

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY FOUNDATION

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LOS ALAMOS EMPLOYEES' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2012

INTRODUCTION

The application process for Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) awards begins with submission of the following form. **Any permanent resident of Northern New Mexico with at least a 3.25 cumulative unweighted grade point average (GPA), and scores of 19 ACT or 930 SAT (combined Math plus Critical Reading only), who is enrolling in or currently attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution is eligible to apply.** For the purpose of these scholarships, Northern New Mexico includes Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Taos counties.

Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship: The goal of the LAESF is to provide scholarships that support students in Northern New Mexico who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in fields that will serve the region. Awards are based on academic performance (academic rigor, GPA, and standardized test scores), leadership potential (extracurricular and community service activities), critical thinking skills, and career goals relevant to local community needs. Financial need, diversity, and regional representation are integral components of the selections process.

Endowed Leadership Scholarship: Former Laboratory Director John Browne and his wife Marti established the Endowed Leadership Scholarship Fund in 2000 to create lasting scholarship opportunities for Northern New Mexico students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities and achievements in their home, school, and community.

Senator Pete Domenici Endowed Scholarship: In 2008, the LANL Foundation established the Senator Pete Domenici Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor the Senator's outstanding public service to New Mexico and the Nation. LAESF awards scholarships to Northern New Mexico students who exemplify "Pete's spirit" of leadership and community service. Financial need is also a consideration. This fund annually supports a \$10,000 scholarship (four-year \$2,500 award) in each of the seven Northern New Mexico counties served by the Foundation.

APPLICATION PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS

A complete application portfolio will contain the following materials:

- The application form
- Official academic transcript(s), covering at least two most recent years (**High school students** should also include transcripts from post-secondary institutions from which concurrent credits have been earned. **College freshman** must include both an official copy of their high school and current college transcripts.)
- A copy of SAT or ACT scores (high school and college freshman applicants only)
- A copy of SAT II scores, if available (high school and college freshman applicants only)
- Two letters of recommendation (one academic and one extracurricular) signed and in sealed envelopes or by e-mail
- An essay of approximately 250 words describing your personal objectives in pursuing a college degree
- A wallet-size photograph appropriate for publication purposes (photo is not used for applicant review or recipient selection)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete and submit electronically* the application form to www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships and print, sign, and mail only page 7 of this form and supporting materials to the LANL Foundation.

If submitting hardcopy application, complete, sign, and mail the entire application with all supporting materials to the LANL Foundation.

Completed application materials must be submitted electronically and/or postmarked or received by **January 17, 2012**. Applications postmarked after the submittal deadline will not be considered.

***NOTE: Online application form will be available after October 1, 2011.**

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

or

Mail application portfolios to:
LANL Foundation
Scholarship Coordinator
1112 Plaza del Norte
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APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
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DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

PERSONAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

RESIDENCE AT SCHOOL/COLLEGE (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Demographic data are important in assessing the effectiveness of our efforts to solicit applications from a diverse population. Please provide the following information to help us in this regard.

DATE 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) _____

LANL INTERNSHIPS

Scholarship recipients may have the opportunity to apply for a summer internship at LANL. The Lab makes every effort to match students with a mentor in their field of interest. However, due to the limited number of available positions, students may work in other areas with future opportunities to move to divisions more closely aligned with their career goals. LANL is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Employment is not guaranteed.

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE EMPLOYED AT LANL DURING THE SUMMER. Yes No

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EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

CUMULATIVE UNWEIGHTED GPA: _____ ACT SCORE: _____ SAT I SCORE: _____ SAT II SCORE(S) (IF AVAILABLE): _____

FALL SEMESTER COURSES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN (INDICATE ADVANCED PLACEMENT [AP] AND HONORS COURSES): _____

COURSES TO BE TAKEN SPRING SEMESTER: _____

AP TEST SCORES (IF AVAILABLE): _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES APPLIED TO: _____

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

CURRENT LEVEL: FRESHMAN/1ST YEAR SOPHOMORE/2ND YEAR JUNIOR SENIOR PLANNED GRADUATION DATE: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____ MAJOR FIELD(S) OF STUDY: _____

COURSES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN: _____

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) RELATED ACTIVITIES

Please identify any current or previous STEM-related activities including education or work programs. Include the name of the activity/program/project, the sponsoring institution, and the appropriate dates.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

List any special awards and honors you have received. Explain the nature of the award and the date received. College freshman may include activities from their high school senior year.

