

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation Community Service Scholarships

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

LAPS Foundation will award up to four community service scholarships in 2025 to Los Alamos High School graduating seniors who will be entering into post-secondary education after graduation. The criteria for selection will be the student's demonstrated school and community volunteer service. As part of the scholarship, students nominate an "Educator of Distinction" who is recognized with the selected student.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

\$1,500

Eligibility

Must be a 2026 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate their commitment to enriching their school and/or community through volunteer involvement.

Selection will be based on:

1. The applicant's demonstrated service contributions to the schools and/or community;
2. The applicant's description of their volunteer involvement and how it influenced them; and
3. A letter of recommendation from someone directly involved with the service work.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A written description (250-500 words) of your service contributions and how they have influenced you.
3. A written essay (250-500 words) about your "Educator of Distinction" and how they positively impacted you. This should be one of your educators from LAPS (Kindergarten through 12th grade) who had a meaningful impact on your education. It can be someone who is retired or no longer works for LAPS.
4. A letter of recommendation from someone directly familiar with your service contributions to your school or community. The letter should describe your role and the impact of your service contributions. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship

committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Use of AI

LAPS Foundation expects students to write their own scholarship essay for the application without any assistance from AI. It's true, AI can make things sound good, but we are interested in your own unique perspective, written in your voice about your experiences and that is what each application will be judged on. Our application form includes a statement certifying that AI was not used to develop, create, edit or assist in the writing of the essay, description of service contributions, or any portion of the application.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
LAPSF Community Service Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation Career Technical Scholarships

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

LAPS Foundation will award up to two scholarships to Los Alamos High School graduating seniors who will be entering vocational/technical school, pursuing a technical course of study or technical certificate or apprenticeship after graduation. The primary criteria are the student's plans and their commitment to a technical career pathway. As part of the scholarship, students nominate an "Educator of Distinction" who is recognized with the selected student.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

\$1500

Eligibility

Must be a 2026 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate their ambition for and commitment to pursuing a technical career.

Selection will be based on

1. The applicant's demonstrated ambition for and commitment to a technical career; and
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or employer.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A written description (250-500 words) of your plans to pursue a technical career.
3. A written essay (250-500 words) about your "Educator of Distinction" and how they positively impacted you. This should be one of your educators from LAPS (Kindergarten through 12th grade) who had a meaningful impact on your education. It can be someone who is retired or no longer works for LAPS.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or employer. The letter should describe your aptitude for pursuing a technical career. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Use of AI

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LAPS Foundation Scholarships
LAPSF Career Technical Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation Future Teachers Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

LAPS Foundation will award one scholarship to a graduating senior entering the field of teaching. This scholarship will be granted to a student who plans to major in education at a college or university. As part of the scholarship, students nominate an “Educator of Distinction” who is recognized with the selected student.

Field of Specialization

Education

Value of Award

One scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to a graduating senior. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years if the student remains enrolled at a college or university and shows progress towards completion of a degree, maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a qualified graduating high school senior of Los Alamos High School. The student must be accepted for admission and registered at a college or university by August 1, following graduation. Attendance at an in-state school (in New Mexico) is preferred but not required.

Basis of Award

This award will be based on the student’s essays, academic qualifications, school activities, community service and the comments by two LAPS teachers who know the applicant. A personal interview is optional at the discretion of the selection committee.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A written essay (250-500 words) describing why you have chosen the career path of becoming a teacher.
3. A written essay (250-500 words) about your “Educator of Distinction” and how they positively impacted you and inspired you to become a teacher. This should be one of your educators from LAPS (Kindergarten through 12th grade) who had a meaningful impact on your education. It can be someone who is retired or no longer works for LAPS.
4. Provide the names and email addresses of two LAPS teachers who would be willing to verify and discuss your qualifications.

