AHS Advanced Technology Academy and/or a New Mexico MESA, Inc. program
- demonstrate financial need
- attend a college or university in pursuit of an engineering degree
- attend school full time

Additional required attachments:

- minimum of one reference from an Albuquerque High School math/science teacher
- up to two additional references

Robby Baker Memorial Scholarship [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

La Cueva High School (LCHS) only

The Robby Baker Scholarship Fund was established by Robby's family in 2003. Robby loved to ski and found that skiing helped his self-confidence as he dealt with the challenges of dyslexia. Annually, a \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a LCHS graduating senior has a language learning or other reading disability.

Additional criteria:

- applicants must be coping with dyslexia or other reading disability
- minimum GPA 2.5
- attend college, community college or university full time

Additional required attachments:

- up to two references from teachers and/or counselors

SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SEPARATE APPLICATION MATERIALS AND DEADLINES

Sussman-Miller Educational Assistance [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Throughout her life, Shirley Sussman Spiewak was involved with numerous educational and charitable organizations. She and her husband were passionate advocates of education, believing it to be “the one possession that is permanent.” This program provides financial assistance to address the ‘gap’ in financial aid packages for both students beginning their college careers and those continuing their undergraduate work. This is a program for both students graduating from high school and those continuing their education. Awards vary in amount and there are two different deadlines.

- attend school full-time
- graduating high school senior OR currently enrolled in college/university
- available statewide
- MUST BE a federal financial aid recipient

Excel Staffing Companies Scholarship for Excellence in Continuing Education [CLICK FOR APPLICATION](#)

Barbara and Duane Trythall recognize the difficulties faced by individuals who are employed full-time while attending school part-time. Through their business, Excel Staffing Companies, the Trythalls established this fund to assist individuals who demonstrate a commitment towards reaching a career goal. Four or more awards of up to \$1,000 each are awarded annually to Albuquerque resident only with a minimum cumulative GPA 3.0. **Deadline: July 1, 2008.**

- attend school part-time or full-time.
- Albuquerque metro area only

Manuel Lujan Excellence in Education Scholarship

As a twenty-year member of the United States House of Representatives, Manuel Lujan, Jr. saw the need to help young people with their college costs. A fund was established in his honor to provide resources to students from 24 designated central New Mexico high schools. The \$700 per year, four-year renewable scholarships are awarded for graduating seniors attending a **New Mexico four-year college/university**

Additional Requirements:

- graduate high school senior chosen annually by each of following designated high schools:
- student must continue their education in New Mexico
- minimum GPA 2.5
- attend school full time
- deadline established by individual schools

Applications are available ONLY from the counseling offices of the participating high schools:

Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque High School, Cibola High School, Del Norte High School, Eldorado High School, Estancia High School, Fort Sumner High School, Freedom High School, Highland High School, Hope Christian High School, La Cueva High School, Manzano High School, Menaul High School, Moriarty High School, Mountainair High School, Rio Grande High School, Sandia High School, Sandia Preparatory School, Santa Rosa High School, St. Pius X High School, To'Hajiilee High School, Valley High School, Vaughn High School, and West Mesa High School.