

Scholarships from LANL Foundation & Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF)

Scholarship info is found under "Our Work" on our website.

General 4-Year Scholarships:

lanlfoundation.org/scholarships/4year

WHO: For students seeking a 4-year undergraduate degree straight out of high school & current undergraduate students in 4-year program

WHAT: Various scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000

WHEN: Apply in October, deadline in January

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 April, deadline in May or 2) apply in October, deadline in November. 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.

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The screenshot shows the LANL Foundation website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Our Work' highlighted. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Career Pathways Scholarships'. The page includes a 'View Edit' link, a 'Formerly known as the Regional College / Returning Student (RCRS) Scholarship' note, and an 'Apply for a Scholarship' button. The main content area describes the scholarship's focus on career-oriented students and lists eligibility requirements. A sidebar on the right, titled 'Our Work', contains a list of links including 'Career Pathways Scholarships', '4-Year Undergraduate Scholarships', and 'Scholarship Recipients'. A callout box on the right side of the screenshot points to the 'Career Pathways Scholarships' link in the sidebar, stating: 'Each scholarship category has information & application instructions.'

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



Tips for Completing a Strong Scholarship Application

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.
- **Do not leave a question blank. Even if the question really does not apply to you, such as military service, enter Not Applicable or NA.**
- Complete all open-ended questions. For example, NA is not a good answer for the Leadership Roles question.

Explain how you meet the criteria for the scholarship.

- If the scholarship is 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.

Write to your audience, but do not embellish.

- You don't need a PhD in Engineering to become a licensed practicing engineer. 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.

Special Circumstances:

When asked, 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.