5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. There is no minimum GPA requirement to apply but academic performance will be considered by the committee. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Use of AI

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Submission Instructions

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LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Future Teachers Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

Rawan Alsaraj Scholarship

Description

This scholarship honors Rawan Alsaraj, a Palestinian physicist living in Gaza. Despite recent displacement, Rawan's commitment to education and to advancing opportunities for young women in STEM has never wavered. She has recently established a school program for children in her community, continuing to teach them math and science lessons while schools remain closed due to the violence.

In recognition of her name and strength, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible graduating senior. Priority will be given to applicants pursuing STEM fields, but all are encouraged to apply.

Field of Specialization

Priority will be given to STEM-focused applicants, but students from any discipline are encouraged to apply.

Value of Award

One Scholarship of \$1,000.

Eligibility

Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School or New Mexico Homeschool Association with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Basis of Award

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded based on the applicant's compelling and authentic essay, which should reflect passion, self-reflection, and a genuine connection to the prompts. Consideration will also be given to demonstrated community service and meaningful contributions to the applicant's school or local community.

Application Procedures

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. A short essay detailing the student's involvement in the community and service-based volunteering. (150 words)
4. A personal narrative responding to **one** of the following prompts: (300-500 words)
 - A. What does peace mean to you, and how will it guide your future endeavors?
 - B. Describe a time when you worked with someone whose background or perspective differed from your own. How did the experience change you?
 - C. What sparked your passion for your intended area of study?
 - D. Rawan Alsaraj has focused on advancing opportunities for women in the field of STEM. How do you plan to use your education to make a positive difference in the world?

Use of AI will not be permitted. Due to the personal nature of the prompts, it is mandated that no use of AI to aid writing will be permitted. Authenticity and personal connection is valued deeply in this scholarship.

Submission Instructions

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LAPS Foundation Scholarships

Rawan Alsaraj Scholarship

1010 Central Avenue

Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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Irene Boone Memorial Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools and Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation
through the generosity of long-time resident and pediatrician,
Dr. Irene Boone and her husband, Zanas "Slim" Boone

Description

LAPS and LAPS Foundation award this need-based scholarship to students pursuing a two or four-year degree at an accredited college or university, or an accredited technical or vocational program or certification.

Field of Specialization

None specified.

Value of Award

Up to two scholarships of \$3,000 are awarded to graduating seniors. Each scholarship is renewable for three additional years if the student remains enrolled and shows progress towards a degree or certificate completion, maintaining a 2.5 GPA.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating senior of Los Alamos High School with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be NM Activities Association eligible. Supporting documentation of enrollment in higher education programs must be provided before payment of the scholarship is made.

Basis of Award

Need is the primary consideration for the award. If need is established, the committee will also consider good citizenship, as demonstrated by community service in making their selection. The student's ability to successfully complete their selected degree or program will also be considered.

The committee is generally looking for students who will not be receiving much financial assistance from their family to attend college or a vocational program. The Student Aid Index number from the FAFSA application is an indication of this and will be heavily relied on by the committee in determining need. **If your SAI number is above \$20,000, you will not likely qualify for need.** However, if you have extenuating family circumstances, you may describe that in the application to be considered even if your SAI number is above \$20,000. If you have questions about qualifying for need, please contact LAPS Foundation at 505-500-6501.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee

will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

3. The confirmation page from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that includes your Student Aid Index (SAI). (The SAI was previously known as the Expected Family Contribution "EFC" but this term changed effective July 1, 2023.) To calculate the SAI, complete the FAFSA which must include the required information of those that currently claim you as a dependent. **You do not need to submit the entire FAFSA with your scholarship application. Only submit the confirmation page showing your SAI.**
4. Write and submit a cover letter. You may use this opportunity to explain any additional circumstances which establish need, such as a parent's death, illness, divorce, job loss or disability, a family hardship, or a change in circumstances which would impact your future SAI.

