



Scholarship Information

Application Due: Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 11:59 PM MST

MISSION

The Daniel Otero Legacy Foundation was established in 2025 to honor the contributions of Coach Daniel Otero's dedication to education and coaching. Coach Otero, beyond his role as a teacher and coach, exemplified leadership by encouraging his students to strive for personal growth and to take initiative. He empowered them to not only pursue their dreams but also to inspire and uplift others around them, building a sense of teamwork and responsibility within the community. This scholarship seeks to support high school seniors who, like Daniel, demonstrate leadership and teamwork by making a positive impact in the lives of others, and wish to pursue personal growth through higher education.

AWARD AMOUNT AND ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The scholarship provides \$500 per year, renewable for up to four years, for a total award of up to \$2000, contingent upon maintaining acceptable academic performance as defined below. The scholarship funds may be applied toward tuition, books, supplies, fees, housing, transportation and athletic uniforms/equipment at accredited colleges, universities, trade schools or vocational schools.

CRITERIA

You must:

- Be a High School Senior
- Have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better
- Be taking or have taken physical education OR health classes with a grade of B or better
- Currently live in New Mexico, encompassing both state-governed areas and reservations
- Plan to attend a college, university OR technical/vocational school
- Be actively engaged in extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, etc.)
- Hold a leadership role in your school, community, clubs, sports, or workplace.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. APPLICATION FORM

The application form is included in this document. Because we need a digital version of the form, please use [Adobe Acrobat](#) or similar software to complete the form.

2. ESSAY

Provide a 300-500-word personal essay describing your goals and plans after high school. (Essay area is included in the application.)

3. EDUCATIONAL TRANSCRIPT

A copy of your unofficial high school transcript, which lists your courses and final grades.

4. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation from an adult mentor (school faculty/staff, coach, employer, band director etc.), who feel you qualify for this scholarship.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each application must include 2 recommendations from an adult mentor (school faculty/staff, coach, employer, band director etc.) who can attest to your leadership and tell us why they think you should be awarded this scholarship. **Your references must be emailed to us independently** by the individuals writing them. This is to ensure the letters of recommendation are authentic and written directly by your references, without input or editing from you.

Your reference may use our provided form or submit their recommendation as a separate email or PDF. They must include your full name (as it appears on your application), their name, phone number, email address, title, and their relationship to you. Be sure they know your name as it appears on this application, as we cannot match nicknames or variations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To submit your application, fill out this digital application form, including your essay, using [Adobe Acrobat](#) or similar software, and scan your High School transcript into a PDF. Email us at scholarship@danielOteroLegacyFoundation.com with your full name as the subject. Be sure to attach **both** the completed application and transcript.

Your references should email their letters of recommendation directly to scholarship@danielOteroLegacyFoundation.com with the subject line as your full name. Your email and their emails do not need to be sent at the same time. However, both must be submitted before the deadline to be considered.

After submitting your application, transcript, and having your mentors submit their letters of recommendation, you will be considered for the scholarship. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

AWARD PROCESS

After the submission deadline, we will review all applications to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility criteria. If you are awarded the scholarship, you will be notified by Saturday, May 24th, 2025 via email, where you will be given further instructions for the process.

Scholarship funds will be dispersed directly to your accredited college, university, vocational/trade school upon verification of enrollment of at least 6 credit hours or the equivalent for vocational/trade schools. Any overages, or funds exceeding the costs of the above expenses will be handled by the school's financial aid department and may be refunded to the student or applied to other outstanding costs.

RENEWALS AND ACCEPTABLE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

To continue receiving the scholarship each year, you must maintain acceptable academic performance and be enrolled at least 6 credit hours or the equivalent for vocational/trade school, and be in good standing with the school.

- **If attending colleges or universities**, acceptable academic progress is defined as maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- **If attending trade/vocations schools**, acceptable academic progress is defined as meeting the school's standard for satisfactory performance, which may include skill proficiency, attendance, and progress in the program.

To renew your scholarship for the next year, upon conclusion of each academic year, you will be required to verify your academic progress and enrollment by submitting your official school transcript. If you do not meet the required standards, your scholarship will not be renewed.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the scholarship or process, contact us via email at: scholarship@danielOteroLegacyFoundation.com

Scholarship Application

To be completed by student. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Last First Middle Initial

Address

Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Email Address

Birthdate

2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School

Overall GPA

On a 4.0 scale

Planned Graduation Date

Extracurricular Activities

3. HIGHER EDUCATION

What field of study/major/trade do you plan to pursue?

What colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools are you planning to enroll in?

(provide one or more)

Name

School Website URL

Have You Been Accepted?

Yes

No

Do Not Know Yet

Name

School Website URL

Have You Been Accepted?

Yes

No

Do Not Know Yet

Name

School Website URL

Have You Been Accepted?

Yes

No

Do Not Know Yet

4. Essay

Instructions

Provide a 300–500-word essay about yourself, your plans after high school and why you feel you qualify for this scholarship.

Please don't use AI tools like ChatGPT or other text generators when writing. What matters most to us is hearing your thoughts about your future and learning more about who you are as an individual.