

JAMES AND MARTHA C. CHRASTA SCHOLARSHIP

Text regarding award

Applicant must be a graduate of Los Molinos High School and have maintained a 2.5 GPA during their 10th thru 12th grades. A continuing recipient may qualify for renewal by providing transcripts or other official evidence verifying at least a 2.0 GPA during the post-secondary education.

AWARD:

Varies (renewable)

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION: Use the COMMON APPLICATION

(Available on LMHS Scholarship Website) ** Please include all required materials

Required Materials (to be included with all applications)

1. Page #1 – Cover sheet that includes the name of the scholarship and your name
2. Page #2 - Completed Application
3. Page #3 - Student resume or profile
4. Page #4 - Personal statement of educational & career goals (300-500 words)
5. Page #5 - Attach an unofficial copy of your current 7 semester transcripts
6. Page #6 - Attach your FAFSA Confirmation page or Page 1 of your Student Aid Report
7. Page #7 - Attach a letter of recommendation from school personnel
8. Page #8 - Attach a letter of recommendation from someone other than school personnel.
9. Page #9 – Completed signature page stating understanding all terms and conditions of scholarship (see LMHS Scholarship Website for examples and procedures for requesting letters)

**** Note:** 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:

Award recipient will be notified to attend the Los Molinos High School Scholarship & Award Program.

DUE DATE:

Submit the completed application to the Los Molinos Counseling Office on or before **April 15**. If April 15th falls on a day when the school is closed, the applications are due the first day the school is open after April 15th. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Please refer to the following pages for scholarship terms, conditions and signature page.

JAMES AND MARTHA C. CHRASTA SCHOLARSHIP RULES

I. SCHOLARSHIP NUMBER AND AMOUNT

The amount of the scholarship annually awarded shall be determined by the committee. The number of scholarships annually awarded shall be determined by the district superintendent based upon the amount of proceeds available from the invested endowment.

The scholarship shall be available to all qualified applicants regardless of ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or handicapping conditions.

II. USE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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. Equal consideration shall be given by the committee to vocational studies as well as academic studies.

III. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a member of the current year graduating class or previous graduate of Los Molinos High School who has maintained at least a 2.5 GPA for the junior and senior years of high school. A continuing recipient may qualify for renewal by providing transcripts or other official evidence verifying at least a 2.0 GPA during post-secondary education.
2. Applicant must be in need of assistance to pursue worthy goals in education.
3. Precedence shall be determined based on the merit and need of the candidates at the sole discretion of the committee. A candidate who meets the criteria for eligibility, but is denied a scholarship, may apply in subsequent years without prejudice.
4. Show a commitment to obtaining every possible free dollar for college by completing a FAFSA application yearly which will be shown by including either a confirmation of submission or page one of the Student Aid Report (SAR).

IV. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Scholarship application forms may be secured from the Counseling Office of the Los Molinos High School. Completed applications must be submitted to the Counseling Office on or before April 15 of the year of application in order for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship. Continuing recipients must submit an application with supporting data regarding school attendance, grades and units to the Los Molinos High School on or before April 15th of each year. Note: If April 15th falls on a day when the school is closed, the applications are due the first day the school is open after April 15th.
2. Prior recipients are required to submit an application annually with supporting data regarding school attendance to Los Molinos High School before April 15th.

V. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee shall be composed of the following Los Molinos High School personnel:

1. The principal and/or Superintendent of Los Molinos High School.
2. Two teachers from Los Molinos High School.
3. Two members of the Los Molinos Unified School District Board of Trustees.
4. The Counselor of Los Molinos High School.
5. Should a member of the scholarship committee be related to an applicant for the scholarship, that committee member shall be excused from deliberations for that year. Another member of the administration, faculty or member of the District Board of Trustees is to be selected to take that individual's place on the scholarship committee.
6. Decisions rendered by the committee shall be final.
7. The scholarship committee may adopt additional rules and regulations, or modify existing rules and regulations, provided that the basic intent of the scholarship is not modified.

