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New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Opens Annual Scholarship Application for NM Students

Scholarship Opportunities Extended to Students Statewide

As students from across New Mexico begin to make college and career plans, the New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation (NMCUEF) today announced that the application process for the Annual New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Scholarship has opened.

Each year, NMCUEF awards postsecondary scholarships to deserving students across the state who are 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 is passionate about awarding scholarships to students across New Mexico.

"We know that education is a powerful tool for change and improvement," NMCUEF Administrator Amy Vigil said. "Each of our past 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 1,705 scholarships, for a total of \$1,348,600, 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. Last year, alone, NMCUEF awarded \$153,000 in scholarships to New Mexico students.

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

The deadline to apply for a New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year will be February 24, 2017.

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 the application.