Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico

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SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARS (S4S) PROGRAM
2024-2025 Scholarships for Homeless High School Students

Purpose: The scholarship provides partial financial assistance to college-bound homeless high school seniors based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and an expressed interest in pursuing a degree or certificate. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds so a graduating student can apply and gain acceptance into New Mexico State University (NMSU) or Dona Ana Community College (DACC). Once enrolled, it is the agency's hope that the student will qualify for NMSU/DACC and/or federal financial aid assistance or other scholarships so they can continue their studies into the future.

Criteria: Students eligible for assistance must be a graduating high school senior who attends a high school in the Las Cruces Public School District, has a minimum of 2.0 grade point average or equivalent, and intends to continue their education at NMSU or DACC. Consideration will be given to a student's current housing situation, academic achievement, and financial need. Students must submit a scholarship application provided by Catholic Charities before the deadline.

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and scholarship monies will be disbursed at the beginning of each academic semester. Also, recipients must contact Catholic Charities the following January 2025 confirming their Spring enrollment at NMSU or DACC and how the scholarship has impacted their academic career and/or life.

Amount: Each scholarship amount is up to $5,000. Scholarship awards will cover the partial cost of a student's tuition/fees, books, housing, and meal plan.

Deadline: The 2024-2025 application deadline is <mark>May 3, 2024</mark>. Applications may be submitted in person to Catholic Charities' Las Cruces office or through the mail. If mailed, Catholic Charities uses the postmarked date to determine eligibility. The deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted.

Renewal: This scholarship partially covers the costs of a student's tuition at NMSU or DACC and is renewable once. Previous scholarship recipients who withdraw from NMSU or DACC at any time cannot re-apply.

Please submit applications to:

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ATTN: Homeless High School Student Scholarship Fund
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NMSU/DONA ANA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FOR HOMELESS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Name of Student: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address (if any): _____

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Physical Address (if any): _____

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Name /Phone number of person who can always contact you: _____

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High School Attending: _____

Class Status: (check one)   _____ Junior   _____ Senior

Expected Graduation Month and Date: _____

Is your cumulative High School Grade Point Average 2.0 or higher? ____ yes ____ no

Actual cumulative High School Grade Point Average (to date): _____ on a scale of _____

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If you have taken the ACT, SAT or Accuplacer what was your score?_____

If you have not taken the ACT, SAT or Accuplacer yet when do you plan to take it?

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Academic areas of interest at DACC/NMSU: _____

Will you be seeking a certificate or a degree? _____ certificate   _____ degree

Briefly describe your personal background/history and the challenges you currently face:

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Describe your career goals: _____

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Why do you think you should receive this scholarship? _____

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Is there anything else that you would like to share about yourself? _____

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Applicant's Written Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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For Catholic Charities agency staff only:

Date/Postmark Application Received: _____