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New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Scholarship Awarded for 2017/2018

Scholarship Opportunities Extended to Students Statewide

Last week, the New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation (NMCUEF) announced that 175 students have been selected to receive the 2017-2018 New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Scholarship. The 175 students were selected from a pool of more than 500 applications from across the state.

Each year, NMCUEF awards postsecondary scholarships to deserving students across the state seeking to improve their individual lives, the lives of their families, and their communities through a demonstrated commitment to academic success. Selected winners must be New Mexico residents and meet a number of requirements, including grade point average and full-time enrollment. In recognition of a dedication to academic achievement, NMCUEF this year awarded 175, \$1,000 scholarships to student across New Mexico.

"We know that education is a powerful tool for change and improvement," NMCUEF Administrator Amy Vigil said. "Each of the NMCUEF scholarship winners has demonstrated a clear commitment to improving their own lives and communities through a purposeful dedication to academic success. This year's scholarship recipients could be New Mexico's next leaders, individuals with the commitment, drive, and education to make a positive impact in their respective communities, and New Mexico at large."

The NMCUEF is a unique scholarship program formed through special legislation that allows credit unions to use abandoned funds for educational or charitable purposes. Since it was established in 1992, the NMCUEF has presented 1,552 scholarships, for a total of \$1,195,600, to students attending accredited vocational or technical schools, colleges or universities in New Mexico. Scholarship winners can use their NMCUEF scholarships to help offset the cost of their postsecondary education.

"We are excited and proud to award these scholarships to these students, to support their pursuit of education and the exploration of their individual career paths," Vigil said.

**The deadline to apply for a New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Scholarship for study in the Fall semester of 2018 will be February 26, 2018.

Visit [the Credit Union Association of New Mexico's website](#) to learn more about the recipients, see their photos, and read a few words about their hopes and aspirations, or to download applications for Fall 2018.



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This year's NMCUEF Scholarship winners are:

ALBUQUERQUE:

Nola Bartlet – Albuquerque High School
Michael V. Baty – ENMU
Jessica Belmares- Ortega – UNM
Hector Alexis Carriool Cabada – UNM
Adela Castaneda – Rio Grande High School
Diego Elio Chavez – UNM
Ryan Downs – UNM
Karina Galarza – Albuquerque High School
Sabrina D. Garcia – UNM
Jiovanni Gomez – Atrisco Heritage Academy High School
Ibel Daniela Grimaldo – Atrisco Heritage Academy High School
Chris Hirani – UNM
Jill James – CNM
Daniella Jamison – UNM
Caitlan Johnson – Santa Fe Community College
Celest Knight – UNM
Randy Ko – UNM
Arjun Kumar Tandon – NM Tech
Ashley Martinez – NM Highlands University
Benjamin G. Martinez – UNM
Ivett Martinez – South Valley Academy
Yazmen McCaskill – NMSU
Lizbeth Medina – South Valley Academy
Cesar Miranda – UNM
Eduardo A. Montanez – Valley High School
Carmen Pena-Hernandez – Atrisco Heritage Academy High School
Alyssa Peters – UNM
William A. Powell – UNM
Karina Quintana – UNM
Rebecca Y. Quintana – UNM
Darian Reid – UNM
Sophia Rico – Manzano High School
Sol Roybal – Atrisco Heritage High School
Rachel Ruckman – UNM
Anthony Salazar – NM Tech
Maria Angelica Salazar – Albuquerque High School
Kallie Samora – UNM
Raquel Sanchez – UNM
Stacy Sandoval – NM Tech
Bernadette Santistevan – UNM
Courtney Schmidt – Volcano Vista High School
Marcos P. Torres – UNM
Ivan Toya – Southwest Indian Polytechnic
Alexis Trujillo – CNM

Jessica Veleta – Southwest Valley Academy
Ryan T. Williamson – UNM
Taylor E. Williamson - UNM

ARTESIA:

Elsa J. Martinez - UNM

BELEN:

Casey Hoyt – UNM – Valencia
Stephanie Perales – UNM – Valencia
Gabriella Saiz – Belen High School
Alexis Silva - UNM

BOSQUE FARMS:

Hannah Fitzgerald – Hope Christian School

CABALLO:

Robert Aragon – NMSU

CAPITAN:

Lizbeth Quiroz – Capitan High School

CARLSBAD:

Jennica Granger - NMSU
Abigail Hervol - UNM
Colton Montano – Carlsbad High School

CHIMAYO:

Jayson Bustos – McCurdy Charter School
Alexis Trujillo – Espanola Valley High School

CLEVELAND:

Warren Roybal – Mora High School

CLOUDCROFT:

Dalton Wright – NM Tech

CLOVIS:

Sebastian E. Eisenbraun – UNM
Paden P. Hagler – ENMU

CORRALES:

Jacob Chavez - UNM

CUBA:

Leticia Salaz – Cuba High School
Stephanie Sanchez – Cuba High School

DEMING:

Gladys Ramirez - NMSU

DEXTER:

Kaylee Caudill
Zachary T. Lopez
Kayla McDonald

EL PRADO:

