

Be There for Los Alamos
The JoAnn Johnson Community Involvement Memorial Scholarship
Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation and Johnson Family

Description

This scholarship honors JoAnn Johnson, a Los Alamos community leader. Her community involvement started as a youth leader. She then became a political leader, a community board member and an elected county official. Her commitment to serving Los Alamos was a cornerstone of her 60 years here. One \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to a 2026 Los Alamos High School graduate. The primary criteria will be the student's proven leadership and innovation in providing community service. Their vision for future involvement will also be considered.

Field of Specialization

Any

Value of Award

One award of \$2500

Eligibility

Must be a member of the 2026 graduating class. No minimum GPA requirement.

Basis of Award

The student's essays, activities and community service.

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. An essay of 300-600 words describing your community involvement to date and the impact it has had on Los Alamos and/or Los Alamos High School. Include your understanding of how to measure that impact. Describe your leadership style where applicable and outline how you brought innovation to your activities.
3. An essay of 300-600 words outlining your vision for continued community involvement post-graduation wherever you may be.
4. The selection committee may request personal interviews with the finalists.
5. 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

JoAnn Johnson Community Involvement Memorial Scholarship

1010 Central Avenue

Los Alamos, NM 87544

Application Deadline

Submitted online, postmarked or delivered by March 13, 2026.