

2024 Education Foundation College Scholarship Program Application

\$2,500 Committed to Excellence Endowment Scholarship
\$2,500 Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship



PLATEAU

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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 youth of the Cooperative's service area. Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.9 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 16, 2024.**

2024 Scholarship Amounts and Distribution

- 1 - \$3,000 Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship (this scholarship is based on financial need and is disbursed over two semesters at \$1,500 per semester on condition that the recipient provides proof of full-time student status).
- 2 - \$3,000 Committed to Excellence Endowment Scholarships (these scholarships are based on financial need and are and disbursed over two semesters at \$1,500 per semester on condition that the recipient provides proof of full-time student status).

You may apply if you:

- 1) Are a graduating high school senior or a returning college student who has not enrolled for at least the past two consecutive semesters.
- 2) Are a legal dependent¹ of an active Cooperative member² or active Cooperative member² who 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) or a legal dependent of a current Plateau employee who may not be an active Cooperative member, but meets other qualifications listed.
- 3) Are a student who plans to attend a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university in the fall of 2024.
- 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).
- 5) Are a student with at least a 22 ACT / 1110 SAT score. An authorized school official must verify the scores on this application.

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.

- 6) Are a student with an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of no more than \$10,000 (\$12,500 for a dependent of a Plateau employee) on their current year's FAFSA[®] Student Aid Report.

Decisions of 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) 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 and EFC.
- 4) Provide a transcript from the last institution attended ("**Returning College Students**" only).
- 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 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.

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 or Plateau employee and relationship to applicant (must be a legal dependent of an active Cooperative member, an active Cooperative member, or dependent of a Plateau Employee. 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 or 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

EFC Rating (from FAFSA)

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

Applicant's name: _____

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

Numeric class standing: # _____ in a senior class of _____ students (high school students only)

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 or Plateau employee and date - see footnotes on page 2)

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

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?
- Are there exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation included?
- Has the qualified Cooperative member or Plateau employee 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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