

JILL BOTTS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Rules:

I. NUMBER OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AMOUNTS

1. The amount of the scholarship or scholarships awarded shall be determined by the committee based on the amount of proceeds available from the invested endowment.
2. The scholarship shall be available to all qualified applicants regardless of ethnicity, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapped conditions.

II. USE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The scholarship is to be awarded to worthy recipients who will pursue a course of study leading to a post- secondary degree or certificate from a college, university, community college or vocational school. The school where such studies are to be pursued shall be accredited and/ or approved by the appropriate State Department of Education.

III. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, eligible applicants must be:

- a. A member of the current graduating class of Los Molinos High school.
 - b. A previous graduate of Los Molinos High School
 - c. A current member of a high school graduating class from another school whose parent, grandparent or great grandparent attended or graduated from Los Molinos High School.
 - d. A previous high school graduate from another high school whose parent, grandparent, or great grandparent attended or graduated from Los Molinos High School.
2. New applicants must be from the current year's graduating class, satisfying the conditions above, and must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0. To reapply, a previous scholarship recipient would provide transcripts or other evidence verifying at least a 2.0 grade point average during post- secondary education. Precedence shall be determined based upon the merit and need of the candidates at the sole discretion of the committee.

IV.SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS INVESTMENT

1. The committee will have the sole right to invest the funds as they choose. Los Molinos Unified School District or the Board of Trustees will need written permission from the committee to change any investments of these scholarship funds. They are currently invested in certificate of deposits and a money market account with Edward Jones.

2. Monthly statements from Edward Jones shall be sent to the committee.

V. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1. All checks presented to the scholarship awardees shall be signed by a member of the committee. The checks will be in the possession of the committee before being awarded.

VI. SHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The scholarship committee shall be comprised of the following members:

Jill Carothers Botts

Danny Allen Carothers

Bo James Botts

Kendi Botts Merlo

April Dawn Botts Merlo

Donald Carothers

Fred Duane Botts

2. Decisions rendered by the committee shall be final.
3. The scholarship committee, may at its discretion include the high school principal, counselor, and / or district superintendent in meetings of the committee.

4. The scholarship committee may at its discretion, interview applicants.
5. The scholarship committee may adopt additional rules and regulations, modify existing rules and regulations, or appoint or remove members of the committee by a majority vote of its members still living. Any changes will be presented to Los Molinos Unified School District in a dated revision copy of the Jill Botts Leadership and Service Scholarship at which time those changes will become the rules of this scholarship.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1, Scholarship application forms may be secured from Los Molinos High School (LMHS) or a member of the scholarship committee. Completed applications must be submitted on or before April 15th of the year of the application in order to be considered for the scholarship. The applications can be submitted to the counselor at Los Molinos High School or to a member of the committee. Should April 15th fall on a weekend or any day that Los Molinos High School is not open for business, the scholarship application is due by 4:00 pm on the last day prior to April 15th when LMHS is open.

2. Prior recipients are required to submit an application annually with supporting documents to LMHS or a committee member before April 15th. Should April 15th fall

on a weekend or any day that LMHS is not open for business, the scholarship application is due by 4:00 pm on the last day prior to April 15th when LMHS is open.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The scholarship or scholarships may be awarded if interest is available over the principal or if the committee determines they wish to spend some of the principal and interest.
2. The award may be used to defray expenses incidental to the student's attendance at a college, university, community college, vocational or trade school.
3. The recipient must maintain at least a 9-unit semester load (or equivalent) or be certified as a full-time student in a program leading to a degree or certificate. The scholarship recipient must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average for all courses taken or passing status if grades are not awarded in the program. Recipients must send official transcripts of record to LMHS or committee to verify that all requirements for continuation of the scholarship as outlined in this document are met. It is the responsibility of the recipient to secure this verification and submit it to the committee or LMHS in a timely fashion; otherwise, payment of scholarship funds will be withheld.

4. The scholarship is valid only while the recipient remains in good standing at the school of attendance unless the committee decides to give the recipient a probation waiver for a year.
5. The recipient will be paid on a semi-annual basis (typically September and January) upon presentation of evidence of compliance with terms of the scholarship.
6. The scholarship must be used in the semester or quarter immediately following the award, and the recipient must attend continuously without interruption.

Jill Botts Leadership and Service Scholarship Agreement

1. The applicant named below has received a copy of the Jill Botts Leadership and Service Scholarship Rules, has read these rules, and understands his/ her obligations and responsibilities.

2. The applicant understands that it is his/ her responsibility to submit an application for the scholarship annually by April 15, so the scholarship committee knows of his/her plans. Failure to submit the application will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

3. The applicant understands that if he/she fails to use the scholarship in the semester or quarter following receipts, he or she may forfeit the scholarship unless application for postponement is approved by the selection committee.

Name of applicant _____

Signature of applicant _____

Signature of Parent /Guardian _____ -

Date _____

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TEXT REGARDING AWARD

This scholarship is based on leadership and service to your community and school. It is in honor of Jill Botts who was a LMUSD Board of Trustee for 16 years, serving as President for 14 years , VP for 1 year, and one other year a member. Jill loved this school district and spent many years volunteering in the community and in the school.

Applicants must be a member of the current years graduating class or a previous years graduating class of LMHS or your parents, grandparents or great grandparents attended school or graduated LMHS.

The scholarship is to be awarded to worthy recipients who will pursue a course of study leading to a post - secondary degree or certificate from a college, university, community college, trade or vocational school. The recipient must maintain at least a 9 -unit semester load, or be certified as a full-time student in a program leading to a degree or certificate. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average for all courses taken.

AWARD:

Number of scholarships and award amount varies year to year.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION; USE THE COMMON APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AND PLEASE INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS PLUS A STATEMENT ADVISING US OF WHAT LEADERSHIP OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD OR WHAT COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL SERVICE YOU HAVE GIVEN.

Required Materials

1. Page #1- Cover sheet that includes the name of the scholarship and your name
2. . Page #2- Completed application
3. Page #3- Personal statement about yourself, long term plans and goals, your achievement so far in your education in school. Please tell us any leadership roles you have had thus far and service you have given to your school or the community. Feel free to add any obstacles you have had in your life and any other information you want to give to the scholarship committee
4. Page #4- Attach an unofficial copy of your current 7 semester transcripts.
5. Page #5- Attach signed terms and conditions of scholarship rules.

Students or parents may include a sealed explanation of any special problems or unusual circumstances which make it difficult to contribute towards this student's continuing education

AWARD SELECTION

Awards will be announced at the LMHS Scholarship & Award Program

DUE DATE:

Applications are due on or before April 15th at 4 pm at LMHS Office or to Jill Botts 530-200-2239. Late applications will not be accepted.