Natalie Holden - UNM

EL RITO:

Kylie M. Gallegos - NMSU
Brandon Terrazas – Northern NM College

ESPANOLA:

Lesly Bencomo – Northern NM College
Arianna Fierro – Northern NM College
Michael J. Gonzales – NM Tech
Anicia Koller – NMSU
Amanda Salazar – Northern NM College

FAIRVIEW:

Lucas Gallegos - UNM

FARMINGTON:

Isaiah Urioste – Farmington High School

FLORA VISTA:

Cristin Songer – Aztec High School

GALLUP:

Kathleen Silva Leon – NMSU



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HAGERMAN:

Kemberly Mendoza – ENMU
Thalia E. Pantoja – ENMU

HOLMAN:

Genoveva Hurtado – NMSU

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Dante Avalos – NMSU
Kyle Bensley – NMSU
Mikaela Bruhn – NMSU
Sarah B. Grubel – NMSU
Guadalupe Lara – Gadsden High School
Haley Maio – NMSU

LAS VEGAS:

Austin Herrera – NM Highlands University
Nathan L'Esperance – UNM
Liam Lopez- Montoya – West Las Vegas High School
Christina Padilla – Robertson High School
Brandi Rodarte – UNM
Elicia Trujillo – NM Highlands University

LOGAN:

Brinton Michael Roach - ENMU

LOS LUNAS:

Sarahi Boyso – UNM – Valencia
Cevin Clarke – NM Tech
Sara Griego – Valencia High School
Juan Lopez – UNM – Valencia
Natalie Mascarenas – Valencia High School
Victoria Troyer – UNM
Eric Weh – UNM
Greg A. Wortman – UNM

LOVING:

Jacqueline Pierce – Loving High School
Irene Solano – Loving High School

MILAN:

Dana Eicher – NMSU - Grants

MORA:

April Gallegos – CNM
Brandi Jade Vasquez – Mora High School

NARA VISA

Jerome Earle – Logan High School

OHKAY OWINGEH:

Martha Tenorio Dominguez – Northern NM College

PENASCO:

Irene D. Panas – Northern NM College
RAINSVILLE:
Sarah R. Barela-DeJesus – NM Highlands University
RANCHOS DE TAOS:
Pauline Estrada Oaxaca – UNM –Toas
Justin David Hosea – UNM – Toas
Zoe Hutson – UNM
Denise M. Lopez – UNM – Toas
Bernadette Miera – UNM – Toas
Rocio Munoz Aragon – UNM – Toas

RATON:

Lauren Romero – Raton High School
Dustin L. Stevens – Raton High School

RIO RANCHO:

Brittney Anderson – UNM
Allison Cooke – UNM
Emily House – UNM
Emmalee Johnston – UNM
Nickolas Macedo – Hope Christian High School
German Sanchez – UNM

ROSWELL:

Marcus Bohlin – Western NM Univeristy
Steven Gray – University of the SW
Bryan Joseph Green – UNM
Karin Corinn Mims – UNM
Annajita Rubio - ENMU

SALEM:

Rene Omar Rodriguez – Hatch Valley High School

SAN CRISTOBAL:

Mariah Bianca Medina – UNM

SAN FIDEL:

Leslie Vallo – NMSU - Grants

SANTA CRUZ:

Alexa Rose Padilla – Northern NM College

SANTA FE:

Estevan Anaya – Santa Fe Community College
Akeisha Ayanniyi – UNM
Santi Louis Bachicha – Santa Fe Community College
Abigail L. Beagle – Santa Fe Community College
Veronica Burrola – Santa Fe High School
Isaiah Dominguez - UNM
Justin Flores – UNM
Linda M. Garcia – UNM
Jacqueline Garcia Rodriguez – UNM
Cathleen Gomez
Marisa R. Graham – UNM
Brandon MacAllister – UNM
Edwin Ochoa – UNM
Brandy Olivias - NMSU
Felicia Sandoval – NMSU
Micah Sulich – Santa Fe High School
Edith Torres – Pojoaque Valley High School
Alicia Pauline Trujillo – Santa Fe High School
Kayla Trujillo – UNM

SANTA ROSA:

Maria G. Crisostomo – Santa Rosa High School
Steven Tenorio – CNM
Emilio M. Ulibarri – Santa Rosa High School

SPRINGER:

Anthony G. Romero Jr. – NM Highlands University

TAOS:

Tracy Bell – UNM – Toas
Ashley Grant - UNM

TESUQUE:

Feliz Watson – UNM



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TIERRA AMARILLA:

Cheyenne Law - NMSU

TIJERAS:

Sofia N. Hoskins – East Mountain High
School
Kyla Martinez - NMSU

TORREON:

Angela Akridge – UNM

TUCUMCARI:

Ashlee Bradley – UNM
Kayla Cherry – Tucumcari High School

TULAROSA:

Joseph Seth Zamora - NMSU

VADO:

Alondra Gonzales – Alta Vista Early College
HS

VAUGHN:

Senaie Castillo – Vaughn High School

WINSTON:

Colt Welty – NM Tech