

Taos Diplomats Scholarship

Gold Scholarship: \$1000 - One recipient
Silver Scholarships: \$250 - Two recipients

Love to travel? Dreaming of seeing the world, studying new languages, and exploring new cultures? Hoping to serve your country through public or military service? The Taos Diplomats Scholarship assists students seeking to broaden their views of the world, whether through the study of global affairs, travel overseas, international internships, or a semester studying abroad.

Scholarship funds can be used in any manner to further your exploration of the world – pay for classes, buy a plane ticket, get that new camera for your adventures. The only requirement is that you truly use the funds to elevate your global thinking. All areas of interest are acceptable – social sciences, health, business, arts, engineering, and so on – so long as you have an international component to your plan. There is no time limit for the use of scholarship funds.

The scholarship is funded by Peter Winter (Taos High '04) and Dori Winter, now Foreign Service Officers with the U.S. Department of State. During college at the University of Southern California, Peter studied International Relations and Mandarin Chinese, later studying abroad in Beijing, China. Dori, a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Texas A&M, studied in China and France during her college years. Both now represent the United States government at embassies and consulates around the world. They currently serve at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, and previously worked in China, Israel, and Saudi Arabia.

Who Can Apply:

- Graduating high school seniors in the Taos County area & current college students (undergraduate and above) that graduated from a Taos area high school
- All public, private, and home school students are eligible
- Must have a 2.5 GPA or above
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's or graduate degree program. All majors and areas of study welcome.

How to Apply:

A) *We often think of diplomats as government officials who represent our country. However, regular citizens also represent the U.S. every time they travel abroad. **How do you think ordinary U.S. citizens serve as diplomats and represent our country when they travel?***

B) *How will you use this scholarship to learn about the world?*

Applicants must answer the questions above through one of the methods below:

- An essay (no longer than 500 words), blog, or series of writings
- A photo series (10+ photos) w/ written explanations

Send your submissions, along with 1) your name, 2) contact information, and 3) an unofficial transcript to TaosDiplomats@gmail.com by **April 2, 2018.**