



PLATEAU EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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 13, 2026**.

Please ensure you thoroughly review all eligibility requirements. Incomplete applications or missing/incorrect documentation will result in disqualification from consideration.

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 maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- **Applicant must be a legal dependent¹ of 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.) 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.***
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. The first letter must be from an official of the school you are currently attending. The second letter should be from any other adult who can attest to your qualifications and abilities.
- Each scholarship may have additional, specific requirements.
- Including additional documents such as additional letters of recommendation, resumes, transcripts (when not a specific requirement for the scholarship being applied for), 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.
- Applicant must submit a recent photo or school photo to be used for publicity purposes.

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

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 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:

Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship - \$8,000 - 3 scholarships

Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship - \$8,000 - 3 scholarships

Larry Wallin Memorial Scholarship - \$8,000 - 3 scholarships

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$2,000 per semester.
- An essay must be handwritten in ink pen and submitted with the application. See pages 5 and 6 for instructions.

Banner Scholarship - \$5,000 - 25 scholarships

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over four (4) semesters at \$1,250 per semester.

Occupational, Trade and Technical Careers Scholarship - \$5,000- 4 scholarships

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a non-baccalaureate or Associate degree program including but not limited to, a skilled trade, technical field, healthcare support, transportation/logistics, or emergency responder.

Vocational Careers Scholarship - \$5,000 - 4 scholarships

- Applicant must have graduated from high school or obtained a GED within the past three (3) years.
- Disbursed over two semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a certificate program including, but not limited to, a skilled trade, technical field, healthcare support, transportation/logistics, or emergency responder.

Tom M. Phelps Scholarship - \$5,000 - 3 scholarships

- Applicant must be classified as a full-time college junior or senior at a regionally accredited vocational school, college, or university for the fall 2026 semester.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must include the most recent transcript from the school currently attending.

Frank Blackburn Scholarship - \$5,000 - 3 scholarships

- 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 2026 semester.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must be enrolled in an agriculture-related degree plan including, but not limited to, agricultural sciences, agribusiness, animal science, crop and soil science, agricultural engineering, environmental/natural resource management, food sciences, or veterinary-related fields.
- Applicant must include the most recent transcript from the school currently attending.

Committed to Excellence Endowment Scholarship - \$5,000 - 2 scholarships

Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship - \$5,000 - 2 scholarships

- 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.
- **Returning College Students Only** must provide a transcript from the last institution attended.
- **High School Seniors Only** must have scored at least a 22 ACT / 1110 SAT score. An authorized school official must verify the score on this application.

Hal Greig Legal Studies Scholarship - \$5,000 - 3 scholarships

- 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 2026 semester.
- Disbursed over two (2) semesters at \$2,500 per semester.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a legal studies degree plan including, but not limited to, legal studies, pre-law, criminal justice, political science, public administration, or related fields preparing students for careers in law, public policy, legal research, compliance, or advocacy.

Completed Applications Must Be Postmarked No Later Than

February 13, 2026 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 school you are **currently** attending

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

Mailing address of the school you plan to attend

The field of study you plan to pursue

Degree plan: Bachelor, Associate, Certificate

Your classification for the fall 2026 semester (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)

Responses are required for all scholarships.

Please write your responses by hand using blue or black ink (no pencil) directly on this form, using only the space provided. Your submission will be evaluated alongside others based on judgment, clarity, organization of thought, and grammatical accuracy. To ensure a fair and anonymous review process, do not include your name, the name of your school, community, or any family member anywhere in your answers. Including any identifying information, or the suspected use of AI or any external assistance when completing your responses, will result in disqualification of your application.

Provide four examples of your leadership qualities and how you have used them.

Why do you believe you deserve this scholarship more than other candidates?

Completion is required to be eligible for the Evelyn Patterson Memorial, Robert M. Harris Memorial, or Larry Wallin Memorial Scholarships.

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How has living in a rural community influenced your growth and values? Describe how these experiences have guided your educational and career goals, and explain how you plan to use your future success to positively impact your community or other rural areas.

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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:

Signature of School Official

Title

Date

School

Applicant Certification

As an applicant, I hereby certify that all 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. I acknowledge that all scholarship selection decisions are final and rest solely with the discretion of the Plateau Education Foundation.

Applicant Signature

Date

Cooperative Member Signature

Relationship to Applicant

Date



Use this checklist to confirm that your application is complete:

- ☐ I have completed the scholarship application form with all sections filled in.
- ☐ I have included my most recent photo or school photo (will be used for publicity).
- ☐ I have included two letters of recommendation:
 - One from a school official.
 - One from a non-family adult who can speak to your character and qualifications.
- ☐ I have included the most recent transcript (*if applying for Tom M. Phelps, Frank Blackburn, or Hal Greig Legal Studies scholarships only.*)
- ☐ I have not included any extra documents such as resumes, extra letters, transcripts (unless specifically requested), etc.
- ☐ I have included page one of the most recent IRS tax return for the Cooperative member (must show applicant as a dependent). It must be unredacted for need-based scholarships (Tonie Martinez and Committed to Excellence). Financial info may be redacted for all others.

If you have any questions about the eligibility requirements, required documents, or completing this application, please contact Kandi Hall at 575.389.4387 or email scholarships@plateautel.com.

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