



Del Norte LOV Foundation Scholarship Program Associated With Del Norte Credit Union

THE PROGRAM

Del Norte LOV Foundation associated with Del Norte Credit Union (DNCU) has established a scholarship program to assist Del Norte Credit Union members who are high school seniors, homeschool seniors, or GED* recipients who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

* GED must be received in the same year enrolled in higher education courses.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a member of Del Norte Credit Union (DNCU) prior to the application deadline
- Be a high school senior, equivalent home-school senior, or a recipient of a GED received in same year of higher education enrollment
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a one-time award of \$1,000. Up to ten (10) awards will be granted.

- ◆ Five awards will be granted to students from the following selected high schools. One award per school will be granted, assuming there are sufficient qualified applicants:
 - Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, NM
 - Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, NM
 - Capital High School, Santa Fe, NM
 - Pojoaque Valley High School, Pojoaque, NM
 - Española Valley High School, Española, NM
- ◆ Five awards will be granted from all other applicants. Two of the five awards will be granted to applicants from other high schools in the communities DNCU serves. One will be for a home-school student. Two will be for applicants receiving their GEDs. If no applications are received from the latter two groups, additional scholarships will go to other high school applicants in the DNCU service area.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Credit Union members interested in a scholarship may obtain an application from the Del Norte Credit Union website, dncu.com. All interested students must complete the application and mail it, along with a current, complete transcript of grades, to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 26, 2021**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and the term in which each course was taken.

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

All applications received are considered confidential and are reviewed only by Scholarship America. Although not considered in the selection process, applicants are required to attach an essay that will be sent to Del Norte LOV Foundation and DNCU for possible promotional purposes.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Submitted essays are required but are not part of the selection process. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of the Del Norte LOV Foundation or DNCU play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in mid-May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Del Norte LOV Foundation associated with DNCU in early August. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Del Norte LOV Foundation and DNCU. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete, current transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

Del Norte LOV Foundation and DNCU reserve the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Del Norte LOV Foundation Scholarship Program
Associated With Del Norte Credit Union
Scholarship America
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Telephone: (507) 931-1682



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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

Application postmark deadline March 26, 2021

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AMERICA
USE ONLY**

I.D. #	AA	PD	RIC/CS	GPA	SATRW	SATM	ACTC	SP1	TOTAL

**MEMBER
APPLICANT
DATA**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Student's Credit Union Member Number (last 4 digits) _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

- Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only)
- Male Female
 American Indian/Alaska Native Black/African American Multi-Racial White
 Asian Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

**PARENT
OR
GUARDIAN
INFORMATION**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Email Address _____ Fax Number (_____) _____

**HIGH
SCHOOL
DATA**

School Name _____ High School or GED Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone (_____) _____

**POST-
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
DATA**

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.)
Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____

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- 4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community or Junior College
 Vocational-Technical School Other, explain _____

Year in college next year: 1 Other, explain _____

Major or course of study: _____ Expected college graduation date: Month _____ Year _____

Degree sought: Bachelor Associate Certificate Other _____

Sending a resumé does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week.

Employer/Position	From - Mo/Yr	To - Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Were you paid for your work?
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List all school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held	Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

ESSAY (required)

As a part of this application, you are required to compose and attach an essay reflecting upon the following: "What new financial challenges and responsibilities will you face as you enter this new chapter of your life and how will you prepare for it? How do you see Del Norte Credit Union helping you?"

Essays must be 300 words or fewer. Use one side of an 8.5" x 11" page; double-spaced; 10 point font. Include your name, address, and "Del Norte LOV Foundation Scholarship Program Associated With Del Norte Credit Union" at the top of the page. Handwritten essays are not accepted.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To the Applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

To the Adult Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments: _____

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____
 Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

A complete transcript of grades **must** be sent with this application. Grade reports are not acceptable. All applicants **must** include a high school transcript of grades or GED equivalent and have this section completed by the appropriate school official. **(A clear explanation of the school's grading scale must also be submitted.)**

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____	Cumulative Grade Point Average	SAT		ACT				
	Weighted: _____/4.0 scale	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Math	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
	Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale							

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____
 School Official's Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship America on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the following materials have been received:

- Student Application with completed Applicant Appraisal
- Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades or GED equivalent (including grading scale)
- Essay

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

Del Norte LOV Foundation Scholarship Program
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 Scholarship America
 One Scholarship Way
 Saint Peter, MN 56082

Postmark deadline March 26, 2021

CERTIFICATION

Scholarship America has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. This application becomes the property of Scholarship America. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files.)

I consent to data collected in this application being used for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients, communication and promotion of the program. Data will be processed in compliance with the Scholarship America Privacy Policy.

I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the programs described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent's Signature _____ Date _____