

CAREER PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

**Supporting highly motivated individuals pursuing
a 2-year degree, certification, or trade**

are you

- » a high school senior, high school graduate, or GED recipient planning to pursue a 2-year degree, certificate, or trade?
- » currently enrolled in a 2-year degree or certificate program?
- » returning to school after being away from formal education?
- » making a career change starting with a 2-year degree or certificate in a new field?

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Career Pathways Scholarships are \$1,500 awards and may be renewed for a second year. Must be a resident of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, or Taos County. Funds are available for any area of study.

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For more information, contact LANL Foundation Scholarships Team at scholarships@lanlfoundation.org

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Opens January 3, 2022

Closes April 18, 2022



<https://www.lanlfoundation.org/our-work/scholarships/career-pathways-scholarship>



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Pursuing a 2-year degree or certification? You may qualify for a Career Pathways Scholarship!

Ideal Candidates

Career Pathways Scholars are focused and determined with a clear vision of the career or trade they intend to pursue. They are highly motivated to gain the skills and credentials needed to enter the workforce in their career of choice, with the primary goal of improving quality of life for themselves, their family, and their community. This scholarship supports high school seniors and anyone with a high school diploma or GED/High School Equivalency (HSE) in pursuit of a 2-year degree, trade, or certification.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of the seven-county area of northern New Mexico (Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, or Taos).
- Must have received a high school diploma or GED, or be near completion of a GED/HSE program, or a high school senior currently enrolled in the final semester of high school.
- Must be currently enrolled in or planning to enroll in a two-year degree program or certificate program.

Application Questions?

Email us at
scholarships@lanlfoundation.org.

Selection Process

Selection is primarily based on demonstrated interest and ability to succeed in the chosen field of study. Emphasis is also placed on initiative and commitment.

Scholarships are \$1,500 awards and up to \$3,000 for those continuing to pursue a two-year associate's degree or certificate. Renewal is dependent upon remaining in good academic standing and making progress toward completion.

Application Portfolio Requirements

- ☐ Online application
- ☐ Official high school transcripts (HS students only)
- ☐ College transcripts (For those with any amount of college experience)
- ☐ Essays
- ☐ Annual Household Income

Application and Deadline

Application and instructions are available online at lanlfoundation.org/scholarships

The Career Pathways Scholarship is offered once per year in the spring, with funds available for the the following academic year beginning in the fall.



Mingma Sherpa
2019 Scholar Studying Nursing at Santa Fe Community College

"As a part-time caregiver, it is hard to provide for myself and my family and afford college tuition. The Career Pathways Scholarship helps me pursue my goals and dreams without worrying about financial hardships. My goal is to complete my AAS nursing degree from Santa Fe Community College. I have a strong desire to become a compassionate and skillful nurse to provide excellent care and health education for my family and community."



CAREER PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

Short-Answer Essays

These essay questions give you the opportunity to share with the selections committee more information about your strengths, struggles, perspectives, and experiences. Strong essays will tell a cohesive story and clearly communicate your interest in and commitment to the career or trade you are pursuing. Each essay has a word limit of 300 words.

We recommend that you type your answers on a separate document, and then copy and paste your answers into the online application.

Required Essay Questions:

CAREER GOALS

Briefly describe your career goals for the next 5-10 years as well as your plan and timeline for accomplishing them. Explain how your college plans support these career goals and indicate any other important factors that led to your decision to pursue this degree or certificate program.

IMPACT

Describe how earning this scholarship and completing your stated degree or certificate will improve the quality of life for yourself, your family and/or your community.

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Describe the one or two accomplishments that you feel are the most significant and that best convey what you are capable of achieving. Alternatively, please discuss any major life activities, interests, or hobbies, particularly any in the past 5 years that demonstrate your passion and commitment.

Optional Essay Question:

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

One factor in our decision to award a scholarship is your ability to overcome challenges. Please explain any special circumstances or challenges you and/or your family have faced, and how you have overcome these challenges. If you have devoted significant time as a primary caretaker or homemaker for family members or other dependents, please describe the circumstances and your role. Current high school students may include any significant role in caring for younger siblings/family members if applicable.

All information is kept confidential.



APPLICATION TIPS

FOR COMPLETING A STRONG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Do not be shy.

This is the place to tell us all about yourself. Be sure to share all of your accomplishments and involvement—don't hold back!

Take your time completing the application, do not rush.

- Be sure to edit your application, paying attention to spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors.
- Ensure all required fields are filled out completely and correctly.

Explain how you meet the criteria for the scholarship.

For students pursuing a 2-year degree or certificate: when describing your educational goals, be sure to mention your 2-year degree and how that will lead to your ultimate goal.

Include concrete examples of accomplishments and how they connect to your goals.

Instead of saying, "I follow through on things," give specific examples of how you followed through and describe the results.

Connect the dots. Don't make the reviewer guess.

Every chance you get, describe how something helps you develop or move you toward your goals—the classes you take, the jobs you do, the volunteer work you perform, the life experiences you have. Even if you don't think that last job was important—did it help you decide you could do better? Did it teach you that you were good at organization or following direction? Tell us how those experiences led to the path you are on today.

Do your research.

Know the degree and work experience requirements for the career you are pursuing. Be sure to explain how your academic goals support your ultimate career goals.

Leadership, Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, Family Commitments, and Top Accomplishments:

You all have these, you may just have to think outside the box to identify where to include them. You don't have to be a store manager or captain of the basketball team to be a leader. Think about all the times you lead your family or friends. Charity does not have to be formal and organized to be effective. How have you helped others? Raising your children is an accomplishment, so talk about your investment in your family: activities, sports, teacher conferences, homework, etc.

This is your chance to help reviewers get to know you!

What prompted you to pursue higher education? Why is it so important to graduate? What will be the impact of getting a diploma? How will a scholarship help you achieve your goals?

