

Taos Community Foundation is hosting 5 separate scholarships for High School Graduates wishing to pursue advancement of higher education. Students may apply for multiple scholarships, provided that all listed criteria for each award are met.

In this announcement you will find eligibility information and details about 4 of our scholarships.

Please see the separate announcement for the [First Generation Scholarship](http://www.taoscf.org/scholarships) on www.taoscf.org/scholarships

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** was established in 2018 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 3 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

5) The **First Generation Scholarship** – please see the **First Generation Scholarship Announcement** for details and eligibility

Selection & Award Process

Taos Community Foundation Scholarship Applications are each 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 August 12, 2019** in order for the scholarship award to be processed. Checks will be mailed to the respective university/college financial aid office directly.

- **Please fill out only 1 (one) Taos Community Foundation Application per Scholarship.**
- **Please do not staple any of the materials.**
- **A Common Student Application (CSA) will not be accepted.**

Application deadline

Please submit completed applications to the Foundation office by **Thursday, April 11, 2019 by 5:00 PM**. Applications may be hand delivered or mailed. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2019** for consideration.

Applicants will be notified of committee decisions by mail.

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