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2025 Student Aid At-A-Glance *Report to the Board*

In 2025, the Albuquerque Community Foundation made awards from 27 endowment funds, providing scholarships and financial aid to support students for the 2025–2026 academic year. Each program has distinct selection criteria and application review procedures. Some awards are one-time, while others are renewable. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$10,000, and all payments are made annually between July and October.

The Foundation convened 14 individual review meetings, held both in person and virtually, to evaluate applications, confirm eligibility, and make award recommendations. To maximize volunteer expertise and time, some meetings addressed multiple scholarship programs. This year, committees reviewed 316 submitted applications and made 80 new award offers.

In compliance with IRS regulations, donors and donor representatives do not constitute a majority of any review committee. Renewal awards are reviewed by Foundation staff to confirm that renewal requirements are met. All awards are paid directly to educational institutions, and all recipients must be residents of New Mexico.

- 1. American Advertising Internship Scholarship Est. 2012**
Aiding deserving men and women who intend to enter the advertising or communications field.
- 2. Andrew Piech Memorial Scholarship Est. 2010**
Aiding students in the field of Automotive Technology and related Applied Technologies. Students must pursue a degree or certificate from a nonprofit, public, automotive, or technical vocational institution including community colleges.
- 3. Barnes W. Rose Jr., and Eva Rose Nichol Scholarship Est. 2003**
Aiding an Albuquerque High School graduate pursuing a bachelor's degree in one of the STEM majors: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.
- 4. Bob Chavez Scholarship for the Arts by The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Est. 2024**
Providing assistance to students who are a member of, or are affiliated with, a federally recognized Pueblo from NM who are pursuing a degree in the visual arts or related field.
- 5. Bryan Cline Memorial Soccer Scholarship Est. 1987**
Aiding Eldorado High School varsity soccer team graduating seniors. (One male and one female.)
- 6. Carl F. Scott Scholarship for TUCUMCARI LODGE No. 27 Est. 2005**
Aiding New Mexico residents from Quay County to continue their post-secondary education. Applications are considered for graduating high school seniors beginning their college education and returning college students.

7. **David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship Est. 2008**
Aiding students attending an accredited nonprofit or public educational institution in pursuit of a certificate or degree in a metal's technology program with a concentration in machine tool technology and welding.
8. **Davis-Kozoll Scholarship Est. 2019**
Providing scholarships to students seeking a higher education for the purpose of entering science or human service careers such as child life specialist, licensed clinical social worker, psychologist, counselor, marriage and family therapist, case management worker, or community outreach worker OR preparing for non-scientific or non-human service employment in communities of northwest New Mexico with a priority for those students residing within the communities of Counselor, Cuba, Gallina, La Jara, Lindrith, Lybrook, Nageezi, Ojo Encino, Regina, San Luis, and Torreon.
9. **Douglas Faust Blackledge Memorial Scholarship Est. 2022**
Providing assistance to Manzano High School boys varsity soccer players and members of the varsity wrestling team. For Manzano High School students only.
10. **James Knott Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by The New Mexico Manufactured Housing Association Est. 1996**
Aiding New Mexico graduating high school seniors residing in a manufactured home.
11. **James Ledwith Memorial Scholarship Est. 2011**
Aiding students who have faced an extraordinary life challenge and have continued to pursue a life dream with hope, faith, and courage despite the adversity. The scholarship is for post-secondary education in pursuit of their life dream and professional goal.
12. **Jonathan Sherman Spradling Memorial Scholarship Est. 2023**
Providing assistance to graduating high school seniors who can demonstrate their experience with volunteerism and community service. Preference is given to those who reside in Valencia County, NM
13. **Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque Scholarship Est. 1996**
Aiding graduating students with strong community service experience and strong academic records from an Albuquerque metro area high school, (including Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and Torrance Counties) who are planning a career in child development and/or teaching.
14. **Manuel Lujan Excellence in Education Scholarship Est. 1991**
Providing assistance for graduating seniors from 24 designated central New Mexico high schools attending a New Mexico four-year college/university. Each designated high school selects one student for a \$500 per year award, renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate studies.
15. **Matthew Farley Memorial Scholarship Est. 2023**
Supporting graduating high school seniors from Rio Rancho High School who have demonstrated significant interest and achievement in Biology.
16. **Nina J. Wing Scholarship Est. 2018**
Aiding students previously in foster care who are currently attending or will be attending Central New Mexico Community College.
17. **New Mexico Press Woman Scholarship Fund Est. 2023**
Established the Anne and Tony Hillerman Scholarship and The Rosenstiel Scholarship to assist New Mexico Students who are studying in the fields of journalism, communications, or law.
18. **Pedro and Mateo Sandoval Strong Memorial Scholarship Est. 2020**
Providing scholarships to Moriarty High School graduating Senior students, who plan on attending a two-year and/or four-year college/university or certified trade school. Students must be pursuing his or her first undergraduate, associate or applied skilled trades degree.
19. **Rae Lee Siporin Scholarship for Women Est. 2012**
Aiding women who are continuing or returning to college/university for their first undergraduate degree and need financial assistance for their senior year of school. Preference will be given to women who have dropped out and are returning to finish their degree.
20. **Robby Baker Memorial Scholarship Est. 2003**
Aiding a La Cueva High School graduating senior who has a language learning disability or other reading disability.

21. Susie Kubié Symphonic Music Scholarship Est. 2017

Providing scholarships to deserving young students who have participated in the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program and intend to pursue a degree in music during college. *Must be nominated by AYS.*

22. Sussman-Miller Educational Assistance Award Program Est. 1994

Providing assistance to students to further their education in an undergraduate program who need financial assistance to address the 'gap' in financial aid packages.

