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REGIONAL COLLEGE/RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation, through the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund (LAESF) seeks applicants for the new Regional College/Returning Student (RCRS) Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to motivated students returning to a formal education after a hiatus for other pursuits. 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.



RCRS scholar Anais Weckert (second from the right) is studying education at the Santa Fe Community College.

“Thank you for selecting me for this scholarship. I cannot tell you how much more difficult continuing my education would be if I had to worry about money. This semester has been insane with student teaching, work, and being a parent, so this scholarship is huge.”

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 & Deadline

Applications must be submitted online at www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships by June 15, 2012 for July, 2012 awards or December 15, 2012 for January, 2013 awards.

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

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