Use of AI

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Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Irene Boone Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

Los Alamos High School Class of 1970 “Helping Hands” Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and the Class of 1970 Reunion Committee

Description

The Los Alamos High School Class of 1970 will award a scholarship to a 2026 graduating senior who will either be entering college/university or pursuing a vocational/technical course of study. This scholarship is awarded with funds raised during the Class of 1970’s 55th Class Reunion. The scholarship will honor a graduating senior who goes out of their way to help others. The committee will select a recipient who may not seek the spotlight but makes a meaningful impact through everyday acts of service and compassion, and who contributes positively to the world around them.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

\$1500

Eligibility

Must be a 2026 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates a desire to serve others. Preference will be given to students pursuing a vocational/technical course of study, but this is not required. Financial need will be considered but is not required.

Selection will be based on

1. The applicant’s expression of a desire to serve others. This can be demonstrated through community service, jobs, family obligations or caregiving, volunteer, church or school activities.
2. The committee’s discussion with a teacher, mentor, employer or adult in the community about the applicant’s qualifications for the scholarship.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. An essay (250-500 words) describing your desire to serve others in life, why that is important to you, how you have demonstrated this during high school and how you hope to help others in the future.
3. An unofficial copy of your transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
4. Provide the name and contact information of a teacher, mentor, employer or adult in the community who knows you well and would be willing to discuss your qualifications for the scholarship. Please tell this individual that someone from the committee will be

contacting them.

Use of AI

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Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Class of 1970 "Helping Hands" Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

**Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries Scholarship
and
June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship**

Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries and the Family of June and Harry Ettinger

Description

To honor those who love books.

The Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries awards:

- up to four (4) Friends of Los Alamos County Library Scholarships of \$2,500 each; and
- one June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship of \$3,500 (with possibility of 1-year renewal)

The June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship is administered in partnership with Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation. The Scholarship Committee will determine which of the successful applicants will be the recipient of the June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship.

Field of Specialization

No restrictions

Value of Award

June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship: One recipient will receive \$3,500 awarded at high school graduation and an additional \$3,500 awarded after the first complete year of college with a 3.0 GPA.

Friends of LACL: Up to four awards of \$2,500 each. The committee may award fewer than four scholarships depending on the number/quality of applications received.

Eligibility

For the Friends of the Los Alamos County Library Scholarships, any senior enrolled and in good standing at Los Alamos High School, or an approved home study program within Los Alamos County, who plans to continue his or her education at a recognized institution by September of the year following graduation is eligible.

For the June and Harry Ettinger Memorial Scholarship, only Los Alamos High School graduating seniors are eligible.

Basis of Award (Essay Requirements)

A personal narrative of about 500 words, typewritten, one-sided, DOUBLE-SPACED, using 12-point font. The essay will concern an age-appropriate book that was NOT required for school and which has NOT been translated into a visual medium. Tell your readers in what ways this book has added to your understanding of the human condition or has enhanced your life. Please attach a cover sheet to your essay with your name, the book's title, and author, as well as have your essay printed one-sided.

You must confirm that the book you have selected has NOT been made into a movie or television movie or program, or that the book is NOT based upon a movie or television movie or program. If your book does not meet these criteria, your application and essay will not be considered.

Due to the personal nature of this essay, we insist that absolutely no form of artificial intelligence (AI) input or online report generators be used at any stage in the writing of your essay. On the cover sheet of your report, please confirm your adherence to this request by including the following statement: "I confirm that I have not used any form of AI or online report generators in the writing of this essay. The ideas expressed here and the words used are mine alone."

Application Procedure

1. Complete and submit the LAHS Local Scholarship Application.
2. Provide the required essay (follow all requirements).
3. Be willing to participate in an informal interview (if necessary).
4. Test scores are not required. However, you must show some proof of good standing, such as an unofficial transcript. Delivery of a transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through LAHS by Jacqueline Nolen/LAHS College & Career Center. Home school students may submit other verification of progress.

Submission Instructions

Email your application to:

FiddleheadNM@gmail.com

OR

Mail your application to:

Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries Scholarship
c/o Scholarship Chair
4295 Trinity Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline:

Postmarked or delivered on or before Monday, March 30, 2026.

