

2024 Education Foundation Scholarship Program Application

\$5,000 Vocational Careers 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 members of the Cooperative's service area. Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.9 million in scholarships and grants. 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

4 - \$5,000 Vocational Careers 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 GPA or better each semester.)

You may apply if you:

- 1) Have graduated from high school or obtained a GED within the past three years.
- 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 an area student planning to enroll in a vocational, trade or technical career program at an ACCSC accredited vocational school or regionally accredited college or university in the fall of 2024 (successful scholarship recipients may transfer to or from institutions without penalty as long as academic eligibility and full-time student status is maintained).

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) Attach a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate.

- 3) Attach exactly two (2) signed letters of recommendation to the application form. The letters must be from adults who are not related to you, who can attest to your qualifications and abilities. Supplemental materials including additional letters, resumes, or other attachments will cause the application to be removed from consideration.
- 4) Attach a copy of page 1 of the member's most current tax return listing the applicant as a dependent or page 1 of the member's most current tax return showing the member as the filer.
- 5) Additional information may be required to determine eligibility.

Incomplete applications, nonqualifying applicants, 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.

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

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

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 on page 1 of the most recent tax return.

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.

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 (If applicant is not the member, applicant must be a legal dependent of 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 attended:

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 awards you have received and offices you have held over the last two years. (Use only the space provided):

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):

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)

Application Checklist

- Are all required items on the application completed?
- Is a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate included?
- Is a copy of page 1 of the most current tax return for the member included?
- 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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