

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation Community Service Scholarships

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

LAPS Foundation will award up to 6 scholarships in 2024 to Los Alamos High School graduating seniors who will be entering into post-secondary education after graduation. The criteria for selection will be the student's demonstrated community and volunteer service. As part of the scholarship, students nominate an "Educator of Distinction" who is recognized with the selected student.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

\$1,500

Eligibility

Must be a 2024 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate their commitment to enriching their community and/or school through volunteer involvement.

Selection will be based on:

1. The applicant's demonstrated service contributions to the community and/or schools;
2. The applicant's description of their volunteer involvement and how it influenced them; and
3. A letter of recommendation from someone directly involved with the service work.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A written description (250-500 words) of your service contributions and how they have influenced you.
3. A written essay (250-500 words) about your "Educator of Distinction" and how they positively impacted you. This should be one of your educators from LAPS (Kindergarten through 12th grade) who had a meaningful impact on your education. It can be someone who is retired or no longer works for LAPS.
4. A letter of recommendation from someone directly familiar with your service contributions to your community or school. The letter should describe your role and the impact of your service contributions. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
LAPSF Community Service Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 23, 2024.

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation Career Technical Scholarships

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

LAPS Foundation will award up to 2 scholarships to Los Alamos High School graduating seniors who will be entering vocational/technical school or pursuing a technical certificate or apprenticeship after graduation. The primary criteria are the student's plans and their commitment to a technical career pathway. As part of the scholarship, students nominate an "Educator of Distinction" who is recognized with the selected student.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

\$1000

Eligibility

Must be a 2024 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate their ambition for and commitment to pursuing a technical career.

Selection will be based on

1. The applicant's demonstrated ambition for and commitment to a technical career; and
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or employer.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A written description (250-500 words) of your plans to pursue a technical career.
3. A written essay (250-500 words) about your "Educator of Distinction" and how they positively impacted you. This should be one of your educators from LAPS (Kindergarten through 12th grade) who had a meaningful impact on your education. It can be someone who is retired or no longer works for LAPS.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or employer. The letter should describe your aptitude for pursuing a technical career. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
LAPSF Career Technical Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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**Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries Scholarship
and**

June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship

Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries and the Family of June and Harry Ettinger

Description

To honor those who love books.

The Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries awards:

- up to four (4) Friends of Los Alamos County Library Scholarships of \$2,500 each; and
- one June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship of \$3,500

The June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship is administered in partnership with Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation. The Scholarship Committee will determine which of the successful applicants will be the recipient of the June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship.

Field of Specialization

No restrictions

Value of Award

June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship: One recipient will receive \$3,500 awarded at high school graduation and \$3500 awarded after the first complete year of college with a 3.0 gpa (Note: Beginning in 2024, the Ettinger Scholarship will be two awards of \$3500 to the winning recipient.)

Friends of LACL: Up to four awards of \$2,500 each. The committee may award fewer than four scholarships depending on the number of applications received.

Eligibility

For the Friends of the Los Alamos County Library Scholarships, any senior enrolled and in good standing at Los Alamos High School, or an approved home study program within Los Alamos County, who plans to continue his or her education at a recognized institution by September of the year following graduation is eligible.

For the June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship, only Los Alamos High School graduating seniors are eligible.

Basis of Award

A personal narrative of about 500 words, typewritten, one-sided, DOUBLE-SPACED, using 12-point font. The essay will concern an age-appropriate book that was NOT required for school and which has NOT been translated into a visual medium. Tell your readers in what ways this book has added to your understanding of the human condition or has enhanced your life. Please attach a cover sheet to your essay with your name, the book's title, and author, as well as have your essay printed one-sided.

You must confirm that the book you have selected has NOT been made into a movie or television movie or program, or that the book is NOT based upon a movie or television movie or program. If your book does not meet these criteria, your application and essay will not be considered.

Application Procedure

1. Complete and submit the LAHS Local Scholarship Application.
2. Provide the required essay.
3. Be willing to participate in an informal interview (if necessary).
4. Test scores are not required. However, you must show some proof of good standing, such as an unofficial transcript. Delivery of a transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through LAHS by Jacqueline Nolen/LAHS College & Career Center. Home school students may submit other verification of progress.

Submission Instructions

Mail or Deliver your application to:

Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries Scholarship
c/o Scholarship Chair
3055 Trinity Drive, #627
Los Alamos, NM 87544

REMINDER: YOUR ESSAY WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF THE BOOK AS NOT BEEN MADE INTO ANY MEDIA, IS DOUBLE-SPACED, HAS A COVER SHEET, AND IS ONE-SIDED.

Deadline:

Postmarked or delivered on or before March 9, 2024.

Note for Ettinger scholarship recipients: The family of June and Harry Ettinger highly value receiving a thank you note from the scholarship recipient. This acknowledgement is required within three months of the award. A name and address will be provided to the recipient when they receive their scholarship check.

Irene Boone Memorial Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools and Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation
through the generosity of long-time resident and pediatrician,
Dr. Irene Boone and her husband, Zanas “Slim” Boone

Description

LAPS and LAPSF award this need-based scholarship to students pursuing a two or four-year degree at an accredited college or university, or an accredited technical-vocational program or certification.

Field of Specialization

None specified.

Value of Award

Two scholarships of \$3,000 are awarded to graduating seniors. Each scholarship is renewable for 3 additional years if the student remains enrolled and shows progress towards a degree or certificate completion.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating senior of Los Alamos High School with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be NM Activities Association eligible. Supporting documentation of enrollment in higher education programs must be provided before payment of the scholarship is made.