Note for Ettinger scholarship recipients: The family of June and Harry Ettinger highly value receiving a thank you note from the scholarship recipient. This acknowledgement is required within three months of the award. A name and address will be provided to the recipient when they receive their scholarship check.

Sophia Feldman Memorial Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and Feldman Family

Description

This scholarship is in memory of Sophia Feldman, a Los Alamos High School student who passed away in September 2019. Sophia had many interests including dance, music, and speech/debate, but one of her greatest passions was helping and supporting people. Up to four scholarships will be awarded to eligible seniors who will be entering college or vocational/technical school after graduation from Los Alamos High School.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

Up to four awards of \$3,000 each

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School.

Basis of Award

The scholarships will be awarded to students who have participated in mentoring, anti-bullying, social justice, or related activities, with preference given to students who are active in the LAHS Hilltalkers Speech/Debate, LAHS Choir, dance, or Olions clubs. Financial need will also be considered.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. An essay no longer than 400 words about activities or projects that the student has participated in that demonstrate their interest in anti-bullying, social justice or related activities.
4. A letter of recommendation from an adult who is familiar with the applicant's activities or projects. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.

Use of AI

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Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Sophia Feldman Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

Kristin Kosiewicz Substance Abuse Awareness Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

Description

The Kristin Kosiewicz Substance Abuse Awareness Scholarship is awarded in memory of Kristin Kosiewicz, a 1993 graduate of Los Alamos High School who passed away on September 26, 2021 from an accidental fentanyl overdose. ([See obituary.](#)) Two mg of Fentanyl is a fatal dose. ([See illustration showing two mg of salt.](#)) Kristin was an exceptional athlete, a talented artist, and a confident and adventurous world traveler. Kristin enjoyed all things nature and loved to explore the outdoors. Three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating LAHS seniors to increase awareness of substance abuse.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

Three awards of \$3000 each

Eligibility

Must be a 2026 graduating senior. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

Three \$3000 scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's compelling essay about substance abuse and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.

Selection will be based on:

1. The applicant's essay about the negative impacts of substance abuse; and
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor.

Application Procedures

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A written essay (300-600 words) about the impacts of substance abuse. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in preparing or writing your essay is not permitted. Essays identified as AI-generated will not be selected for this scholarship. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas.
3. Your essay should include your reflections on:
 - a. The negative impacts of substance abuse on individuals, families, and the Los Alamos community;
 - b. What you think could help Los Alamos High School students and graduates make safer choices and avoid addiction or accidental overdose;
 - c. Personal knowledge you have that brings light to the issue of substance abuse;
 - d. Any additional ideas you have for increasing awareness as well as prevention

strategies.

We encourage you to write honestly, thoughtfully, and in your own voice.

4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor who knows you well. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the teacher or mentor to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
5. An unofficial copy of your transcript. (Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.)

Submission Instructions

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We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Kristin Kosiewicz Substance Abuse Awareness Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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Ross and Lola Ramsey Memorial Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and former students of the Ramseys

Description

This scholarship is in memory of Ross and Lola Ramsey who worked as a team to manage the Civic Auditorium, now the Duane Smith Auditorium, for over a quarter of a century. From the year the auditorium opened in 1951 to 1974 when they both retired, the Ramseys created and directed the renowned Olions theater program and helped students find and develop their potential as they acted in and produced plays, musicals and Topper Revue. One scholarship will be awarded to an eligible senior who will be entering college or vocational/technical school after graduation from Los Alamos High School.

Field of Specialization

Any, though preference will be given to students planning a career in the performing arts.

Value of Award

One award of \$1000.

Eligibility

Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who participated as a performer or behind the scenes in theater or musical performances and was involved in the Olions Club during high school. Preference will be given to students who are planning a career in the performing arts. Financial need and first generation college student status will be considered but are not required.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. An essay (300-600 words) describing the positive impact your participation in the Olions Club and involvement in theater and musical performances has had on you. Include details with specific examples about how these experiences helped you in at least two of the following areas: building self-esteem; learning to perform; managing a production; collaborating with fellow cast members; and succeeding with a final show.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor familiar with your involvement in the performing arts. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However,

if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.

