

## **Philip Walter Pellette Memorial Scholarship**

Family of Philip Walter Pellette and Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation

### **Description**

This scholarship is established in memory of Philip Walter Pellette, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and longtime nuclear engineer with the Department of Energy who dedicated over 35 years to his profession. Philip was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in hiking, skiing, mountain biking, and exploring nature. He valued health, fitness, and the lessons of teamwork, perseverance, and the discipline found in athletics. Philip was also a mentor and role model, remembered for his kindness, integrity, and the way he inspired others to pursue excellence with humility. This scholarship honors his legacy by supporting Los Alamos High School graduating seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, athletic dedication, and a commitment to healthy living and community involvement.

### **Field of Specialization**

Any field of study, with preference given to students pursuing engineering, science, health, or environmental studies.

### **Value of Award**

One award of \$10,000. This scholarship is renewable for three additional years if the recipient remains enrolled in college, maintains a GPA of 3.0 and submits a one page update to the committee demonstrating the recipient is maintaining the values embodied in the scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a graduating senior in good standing from Los Alamos High School.
- Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must be on the high school soccer team.
- Financial need will be considered by the selection committee but is not required.

### **Basis of Award**

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates:

- Perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Dedication to academics and personal growth.
- Active participation in soccer with an emphasis on health and wellness. Preference will be given to applicants who also participate in snow skiing.
- Meaningful involvement in community service, mentorship, or outdoor/environmental activities.

### **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 how athletics and health have influenced your character, how you have demonstrated perseverance and a strong work ethic, and how these values will guide your future.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, mentor, or community leader who can speak to your character, achievements, and athletic involvement. Letters of recommendation can be emailed directly from the recommender to [j.mccumber@laschools.net](mailto: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**

The scholarship committee expects students to write their own essays without any assistance from AI. Applications must include a statement certifying that AI was not used to develop, create, edit, or assist in the writing of the essay or any portion of the application.

### **Submission Instructions**

Applications can be submitted online at: [www.lapsfoundation.com/apply-for-a-scholarship/](http://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  
Philip Walter Pellette Memorial Scholarship  
1010 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

### **Deadline**

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