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SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting highly motivated individuals pursuing a 2-year degree, certification, or trade

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a high school senior, high school graduate, or GED recipient planning to pursue a 2-year degree, certificate, or trade?

Currently enrolled in a 2-year degree or certificate program?

Returning to school after being away from formal education?

Making a career change starting with a 2-year degree or certificate in a new field?

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Career Pathways Scholarships are $1,500 awards and may be renewable for a second year.

Must be a resident of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, or Taos County. Funds are available for any program area, but preference may be given to STEM pathways.

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Application deadline is Nov 16.

For more information, contact Mike Ammerman at (505) 753-8890 ext. 115, scholarships@lanlfoundation.org

OPENS:

OCTOBER 1

DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 16
Pursuing a 2-year degree or certification? You may qualify for a Career Pathways Scholarship!

**Selection Process**
Selection is primarily based on demonstrated interest and ability to succeed in the chosen field of study. Emphasis is also placed on initiative and commitment.

Scholarships are $1,500 awards and up to $3,000 for those continuing to pursue a two-year associate’s degree or certificate. Renewal is dependent upon remaining in good academic standing and making progress toward completion.

**Application Portfolio Requirements**
- Online application
- Official high school transcripts (HS students only)
- College transcripts (For those with any amount of college experience)
- Essays
- Annual Household Income (Not required, but strongly encouraged for financial need question)

**Application and Deadline**
Application and instructions are available online at lanlfoundation.org/scholarships

Career Pathways Scholarships are offered twice yearly.
- Apply in the preceding November for Spring semester funding.
- Apply in the preceding April for Fall semester funding.

**Ideal Candidates**
Career Pathways Scholars are focused and determined with a clear vision of the career or trade they intend to pursue. They are highly motivated to gain the skills and credentials needed to enter the workforce in their career of choice, with the primary goal of improving quality of life for themselves, their family, and their community. This scholarship supports high school seniors and anyone with a high school diploma or GED/High School Equivalency (HSE) in pursuit of a 2-year degree, trade, or certification.

**Eligibility Requirements**
- Must be a resident of the seven-county area of northern New Mexico (Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, or Taos).
- Must have received a high school diploma or GED, or be near completion of a GED/HSE program, or a high school senior currently enrolled in the final semester of high school.
- Preference may 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.

For application questions, email us at scholarships@lanlfoundation.org.

**Mingma Sherpa**
2019 Scholar Studying Nursing at Santa Fe Community College

“As a part-time caregiver, it is hard to provide for myself and my family and afford college tuition. The Career Pathways Scholarship helps me pursue my goals and dreams without worrying about financial hardships. My goal is to complete my AAS nursing degree from Santa Fe Community College. I have a strong desire to become a compassionate and skilful nurse to provide excellent care and health education for my family and community.”

**Career Pathways Scholarship**
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Short-Answer Essays
These essay questions give you the opportunity to share with the selections committee more information about your strengths, struggles, perspectives, and experiences. Strong essays will tell a cohesive story and clearly communicate your interest in and commitment to the career or trade you are pursuing. Each essay has a word limit of 300 words. We recommend that you type your answers on a separate document, and then copy and paste your answers into the online application.

Required Essay Questions:

CAREER GOALS
Briefly describe your career goals for the next 5-10 years as well as your plan and timeline 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.

IMPACT
Describe how earning this scholarship and completing your stated degree or certificate will improve the quality of life for yourself, your family and/or your community.

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Describe the one or two accomplishments that you feel are the most significant and that best convey what you are capable of achieving. Alternatively, please discuss any major life activities, interests, or hobbies, particularly any in the past 5 years that demonstrate your passion and commitment.

Optional Essay Question:

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
One factor in our decision to award a scholarship is your ability to overcome challenges. Please explain any special circumstances or challenges you and/or your family have faced, and how you have overcome these challenges. 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. Current high school students may include any significant role in caring for younger siblings/family members if applicable.

All information is kept confidential.
Career Pathways Scholarships:
lanlfoundation.org/scholarships/careerpathways

WHO: For students pursuing a 2-year degree or certificate immediately after high school or with a gap in education
WHAT: $1,500 awards that may be renewed
WHEN: Awards are offered twice yearly: 1) Apply in the preceding November for Spring semester funding or 2) Apply in the preceding April for Fall semester funding. Please apply the semester before you plan to enroll in your degree or certificate program. Most high school students should apply in spring of senior year.

Scholarships

2021 Scholarship Applications open October 1
Updates coming soon!

Since 1999, LANL Foundation in partnership with the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund (LAESF) has had the privilege of awarding scholarships to amazing students from around the world. LAESF has awarded over $1 million in funding to approximately 600 students. In 2020, the focus was on early childhood programs, student health, in-classroom STEM and K-12 and programming education, and home visiting. LAESF is excited to continue its support of these areas and more in 2021.

Scholarship info is found under “Our Work” on our website.

Visit lanlfoundation.org/scholarships for new scholarship opportunities and specific deadlines.

Each scholarship category has information and application instructions.

Career Pathways Scholarships

Fall/Winter 2021 Career Pathways Scholarship Application opens October 1
Updates coming soon!

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Career Pathways Scholarships are $1,500 awards that are renewable up to two years and $3,000 total. Renewal is dependent upon remaining in good academic standing and making progress toward completion.

Apply for a Scholarship
Do not be shy.
This is the place to tell us all about yourself. Be sure to share all of your accomplishments and involvement—don’t hold back!

Take your time completing the application, do not rush.
• Be sure to edit your application, paying attention to spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors.
• Incomplete, blank, or incorrect answers to even simple questions like county or phone number reflect badly on the applicant.

Explain how you meet the criteria for the scholarship.
For students pursuing a 2-year degree or certificate: when describing your educational goals, be sure to mention your 2-year degree and how that will lead to your ultimate goal.

Include concrete examples of accomplishments and how they connect to your goals.
Instead of saying, “I follow through on things,” give specific examples of how you followed through and describe the results.

Connect the dots. Don’t make the reviewer guess.
Every chance you get, describe how something helps you develop or move you toward your goals—the classes you take, the jobs you do, the volunteer work you perform, the life experiences you have. Even if you don’t think that last job was important—did it help you decide you could do better? Did it teach you that you were good at organization or following direction? Tell us how those experiences led to the path you are on today.

Do your research, but do not embellish.
Know the degree and work experience requirements for the career you are pursuing. Be sure to explain how your academic goals support your ultimate career goals.

Leadership, Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, Family Commitments, and Top Accomplishments:
You all have these, you may just have to think outside the box to identify where to include them. You don’t have to be a store manager or captain of the basketball team to be a leader. Think about all the times you lead your family or friends. Charity does not have to be formal and organized to be effective. How have you helped others? Raising your children is an accomplishment, so talk about your investment in your family: activities, sports, teacher conferences, homework, etc.

This is a chance to let reviewers know of the hardships and challenges that you’ve overcome or may still be dealing with.
What prompted you to pursue higher education? Why is it so important to graduate? What will be the impact of getting a diploma? How will a scholarship help you achieve your goals?

HAVE SOMEONE ELSE READ/REVIEW YOUR WRITING.
LANL Foundation
The Scholarship Fund and Program are administered by LANL Foundation, a tax-exempt nonprofit organization located in Española, NM.

Our Mission
To inspire excellence in education and learning in northern New Mexico through innovative programming, collaboration, and advocacy.

Our Vision
All New Mexicans have the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient, lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities.

For more information about LANL Foundation and its additional programs in early childhood learning, elementary school inquiry, STEM, and education and community grantmaking, visit lanlfoundation.org.

Notes:
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