



2018 Student Scholarships Application Announcement

Taos Community Foundation is hosting 4 separate scholarships to High School Graduates wishing to pursue advancement of higher education. Students may apply for multiple scholarships, provided that all listed criteria are met.

1) The **Blake Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2003. The award is available to graduating seniors in Taos County for students pursuing advancement of higher education. The scholarship is available to those applying to 4-year colleges and universities as well as 2-year vocational/trade schools. The award is \$1,000 renewable for up to three years if a 3.0 GPA is maintained. Priority will be given to applicant (or parent/guardian) who is currently employed with TSV, Inc., or was employed this past ski season.

Eligibility Criteria: The following will be assessed by the scholarship committee through application/essay materials:

- Applicant or applicant's parent/guardian must have worked for Taos Ski Valley, Inc. for at least one season.
- Achievement – academic or other
- Community service/involvement
- Motivation
- Character
- Obstacles overcome
- Unconventional/unique life experiences

2) The **Manuel & Fillie Garcia Hispanic Scholarship** was established as a permanent fund of Taos Community Foundation in 2011. The award is to graduating seniors in Taos County for Hispanic students pursuing advancement of higher education. The scholarship is available to those applying to four year colleges and universities as well as 2 year vocational/trade schools. The award amount will be determined at the time of committee review. These awards are typically renewable for up to three years if a 3.0 GPA is maintained and all required paperwork is returned in accordance with the Scholarship Agreement

Eligibility Criteria: The following will be assessed by the scholarship committee through application/essay materials:

- A student of Hispanic descent
- Achievement – academic or other
- Community service/involvement
- Motivation
- Character
- Obstacles overcome
- Unconventional/unique life experiences

3) The **Friedman Family Scholarship** was established in 1998. The award is available to graduating seniors in Taos County for students pursuing advancement of higher education. The scholarship is available to those applying to four year colleges and universities as well as 2 year vocational/trade schools. The award is \$1,500 renewable for up to three years if a 3.0 GPA is maintained.

Eligibility Criteria: The following will be assessed by the scholarship committee through application/essay materials:

- Applicant or applicant's parent/guardian must have worked at the Taos Ski Valley for at least one season. This includes any position that is geographically within the Taos Ski Valley.
- Achievement – academic or other
- Community service/involvement
- Motivation
- Character
- Obstacles overcome
- Unconventional/unique life experiences

4) The **Beatrice T. Gutierrez and Virgil D. Gutierrez Legacy Scholarship** is a new award this year. This award was established by the children of Beatrice and Virgil Gutierrez. Mr. and Mrs. Gutierrez devoted their lives to teaching in

Taos Public Schools. The scholarship will be available to seniors graduating from **Taos High School** who plan to pursue advanced studies in mathematics, science, or education by attending a 4 year college or university. The Fund will also consider those applying to two year vocational or trade schools. The award is \$3,500 renewable for up to 4 years if a 3.0 GPA is maintained.

Eligibility Criteria: The following will be assessed by the scholarship committee through application/essay materials:

- Achievement – academic
 - Community service/involvement
 - Motivation of the applicant to make the world a better place, and how to accomplish this
 - Character
 - Obstacles overcome in life or in general
 - Unique life experiences
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Selection & Award Process

Taos Community Foundation Scholarship Applications are read and reviewed by separate Scholarship Committees that utilize an evaluation rubric as part of the competitive application process. Scholar recipients must provide proof of college registration by September 7, 2018 for the scholarship award to be processed. Checks will be mailed to the respective university/college financial aid office directly.

- **Please submit a Taos Community Foundation Coversheet indicating which scholarship(s) you are applying for, which is attached to the application.**
- **Please fill out only 1 (one) Taos Community Foundation Application.**
- **Please do not staple any of the materials.**
- **A Common Student Application (CSA) will not be accepted.**

Please submit completed applications to the Foundation office by **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by 5:00 PM**. Applications may be hand delivered or mailed. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2018** for consideration.

