



## PLATEAU EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

### 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 \$2 million in scholarships and grants. Those interested in applying for scholarships 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 575.389.4387 or 1.800.432.2369 ext. 4387. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2025.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

- Applicant must be 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.)
- Applicant is planning to attend, or is attending a regionally accredited vocational school, technical school, or college or university.
- Applicant must maintain consecutive full-time status and retain a 2.5 GPA for each semester.
- Applicant must be a legal dependent<sup>1</sup> of an active Cooperative member, who currently receives retail communication services in one of the Cooperative's 26 service exchange areas.<sup>2</sup> (Subscriptions to services outside the Cooperative's exchange areas do not qualify.) Legal dependents of Plateau employees are eligible to apply for the Tonie Martinez Memorial and Committed to Excellence Endowment scholarships.
- A copy of page one of the most recent IRS tax return for the Cooperative member showing the applicant as a legal dependent. ***Financial information may be redacted for all applications EXCEPT for the Tonie Martinez Memorial and Committed to Excellence Endowment scholarships as these are need-based scholarships.***
- Each scholarship may have additional, specific requirements.
- Including additional documents such as additional letters of recommendation, resumes, or other attachments will cause the application to be removed from consideration.
- An applicant may only receive funding from one Plateau scholarship at any given time.

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, a dependent is an individual that meets the IRS rules as a qualifying child for tax purposes.

<sup>2</sup> 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 Glen Rio, 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.

## SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

### **3 - Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarships - \$8,000**

### **3 - Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarships - \$8,000**

### **3 - Larry Wallin Memorial Scholarships - \$8,000**

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$2,000 per semester.
- An essay must be written and submitted with the application. See page 6 for instructions.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- Applicant must submit a recent photo or school photo to be used for publicity purposes.

### **25 - Banner Scholarships - \$5,000**

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$1,250 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.

### **4 - Occupational, Trade and Technical Careers Scholarships- \$5,000**

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$1,250 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.

### **4 - Vocational Careers Scholarships - \$5,000**

- Applicant must have graduated from high school or obtained a GED within the past three (3) years.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$1,250 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The letters must be from adults who are not related to you, who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.

### **3 - Tom M. Phelps Scholarships - \$5,000**

- Applicant must be classified as a full-time college junior or senior at a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university for the fall 2025 semester.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- Applicant must include the most recent transcript from the school currently attending.

### 3 - Frank Blackburn Scholarships - \$5,000

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a returning college student enrolled at a regionally accredited vocational school, college, or university for the fall 2025 semester.
- Applicant must be enrolled in an agriculture-related degree plan.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- Applicant must include the most recent transcript from the school currently attending.

### 2 - Committed to Excellence Endowment Scholarships - \$5,000

### 2 - Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarships - \$5,000

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a returning college student who has not enrolled for at least the past two (2) consecutive semesters.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The letters must be from adults who are not related to you, who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- Applicant must provide a transcript from the last institution attended. **\*\*Returning College Students Only.\*\***
- Applicant must have scored at least a 22 ACT / 1110 SAT score. An authorized school official must verify the score on this application.

### 3 - Hal Greig Legal Studies Scholarships - \$5,000

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or returning college student enrolled in or planning to enroll in a legal studies degree plan at a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university for the fall 2025 semester. This could include paralegal studies, criminal justice, law school, or similar path.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must include the transcript from the institution that awarded the bachelor's degree.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The letters must be from adults who are not related to you, who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.

**Completed Applications Must Be Postmarked No Later Than**

**February 14, 2025 With All Attachments To:  
Education Foundation Scholarship Committee**

**C/O Plateau**

**P.O. Box 1947**

**7111 N. Prince St.**

**Clovis, NM 88102-1947**

## PLATEAU EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name (first, middle, last)

The Cooperative member's name and qualifying Plateau landline telephone number and/or account number (Will be used to determine eligibility.)

Cooperative member's relationship to applicant

\*\*Applicant must be a dependent of the Cooperative Member.

### Scholarship:

(Check all that apply.)

- \$8,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship - Must submit essay on page 6.
- \$8,000 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship - Must submit essay on page 6.
- \$8,000 Larry Wallin Memorial Scholarship - Must submit essay on page 6.
- \$5,000 Banner Scholarship
- \$5,000 Occupational, Trade, and Technical Careers Scholarship
- \$5,000 Vocational Scholarship
- \$5,000 Tom M. Phelps Scholarship
- \$5,000 Frank Blackburn Scholarship
- \$5,000 Committed to Excellence Endowment Scholarship
- \$5,000 Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship
- \$5,000 Hal Greig Legal Studies Scholarship

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

Mailing address of school you plan to attend

The field of study you plan to pursue

Your classification for fall 2025 semester (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)





## School Certification (To be completed by an authorized school official.)

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale

Numeric class standing

ACT Score:

SAT Score:

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Signature of School Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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Applicant Signature

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Cooperative Member Signature

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Date

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Relationship to Applicant

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Date

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