VI. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship shall be awarded annually and may be renewed for a period not to exceed four years, provided the recipient remains in good standing at his/her school, college or university and meets all of the scholarship conditions.
2. The award may be used only to defray expenses incidental to the student's attendance at a college, university, community college, or vocational or trade school.
3. The recipient must maintain at least a 12 semester unit load, or be certified as a full time student in a program leading to a degree or certificate. The recipient must at least maintain a 2.0 GPA for all courses taken. The recipient must send official transcripts or a verification of enrollment form to Los Molinos High School to verify that all requirements for the continuation of the scholarship as outlined in this document are met. It is the responsibility of the recipient to secure verification and submit it to Los Molinos High School in a timely fashion, otherwise payment of scholarship funds will be withheld. The scholarship is valid only while the recipient remains in good standing at the school of attendance.
4. The recipient will be paid on a semi-annual basis (typically in October and February), upon presentation of evidence of compliance with terms of the scholarship.
5. Should injury or illness cause a student to withdraw from school, the award may be held for the recipient not to exceed one year. Should the recipient be drafted or choose to enroll into military service, the scholarship will be continued upon re-entry into any school, college, or university as provided above if the recipient enrolls within one year after discharge from the military service. Should the recipient take part in a church mission, AmeriCorps, or similar service-type activity, the scholarship will be continued upon re-entry into any school, college, or university as provided above if the recipient enrolls within one year after the completion of their mission or service commitment. The recipient is required to notify the scholarship committee in writing prior to the start of

their military service or service commitment and must provide documentation verifying their military service or service commitment when such service is complete.

6. The scholarship must be used in the semester or quarter immediately following its award, and the recipient must attend continuously without interruption except as described as above.

7. Recipients who fail to meet terms for renewal may write a letter to the scholarship committee explaining any special circumstances and requiring “probation”. Probation MAY be granted to a student’s upon review of circumstances by the committee. When a student is in danger of failing or is advised by a counselor to drop a class, they are to contact the District Superintendent of the Los Molinos Unified School District. The committee realizes that sometimes circumstances arise that are beyond a student’s control. Each situation will be looked at individually.

Terms and conditions signature page on next page must be included in application

**JAMES AND MARTHA C. CHRATA
SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

1. The applicant named below has received a copy of the James and Martha C. Chrata scholarship rules, and has read these rules and understands his/her obligations and responsibilities.

2. The applicant understands that it is her/his responsibility to submit an application form for the scholarship annually by April 15th so the scholarship committee can know of her/his plans. Failure to submit the application will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. Note: If April 15th falls on a day when school is closed, the applications are due the first day the school is open after April 15th.

3. The applicant understands that if she/he fails to use the scholarship in the semester/quarter following receipt or interrupt his/her schooling for other than medical or military service reasons, she/he may forfeit the scholarship unless application for postponement is made and approved by the selection committee.

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

**LOS MOLINOS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL STATUS FORM**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

College or Vocational School Planning to Attend: _____

Date Course will Begin: _____ Date Course will End: _____

Educational Goal (give name of course of study): _____

At completion of course I will receive a Certificate, Diploma or a Degree (type of degree):

Have you ever been, or do you expect to be the beneficiary of a scholarship or other award(s)?

YES NO

If yes, give name(s) and amount(s):

NAME:

AMOUNT:

Have you applied for or are you receiving financial aid for the upcoming school year?

YES NO

Will you work while attending school?

YES NO

If yes, give estimated number of hours:

Budget for full academic year of:

How many months?

Tuition and Fees (full academic year not monthly):

Books and Supplies:

Room and Board:

I plan to live: In dorm Off Campus At Home

Travel Expenses:

Basic Living Expenses:

TOTAL COST:

I have read the scholarship rules and understand the commitments and obligations I must take upon myself.

Signed _____ Date _____

(An applicant may submit letters of recommendation to supply information about his/her character, ability, and financial needs or unusual circumstances. Such letters are optional, but must be attached to this form)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.