**Taos Community Foundation
115 La Posta Road, Suite A
P.O. Box 1925
Taos, NM 87571
Attention: Helen Forte**

For additional information/assistance, please contact Helen Forte, Director of Community Outreach
(575) 737-9300 ~ hforte@taoscf.org



Taos Community Foundation
2018 Scholarship Application

Student Scholarship Application Coversheet

I am applying for the following Taos Community Foundation Scholarship(s)
(check all that apply) after reviewing the individual scholarship eligibility criteria:

- Blake Memorial Scholarship
- Friedman Family Scholarship
- Manuel and Fillie Garcia Hispanic Student Scholarship
- Beatrice T. and Virgil D. Gutierrez Legacy Scholarship

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Educational Information:

High School attended: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Class Rank/Size: _____

ACT Score: _____

and/or SAT Score: _____

Additional Information for Blake Memorial and/or Friedman Family Scholarship Applicants:

- Name of family member who worked in Taos Ski Valley or was employed by TSV, Inc.:
- Relationship to you (self, parent, guardian, etc.):
- Dates and Places of Employment (may be estimates):

For all Scholarship Applicants:

Names of schools that you have applied to:

Name of school you hope to attend and why: Anticipated enrollment date:

Possible Major(s)/Field of Study:

Community Involvement

Volunteer Involvement

Honors and Awards:

Essay Question: Please note that there are different essay questions/topics for each of the (4) four scholarships. **Submit and attach a separate essay for each scholarship.**

The essay questions are as follows:

- **Blake Memorial Scholarship** – Personal essay explaining why you believe you are a good candidate for the scholarship.
- **Friedman Family Scholarship** – Personal essay explaining why you believe you are a good candidate for the scholarship.
- **Manuel and Fillie Garcia Hispanic Student Scholarship** - 2 parts
 1. Please attach a short paragraph sharing a little about what your Hispanic heritage means to you.
 2. Please attach a personal essay – applicants are encouraged to focus on the topics listed in review criteria (achievement, community service, motivation, character, obstacles overcome, or an unconventional/unique life experience.)
- **Beatrice T. and Virgil D. Gutierrez Legacy Scholarship** - 2 parts (not to exceed one page for each question)
 1. If you could create your ideal world, what would it look like? How will you use your education to make that world a reality?
 2. Describe an experience where you have attempted something challenging and failed. What did you learn from the experience?
 3. A Letter of Recommendation from one current Instructor (Please provide your instructor with a **Scholar Recommendation Request Form**, and note that they may elect to mail or email in their Letter of Recommendation.)

Attachments for all scholarships

Please include **one** copy of each of the following:

- Personal resume
- Unofficial Copy of your High School transcript that documents grades and class rank
- Unofficial Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores
- Please DO NOT include copies of Personal Recommendations or Reference Letters **unless** you are applying for the Beatrice T. and Virgil D. Gutierrez Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of the award.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by 5:00 PM by postmark or hand delivery

**For additional information, please contact: Helen Forte, Director of Community Outreach
115, La Posta Road, Suite A, Taos, NM 87571 (575) 737-9300 hforte@taoscf.org**

Thank you for applying.



2018 Beatrice T. and Virgil D. Gutierrez Legacy Scholarship

2018 Scholar Recommendation Request Form

Student: _____

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a recommender in support of your student's application for Taos Community Foundation's **Beatrice T. and Virgil D. Gutierrez Legacy Scholarship**.

The scholarship is highly selective and your letter of recommendation is an important component of our selection process. To the best of your ability, please describe what makes this student a strong candidate for this scholarship. If you are related to the student applicant by family, we ask that you excuse yourself as recommender.

Guidelines for Letter of Recommendation:

- 1) Please share your experience with this student, particularly in reference to their academic performance. Do you believe this student's educational and/or career goals are in alignment with their abilities?
- 2) Evaluate the student with respect to personal characteristics, such as honesty/integrity, maturity, leadership abilities, character, communication skills, responsibility and work habits.
- 3) Evaluate the students with respect to performance characteristics, such as oral communication, ability to think critically and problem solve, and his/her academic aptitude.
- 4) Include any additional information or comments about the applicant that you feel would be helpful to the selection committee, or any special circumstances the committee should consider.

In your Letter of Recommendation, please include the following:

- Your Name, Title/Position and School of Employment
- Contact information (phone/e-mail) in the event that we need to contact you for additional information

Submission of Recommendation Letter: Please select one of the following methods of submission:

- 1) Include your letter in a sealed envelope and have student applicant deliver with their application materials.
- 2) Mail or hand-deliver letter(s) directly to:
Taos Community Foundation – 115 La Posta Road Suite A, Taos, NM 87571

Mailing Address: Taos Community Foundation, PO Box 1925, Taos, NM 87571
- 3) Submit electronically to: hforte@taoscf.org

Thank you for the time and attention you have extended on behalf of this applicant. If you have any questions about this process or about this new scholarship award, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Helen Forte, Director of Community Outreach hforte@taoscf.org