23. William F. Mann Scholarship Est 2018

Aiding students to secure a college education and create a better way of life, ultimately mentoring other young men and women to succeed. It is important the applicant has a strong background in community service during his or her high school career and reflects that of a "stand-up citizen". Preference will be given to Albuquerque High School students.

24. Women in Rhetoric and Logic Scholarship Est. 2014

Supports female students from Albuquerque Academy to continue their education at a nonprofit or public educational institution. One female graduating senior will be selected to receive a one-time, non-renewable award up to \$5,000.

25. Woodcock Family Education Scholarship Est. 1993

Aiding Albuquerque metro area high school graduating seniors of exceptional promise in the fields of science and math.

26. Youth in Foster Care Scholarship Est. 2008

Aiding young adults who have been in the New Mexico foster care system who want to develop a marketable skill or continue their education at a post-secondary school.

2025 Volunteer Student Aid Committee Members

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2025 New Award Recipients

Barnes W. Rose Jr., and Eva Rose Nichol Scholarship

Cecilia Nyaanga \$ 950.00

Bob Chavez Scholarship for the Arts

Byran Cline Memorial Soccer Scholarship

Nathan Steen \$ 1,000.00

Olivia Wills \$ 1,000.00

Carl F. Scott Scholarship

Abby Paris \$ 2,100.00

Amish Bhakta \$ 4,000.00

Devin Kotara \$ 2,100.00

Greyson Bollinger \$ 2,100.00

Kelly Reid \$ 2,100.00

Lynnsey Hall \$ 5,175.00

Michael Oglesby Jr. \$ 2,100.00

Natalie Hayes \$ 4,000.00

Payson Nials \$ 2,100.00

Perlita Ramirez \$ 2,100.00

Robert Strong \$ 1,000.00

Saisravya Bandla \$ 2,100.00

Saisruthi Bandla \$ 4,000.00

Davis-Kozoll Scholarship

Alicia Gallegos \$ 1,000.00

Amia Salazar \$ 1,000.00

Dylan Simpson \$ 1,000.00

Hailey Spence \$ 1,000.00

Kayla Chiquito \$ 1,000.00

Leililah Harvey \$ 1,000.00

Madison Elwell \$ 1,000.00

Mike Salazar \$ 1,000.00

Sofia Delgado \$ 1,000.00

Douglas Faust Blackledge Memorial Scholarship

Analiene Kear \$ 500.00

Israyel Barraza \$ 500.00

James Ledwith Memorial Scholarship

Cecilia Nyaanga \$ 2,000.00

Jonathan Sherman Spradling Memorial Scholarship

Izabel Zamora \$ 2,000.00

Jadyn Montoya \$ 2,000.00

Liyana Yeahia \$ 2,000.00

Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque Scholarship

Kayla Chiquito \$ 1,750.00

Liyana Yeahia \$ 1,750.00

Manuel Lujan Excellence in Education Scholarship

Allison Sleep	\$ 2,000.00
Aurelleia Chavez	\$ 2,000.00
Daniel Gonzalez	\$ 2,000.00
Frieda Gabbett	\$ 2,000.00
Lia Garcia	\$ 2,000.00
Lillian Sheehan	\$ 2,000.00
Makayla Tafoya	\$ 2,000.00
Olivia McCall	\$ 2,000.00
Sophia Swagerty	\$ 2,000.00
Sylvianna Ybarra	\$ 2,000.00
Victoria St. John	\$ 2,000.00
Zolin Guhrke	\$ 2,000.00

James Knott Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by
The New Mexico Manufactured Housing Association

Aurelleia Chavez	\$ 4,000.00
Larae Gonzalez	\$ 4,000.00

Jim and Ann Nelson Student Aid Fund for Foster Youth

Ajah-Rain Yellowhair	\$ 600.00
Betty Lou Plotner	\$ 850.00
Joaquin Walsh	\$ 600.00
Lucia Monroe	\$ 850.00
Madison Malouff	\$ 1,000.00
Romelia Mendoza	\$ 600.00
Santiago Herrera	\$ 1,000.00

New Mexico Press Women Scholarship Fund

Lacey Yazzie	\$ 1,000.00
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New Mexico Veterans Memorial Scholarship

Maria Belen Padilla Herrera	\$ 2,000.00
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Pedro and Mateo SandovalStrong Memorial Scholarship

Brooklyn Olivas	\$ 3,000.00
Daniel Gonzalez	\$ 3,000.00

Rae Lee Siporin Scholarship for Women

Corina Portillo	\$ 3,500.00
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Robby Baker Memorial Scholarship

Susie Kubie Symphonic Music Scholarship

Summer Crabb	\$ 2,000.00
Hannah Esparza	\$ 2,000.00

Sussman-Miller Education Assistance Fund

Alexandra Romero	\$ 4,403.00
Aspyn Bobonea	\$ 1,709.00
Aurrelleia Chavez	\$ 7,810.00
Brianna Bitner	\$ 1,867.00
Claire McDaniel	\$ 5,038.00
Itxel Barrera-Moncayo	\$ 2,969.00
Jacqueline Pardue-Duran	\$ 5,101.00
Jada Haye-Porter	\$ 4,450.00
Jastin Armijo-Pemble	\$ 1,150.00
Kailiah Peters	\$ 7,313.00
Kitana James	\$ 4,096.00
Violeta Lopez	\$ 4,907.00

Woodcock Family Education Scholarship

Dhruv Grandhe	\$ 10,000.00
Katya Tashkova	\$ 10,000.00
Liyana Yeahia	\$ 10,000.00