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Ross and Lola Ramsey Memorial Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

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Rojas Family Scholarship

LAPS Foundation and Tom Rojas

Description

The Rojas Family Scholarship honors Louie and Patsy Rojas, longtime residents of Los Alamos and their six children. Louie and Patsy Rojas were part of the first wave of non-scientists to arrive in Los Alamos in the early 1950s. Louie worked as an Iron Worker for the Laboratory for over 30 years and also held the distinction of serving as Los Alamos County Sheriff for 34 years, making him the longest-serving sheriff in New Mexico's history. Patsy devoted herself to raising their six children—Lou, Ric, Tom, Christy, Chelo, and Joe—all graduates of Los Alamos High School in the classes of 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1977. Each of their children went on to pursue college degrees. After raising their family, Patsy served with distinction as the Los Alamos County Juvenile Probation Officer. Running played an important role in the lives of the Rojas family, with many of the children participating in cross-country and track during high school, and continuing to value running as a lifelong pursuit. Higher education was a cornerstone of the Rojas household, and the Rojas Family Scholarship serves as a lasting legacy to Louie and Patsy Rojas.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

One award of \$1500

Eligibility

- Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School.
- No minimum GPA requirement.
- Current participant of cross country, track or both sports.

Basis of Award

Applicants should demonstrate good sportsmanship in their participation in cross country and track. Good citizenship and community service will also be considered.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application.
2. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.
3. A 300-500 word essay describing how running has had a positive and productive impact on your life.
4. A Letter of Recommendation from a coach, teacher, employer or mentor that discusses your qualifications for the scholarship award. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.

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Rojas Family Scholarship
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.

Don Rokop Memorial Golf Scholarship

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and Rokop Family

Description

The **Don Rokop Memorial Golf Scholarship** has been established to commemorate Don's legacy as an avid golfer. Don started playing golf as a young child and continued playing into his early eighties. During his years as a golfer, he played many courses in Ireland and Scotland and was especially thrilled to have played the Old Course at St. Andrews. Throughout his retirement he played courses in New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado. His only hole-in-one came on number 15 at the Los Alamos County Golf Course in July 2007. Don served as President of the Northern New Mexico Senior Men's Golf Association (NNMSMGA) in 2008 and headed that organization's Scholarship Committee for several years. The annual scholarship in his name will be awarded to a deserving Los Alamos High School senior meeting specific eligibility criterion.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

One award of up to \$1,000

Eligibility

- Student must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School or New Mexico Homeschool Association.
- No minimum GPA requirement.
- Current Member of LAHS Golf Team.
- Community service, volunteerism and good citizenship as demonstrated in the submitted application and essay.

Basis of Award

This award will be based on the essay, letters of recommendation and community service. Financial need will also be considered but is not required.

Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

1. A completed LAHS Local Scholarship Program application (this form is available from the high school).
2. A written essay (250-500 words) describing how golf and community service positively changed your life.

3. Letters of recommendation accompanying the nomination are encouraged and can be submitted by coaches, parents, or teammates. Letters should support the eligibility criteria and can be e-mailed directly to j.mccumber@laschools.net or mailed to the address below. However, if the recommender gives the letter to the applicant, it can simply be included with the application.
4. A current unofficial transcript. Delivery of this transcript to our scholarship committee will be coordinated through the LAHS College & Career Center.

Use of AI

The scholarship committee expects students to write their own scholarship essay for the application without any assistance from AI. It's true, AI can make things sound good, but we are interested in your own unique perspective, written in your voice about your experiences and that is what your application will be judged on. Our application form includes a statement certifying that AI was not used to develop, create, edit or assist in the writing of the essays or any portion of the application.

Submission Instructions

Applications can be submitted online at: www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/

We encourage you to use our online submission form. However, if needed applications may be mailed/delivered to:

LAPS Foundation Scholarships
Don Rokop Memorial Golf Scholarship
1010 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Application Deadline

Deadline Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by February 27, 2026.