

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY FOUNDATION

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REGIONAL COLLEGE/RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (2-YEAR DEGREE/CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS)

INTRODUCTION

The LANL Foundation, through the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund (LAESF) seeks applicants for the new Regional College/Returning Student Scholarship fund. This fund awards scholarships to motivated students returning to a formal education after a hiatus for other pursuits. These scholarship candidates may have left formal education for business, the military, or other reasons, possibly for an extended period, and are now seeking to expand their opportunities with a certificate or a two-year degree through a program in the regional area.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must demonstrate that they have been accepted into or are currently pursuing certification or a two-year degree at an accredited college.
- Must be a resident of the seven-county area of Northern New Mexico (Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Taos).
- Must have received a high school diploma or GED.
- Preference for selection will be shown toward applicants who followed other career opportunities or pursuits for a period of two years or more before deciding to re-enter formal education.
- Preference may also be given to students pursuing programs related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and related vocations, although strong applications in any program area will be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be based primarily on merit, similar to the other LAESF Scholarships. But because the focus is on returning students, some of whom may have been out of formal education for several years, there will be special emphasis on initiative, motivation, and accomplishments and less on grade point average or tests.

Scholarships are one-year grants of \$1,000. Applicants can re-apply yearly while they complete the two-year degree or certification program if they remain in good academic standing making progress toward completion.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the online application form at www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships. Completed application must be submitted electronically or postmarked by **December 15, 2011** for January, 2012 awards or **June 15, 2012** for July, 2012 awards. Applications received after these deadlines will not be considered.

For more information, please contact Tony Fox at (505) 753-8890 ext. 16 or tony@lanlfoundation.org.

Submit application online to:
www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships

or

Mail application to:
LANL Foundation
RCRS Scholarship Coordinator
1112 Plaza del Norte
Española, NM 87532

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APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

APPLICATION FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CONTACT INFORMATION

PERMANENT HOME MAILING ADDRESS (PLEASE USE P.O. BOX NUMBER IF APPLICABLE)

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

RESIDENCE AT SCHOOL/COLLEGE (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

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APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
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CURRENT EDUCATION INFORMATION

NAME OF CURRENT COLLEGE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

PROGRAM OR FIELD OF STUDY: _____ PLANNED DEGREE/CERTIFICATE: _____

START DATE (SEMESTER/YEAR): _____ STUDENT STATUS: APPLYING ACCEPTED ENROLLED

PLANNED COMPLETION DATE (SEMESTER/YEAR): _____ FULL TIME PART TIME

IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED AND HAVE COMPLETED ONE OR MORE TERMS IN THIS CURRENT PROGRAM, PLEASE ENTER YOUR GPA TO DATE: _____

PAST EDUCATION INFORMATION

A high school diploma or GED credential is required for eligibility. Please indicate which you received and provide the requested information.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE GED CREDENTIAL

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA INFORMATION

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____ GRADE POINT AVERAGE, IF KNOWN (4.0 SCALE): _____

GED CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

YEAR OF CREDENTIAL: _____ STATE/JURISDICTION ISSUING: _____

COMPOSITE GED TEST SCORE, IF KNOWN (4000 POINT SCALE, OR OTHER SCALE APPLICABLE TO GED TESTS AT THE TIME): _____

PRIOR COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE

Please tell us the name of any college(s) or trade school(s) you have attended to date, when and in what program or field (if any), and whether or not you obtained a degree or certificate. We are primarily interested in study you may have done that culminated in or is potentially related to a degree or certificate, whether or not it is in the same field as your current college application or enrollment. General continuing-education courses related to hobbies or home life do not need to be listed.

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

DATES ATTENDED: _____ PROGRAM OR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

DEGREE OR CERTIFICATIONS EARNED OR APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CREDITS COMPLETED: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

DATES ATTENDED: _____ PROGRAM OR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

DEGREE OR CERTIFICATIONS EARNED OR APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CREDITS COMPLETED: _____

Add any additional schools, if needed, in the "Other" section on page 5 of this form.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED TO DATE: HIGH SCHOOLGED SOME COLLEGE CERTIFICATE OR 2-YEAR DEGREE 4-YEAR DEGREE

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CAREER GOALS

Briefly describe your career goals for the next 5-10 years and your plan and time line for accomplishing them. Explain how your college plans support these career goals and indicate any other important factors that led to your decision to pursue this degree or certificate program (100-250 words):

TELL US WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO LATELY

Please provide information that describes your activities and accomplishments in the areas that follow. Provide at least a brief summary of the time since high school, without large gaps, and highlight accomplishments. Please also provide us more detailed information about your activities in the last 5 years, as well as additional significant activities since high school (if it has been more than 5 years since graduation) that you would like us to know more about. There is a place below to tell us more about your one or two top accomplishments.

EMPLOYMENT

Include name of employer(s), location, type of business, positions held and dates, hours worked, brief description of duties, promotions, and other recognition received.

MILITARY SERVICE

Include dates of service, branch, duty station(s), ranks and positions held, type of discharge, brief description of job duties, and promotions along with awards and decorations received.

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EDUCATION (ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED)

List any educational accomplishments during the past 5 years that have not been addressed in the sections above. Include academic honors, sports, activities, etc.

HOME AND FAMILY COMMITMENTS

If you have devoted significant time as a primary caretaker or homemaker for family members or other dependents, please describe the circumstances and your role.

TELL US MORE ABOUT ONE OR TWO TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Considering all of the work, school, and home activities you described above, describe the one or two accomplishments that you feel are the most significant and that best describe what you are capable of achieving (100-200 words).

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LEADERSHIP ROLES

Describe any leadership or supervisory positions you have held at work, in school, or in your community. Briefly explain the nature and level of your responsibilities including factors such as finances, personnel, public safety, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Indicate any current or previous community service activities sustained for a year or more, the level and nature of your involvement, year(s) of participation, number of hours on each activity, and any recognition received

OTHER

List any major life activities, particularly any in the past 5 years, that were not covered in the above sections.

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EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE (IF APPLICABLE)

Are you receiving or will you be requesting tuition assistance from your employer?

Yes No

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION (OPTIONAL)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Please check the appropriate box indicating the combined yearly income of the person(s) who will be responsible for your educational expenses. In most cases this will include the applicant and (if any) other household or family members who contribute substantially to supporting the applicant's expenses:

- LESS THAN \$30,000 \$75,000 - \$100,000
 \$30,000 - \$50,000 GREATER THAN \$100,000
 \$50,000 - \$75,000

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please explain any special circumstances or significant challenges you have overcome, if you feel this information would help us understand and evaluate your ability to succeed in your educational and career plans.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Demographic data are important in assessing the effectiveness of our efforts to solicit applications from a diverse population. Data will not be considered in the selection process.

YEAR OF BIRTH: _____

U.S. CITIZEN: Yes No

GENDER: M F

ETHNICITY: AFRICAN AMERICAN ASIAN AMERICAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
 CAUCASIAN HISPANIC
 AMERICAN INDIAN (PLEASE INDICATE TRIBAL AFFILIATION) _____
 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

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SIGNATURES

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. My signature attests to the accuracy of all information provided.

I am aware that the LANL Foundation reserves the right to verify all information contained in this application, and I am willing to supply supporting documentation if requested.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____