Basis of Award

Need is the primary consideration for award. Also considered will be good citizenship, as demonstrated by community service, and the student's ability to successfully complete their selected degree or program.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. The confirmation page from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that includes your Student Aid Index (SAI). (The SAI was previously known as the Expected Family Contribution “EFC” but this term changed effective July 1, 2023.) To calculate the SAI, complete the FAFSA which must include the required information of those that currently claim you as a dependent. You do not need to submit the entire FAFSA with your scholarship application. Only submit the confirmation page showing your SAI.
4. Write and submit a cover letter. You may use this opportunity to explain any additional circumstances which establish need, such as a parent's death, illness, divorce, job loss or disability, a family hardship, or a change in circumstances which would impact your future EFC.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Irene Boone Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 23, 2024.

Kristin Kosiewicz Substance Abuse Awareness Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

The Kristin Kosiewicz Scholarship will be awarded annually in memory of Kristin Kosiewicz, a 1993 graduate of Los Alamos High School who passed away on September 26, 2021 from an accidental fentanyl overdose. ([See obituary.](#)) Two mg of Fentanyl is a fatal dose. ([See illustration showing two mg of salt.](#)) Kristin was an exceptional athlete, a talented artist, and a confident and adventurous world traveler. Kristin enjoyed all things nature and loved to explore the outdoors. Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating LAHS seniors to increase awareness of substance abuse.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

Two awards of \$2000 each

Eligibility

Must be a 2024 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Two \$2000 scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's compelling essay about substance abuse and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.

Selection will be based on:

1. The applicant's essay about the negative impacts of substance abuse; and
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A written essay (300-600 words) about the impacts of substance abuse. The essay could include your reflections on:
 - a. The negative impacts of substance abuse;
 - b. The role gateway substances have in leading young people to use stronger and more addictive drugs;
 - c. Your thoughts about how to prepare young adults graduating from high school so they are better equipped to avoid the dangers of addiction and accidental overdose;
 - d. Personal knowledge you have that brings light to the issue of substance abuse; and
 - e. Any additional ideas you have for increasing awareness as well as prevention strategies.

3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor who knows you well. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the teacher or mentor to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
4. An unofficial copy of your transcript. (Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.)

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Kristin Kosiewicz Substance Abuse Awareness Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 23, 2024.

Larry Baca Memorial Scholarship
LAPS Foundation and the Baca Family

Description

Larry Baca was a renowned coach in Los Alamos for 30 years, a member of the Los Alamos High School Hall of Fame, and the New Mexico Coaches Hall of Fame. Larry was a tremendous athlete at LAHS participating in baseball, basketball, wrestling, football, and track. A role model to youth in our community, Larry's humility, determination and sportsmanship enabled his track teams to achieve numerous district and state track titles.

Field of Specialization

Track or Cross-Country Athletes

Value of Award

One award of \$500 (additional awards are possible)

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating senior of Los Alamos High School who has participated in track or cross country with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be New Mexico Activities Association eligible.

Basis of Award

Awardees should demonstrate the traits of humility, determination, and sportsmanship. Also considered will be good citizenship as demonstrated by community service for your school or within the community.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. A cover letter.
4. A 500-word essay describing how you meet the *Basis of Award* criteria.
5. A Letter of Recommendation from a LAHS Track and Field or Cross Country Coach that discusses how you meet the *Basis of Award* criteria. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

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Larry Baca Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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Ross and Lola Ramsey Memorial Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and former students of the Ramseys

Description

This scholarship is in memory of Ross and Lola Ramsey who worked as a team to manage the Civic Auditorium, now the Duane Smith Auditorium, for over a quarter of a century. From the year the auditorium opened in 1951 to 1974 when they both retired, the Ramseys created and directed the renowned Olions theater program and helped students find and develop their potential as they acted in and produced plays, musicals and Topper Revue. One scholarship will be awarded to an eligible senior who will be entering college or vocational/technical school after graduation from Los Alamos High School.

Field of Specialization

Any, though preference will be given to students planning a career in the performing arts.

Value of Award

One award of \$1000.

Eligibility

Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who participated as a performer or behind the scenes in theater or musical performances and was involved in the Olions Club during high school. Preference will be given to students who are planning a career in the performing arts. Financial need and first generation college student status will be considered but are not required.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. An essay (300-600 words) describing the positive impact your participation in the Olions Club and involvement in theater and musical performances has had on you. Include details with specific examples about how these experiences helped you in at least two of the following areas: building self-esteem; learning to perform; managing a production; collaborating with fellow cast members; and succeeding with a final show.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor familiar with your involvement in the performing arts. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the

application.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Ross and Lola Ramsey Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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Sophia Feldman Memorial Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and Feldman Family

Description

This scholarship is in memory of Sophia Feldman, a Los Alamos High School student who passed away in September 2019. Sophia had many interests including dance, music, and speech/debate, but one of her greatest passions was helping and supporting people. Four scholarships will be awarded to eligible seniors who will be entering college or vocational/technical school after graduation from Los Alamos High School.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

Four awards of \$3,000 each

Eligibility

Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School.

Basis of Award

The scholarships will be awarded to students who have participated in mentoring, anti-bullying, social justice, or related activities, with preference given to students who are active in the LAHS Hilltalkers Speech/Debate, LAHS Choir, dance, or Olions clubs. Financial need will also be considered.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. An essay no longer than 400 words about activities or projects that the student has participated in that demonstrate their interest in anti-bullying, social justice or related activities.
4. A letter of recommendation from an adult who is familiar with the applicant's activities or projects. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Sophia Feldman Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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