

2023

Education Foundation

College Scholarship Program Application

\$8,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship

\$8,000 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship

\$5,000 Banner Scholarship



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Completed Applications Must Be Postmarked By February 28, 2023

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Objective

Among the Education Foundation's many goals is the desire to improve educational opportunities for the youth of the Cooperative's service area. Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.6 million in scholarships and grants to deserving students from the Cooperative's service area. Those interested may complete this application and mail it to: Education Foundation Committee, c/o Plateau, P.O. Box 1947, 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 28, 2023.**

2023 Scholarship Amounts and Distribution

- 3 - \$8,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarships (disbursed over eight semesters at \$1,000 per semester on condition that the recipient remains a full-time student completing a full-time schedule each semester and maintains a 2.5 grade GPA or better each semester.)
- 3 - \$8,000 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarships (disbursed over eight semesters at \$1,000 per semester on condition that the recipient remains a full-time student completing a full-time schedule each semester and maintains a 2.5 grade GPA or better each semester.)
- 25 - \$5,000 Banner Scholarships (disbursed over four semesters at \$1,250 per semester on condition that the recipient remains a full-time student completing a full-time schedule each semester and maintains a 2.5 grade GPA or better each semester.)

You may apply if you:

- 1) Are a graduating high school senior.
- 2) Are a legal dependent of an active Cooperative member¹ or an active Cooperative member² who currently receives 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 planning to attend a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university in the fall of 2023 (successful scholarship recipients may transfer to or from institutions without penalty as long as academic eligibility and full-time student status is maintained).
- 4) 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).

Decisions of the Education Foundation Scholarship

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 (Trementina), 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.

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) Obtain and attach exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation to the application form. The first letter must be from an official (teacher, principal, counselor) of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities. Supplemental materials including additional letters, resumes, transcripts or other attachments will cause the application to be removed from consideration.
- 3) Provide a complete copy of your current year's FAFSA[®] Student Aid Report. This confirms dependency status.
- 4) Complete a one-page handwritten essay in blue or black ink (no pencil) using only the space provided on the application form (Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship and Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship). Unsuccessful applicants for the Patterson and Harris Scholarships will automatically be placed in the pool with the Banner Scholarship applications.
- 5) Additional information may be required to determine eligibility.

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

Mail the completed application form with all attachments to Education Foundation Committee, 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 28, 2023.**

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.

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Application

Your Name (first, middle, last):

The Cooperative member's qualifying Plateau landline telephone number and/or account number (Will be used to determine eligibility. See footnotes on page 2):

The name of qualifying Cooperative member and relationship to applicant (Applicant must be a legal dependent of an active Cooperative member or an active Cooperative member. See footnotes on page 2):

Your mailing address (P.O. Box/Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Your email address:

Your contact phone number including area code:

The name of the high school you are currently attending:

The name of the vocational school, college or university you plan to attend:

The field of study you plan to pursue:

List any scholarships and amounts you have been awarded to date (Use only the space provided):

List any non-academic awards you have received and offices you have held over the last two years (Use only the space provided):

List any academic honors you were awarded over the last two years (i.e. Honor Society, etc). (Use only the space provided):

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List any civic, community or volunteer activities you participated in over the last two years (Use only the space provided):

List any paid employment or work experience over the last two years (Use only the space provided):

Identify the activities in which you have been involved by circling the number of years you participated in each:

Band	1	2	3	4
Baseball	1	2	3	4
Basketball	1	2	3	4
BPA	1	2	3	4
Cheerleading	1	2	3	4
Choir	1	2	3	4
Cross Country	1	2	3	4
FCCLA	1	2	3	4
FFA	1	2	3	4
Football	1	2	3	4
Golf	1	2	3	4
Newspaper	1	2	3	4
NHS	1	2	3	4
Softball	1	2	3	4
Speech	1	2	3	4
Student Gov	1	2	3	4
Tennis	1	2	3	4
Track	1	2	3	4
Volleyball	1	2	3	4
Yearbook	1	2	3	4
Other _____				

- Complete a one-page handwritten essay in blue or black ink (no pencil) using the space provided in this application form (Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship and Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship only).

School Certification (to be completed by an authorized school official)

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's cumulative GPA (grades 9-12): _____ on a 4.0 scale

Numeric class standing: # _____ in a senior class of _____ students

ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____

(Signature & Date)

(School)

Applicant 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 - see footnotes on page 2)

(Relationship to applicant - self, father, mother, guardian)

Essay

To be completed by Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship and Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship applicants. Submit on this form only using the space provided, a handwritten response in blue or black ink (no pencil) to the question posed below. Each applicant's judgment, clarity, expression of thought and grammatical correctness will be compared with other entries in order to select finalists. To allow for an anonymous and impartial evaluation of your essay, do not mention your name, the name of your school, name of your community or any family member's name anywhere in this essay. Doing so will cause the application to be removed from consideration.

After completing high school, an increasing number of area young people leave and do not return. Rural communities and their economic, social, and cultural existence are dependent upon a sustained population. How would you resolve this dilemma?

Application Checklist

- Are all required items on the application completed?
- Is the section “School Certification” completed and signed by the appropriate official?
- Is a complete copy of your current year’s FAFSA Student Aid Report included?
- Is the handwritten essay completed in blue or black ink (no pencil) only in the space provided if applying for the Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship and Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship?
- Are there exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation included?
- Has the qualified Cooperative member signed in the appropriate area?
- Is the Cooperative member’s qualifying Plateau account number and/or landline 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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