CAREER GOALS

List your current career plans and any activities that support your goals.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, CLUBS, HONORS

Indicate any current or previous extracurricular activities (covering at least two years), the level and nature of your involvement, the years of participation, and the total number of hours spent on each activity. Indicate any recognition or honors received. Indicate leadership positions held—captain, president, chairman, etc. College freshman should include activities from their high school senior year.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe your employment history and hours worked per week in current and summer job (covering at least two years). Please include your income earned from work in 2011. Also include any special recognition you have received.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Indicate any current or previous community service activities sustained for a year or more, the level and nature of your involvement, the year of participation, and the total number of hours spent on each activity. Indicate any recognition received. Indicate leadership positions held.

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LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Indicate any current or previous activities not mentioned earlier that demonstrate your leadership qualities, the level and nature of your involvement, and the total number of hours spent on each activity. Indicate any recognition or honors received.

FINANCIAL NEED (OPTIONAL)*

**It is strongly recommended that all applicants complete this section. If left incomplete, it will be assumed that the applicant has no financial need.*

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Please check the appropriate box indicating the combined yearly household income for your parent(s)/guardian(s).

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

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

What is the highest educational level of the head of your household?

- DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE
 COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL / GED COMPLETED AN ADVANCED DEGREE
 COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE

FAMILY BACKGROUND/SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

One factor in our decision to award a scholarship is your ability to overcome challenge. Please explain any special circumstances or challenges you and/or your family have faced. All information is kept confidential.

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ESSAY

In approximately 250 words describe your personal objectives in pursuing a college degree and intended career path. Specify the academic subject(s) and career of most interest to you, and include how you have made a difference in your home, school, or community.

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SIGNATURES

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. 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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____
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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(S): _____ DATE: _____

DATE: _____

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RECOMMENDATION LETTER GUIDELINES

Note to students: Supply a copy of these instructions to both of your recommendation letter writers. Be sure to have one primarily academic (teacher, school counselor) and one primarily extracurricular (coach, activity coordinator, employer, etc.) letter of recommendation. You may not have a member of your family, either immediate or secondary, write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Note to recommendation letter writer: Letters must be received or postmarked on or before **January 17, 2012**.

Mail letters of recommendation to:

LANL Foundation
Scholarship Coordinator
1112 Plaza del Norte
Española, NM 87532

Or, e-mail letters of recommendation to:

tony@lanlfoundation.org

Guidelines

In your letter of recommendation, please address the following items:

1. At the top of your letter, list the name of the student that you are writing about, and the school that your student is currently attending.
2. Indicate what your relationship is to the student (academic, personal, employer, coach, etc.), the length of time you've known the student, and how well you know the student.
3. Elaborate on how/what this student has done to enhance his/her intellect, including your impression of the student's ability to achieve his/her educational objectives.
4. Evaluate the student with respect to the following personal characteristics: honesty/integrity, emotional stability and maturity, leadership abilities, perseverance/dedication, character, communication skills, responsibility, and work habits.
5. Evaluate the student with respect to the following performance capabilities: oral communication, ability to think critically and problem solve, and his/her aptitude in mathematics and science.
6. Evaluate the student's commitment to the community. Please provide specific details or examples that would define this student as a community or school leader.
7. Include any additional information or comments about the applicant that you feel would be helpful to the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund Selection Committee, or any special circumstances the Committee should consider.
8. Include your name, official title, place of employment, and phone number should we need to contact you with additional questions.

Thank you for taking the time to assist your student with the LAESF application. Should you have any questions regarding this process, please don't hesitate to contact **Tony Fox, Scholarship Program Officer for the LANL Foundation at 505-753-8890 or tony@lanlfoundation.org**.