

2024 Education Foundation College Scholarship Program Application

\$4,000 Tom M. Phelps Scholarship
for College Juniors and Seniors



PLATEAU

The logo graphic for Plateau, featuring a horizontal line with a yellow circle in the center, flanked by green lines.

Completed Applications Must Be Postmarked By February 16, 2024

Objective

Among the Education Foundation's many goals is the desire to improve educational opportunities for the Cooperative's service area. Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.9 million in scholarships and grants to deserving students. Those interested may complete this application and mail it to: Education Foundation Committee, c/o Plateau, P.O. Box 1947, 7111 N. Prince St., Clovis, New Mexico 88102-1947. For questions, call 1.575.389.4387 or 1.800.432.2369 ext. 4387. **All applications must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2024.**

2024 Scholarship Amounts and Distribution

2 - \$4,000 Tom M. Phelps Scholarships (disbursed over two semesters at \$2,000 per semester on condition that the recipient remains a full-time student, completes a full-time schedule each semester and maintains a 2.5 GPA or better each semester).

You may apply if you:

- 1) Are a student who will be classified as a full-time college junior or senior at a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university for the fall 2024 semester.
- 2) Are a legal dependent¹ of an active Cooperative member² or active Cooperative member currently receiving retail communication services in one of the Cooperative's 26 service exchange areas (subscriptions to services outside the Cooperative's exchange areas do not qualify).
- 3) Are a student with a minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent on a 4.0 scale (an authorized school official must verify the GPA on this application).
- 4) Are a student who does not currently receive funding from the Education Foundation of Plateau (fall 2024 semester).

Decisions by the Education Foundation Scholarship Committee as to eligibility and scholarship award are final.

How to Apply

- 1) Complete this application. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are qualified to apply, that the application is complete and legible, with all signatures and supporting information included.
- 2) Have an authorized representative of your school complete the section titled "School Certification".
- 3) Obtain and attach exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation to the application form. The first letter must be from an official (instructor, professor, etc.) of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- 4) Include a copy of your most recent transcript from the school you are currently attending.
- 5) Provide a complete copy of your current year's FAFSA®. This confirms dependency status.

Incomplete applications, nonqualifying applicants, unmet GPA requirements and applications containing additional attachments will be removed from consideration and returned to applicant.

Mail the completed application with all attachments to Tom M. Phelps Scholarship, Education Foundation, c/o Plateau, P.O. Box 1947, 7111 N. Prince St., Clovis, New Mexico, 88102-1947. **All applications must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2024.**

Scholarship Award Procedures

The scholarship program is very competitive and applications receive careful review by an Education Foundation Scholarship Committee comprised of Board members. The names of the applicants are concealed so the Committee does not have access to anything other than the application data. The Committee is purposely not informed of who the applicants are until all information contained in the form has been judged, rated and assigned an award status.

Scholarship winners will be notified directly after the selection process is completed.

¹ For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, a dependent is an individual that meets the IRS rules as a qualifying child for tax purposes and is classified as a dependent student on the FAFSA Student Aid Report.

² For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, an active Cooperative member is defined as a person, business or organization that purchases retail communication services within the Cooperative's service area. Retail communication services purchased in the following areas will qualify as Cooperative memberships — 279 (House), 355 (Fort Sumner), 357 (Grady), 372 (Weber City), 374 (Clayton), 389 (Pleasant Hill), 421 (El Valle), 422 (White Lakes), 423 (Bingham), 427 (Anton Chico), 456 (Bellview), 458 (Ragland), 472 (Santa Rosa), 481 (Farwell, TX), 485 (Roy), 487 (Logan), 575 (East Glenrio, TX), 576 (San Jon), 584 (Vaughn), 633 (Nara Visa), 641 (Tremontina), 673 (Mosquero), 683 (South Clovis), 849 (Corona), 868 (Conchas Dam) or 985 (Ranchvale). Subscriptions to Plateau services outside these areas do not qualify. Retail communication services include landline telephone and/or broadband internet.



Application

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Mailing Address

Applicant's Contact Phone Number Including Area Code

Applicant's Email Address

Qualifying Plateau Landline Telephone Number and/or Account Number

Qualifying Cooperative Member's Name and Relationship to Applicant (If Other Than Applicant)

Regionally Accredited School Attending and Applicant's Student ID#

School's Mailing Address

School's Phone Number

Applicant's Classification for Fall 2024 Semester (Junior/Senior)

Field of Study/Degree/Certification Pursuing

School Certification (To Be Completed By An Authorized School Official)

Student's Name

Full-time Hours Currently Enrolled

Classification

GPA

Regionally Accredited School Name

I hereby attest that the information for this student is complete and true. Further, I attest that I am qualified to make such verification on behalf of said school.

Printed Name

Title

Contact Phone Number

Signature and Date

Applicant's Certification

As an applicant, I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge, and I grant permission for the Plateau Education Foundation representatives to review this application and/or my school records to determine my eligibility for the selection of scholarship awards. Permission is further granted to use my name, likeness or other information in promotional or publicity materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship:

Applicant signature and date

Signature of qualified Cooperative member and date (if other than applicant)

Application Checklist

- ☐ Are all required items on the application completed?
- ☐ Is the section "School Certification" completed and signed by the appropriate official?
- ☐ Are exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation included with the application?
- ☐ Is a copy of your most recent transcript from the school you are currently attending enclosed with the application?
- ☐ Is a complete copy of your current year's FAFSA Student Aid Report included?
- ☐ Has the qualified Cooperative member signed in the appropriate area?
- ☐ Is the Cooperative member's qualifying Plateau account number and/or telephone number within one of the 26 exchanges listed at the bottom of page 2?

All information provided with the application will be kept strictly confidential.

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Visit <https://www.plateautel.com/scholarship/> for more scholarship or grant opportunities.



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