



Organ Transplant Awareness Program of NM

Rotary District 5520

Dear New Mexico Educators:

Enclosed is information on the Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship. This is an essay contest jointly sponsored by the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico (OTAP) and Rotary District 5520.

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting New Mexico youth with higher education. Approximately 103,000 people are awaiting an organ transplant in the United States, and over 500,000 will need a tissue transplant this calendar year. Unfortunately, many waiting will experience a decreased quality of life, remain visually impaired, or die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we can help others make an informed decision about giving the gift of life.

The Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships and two \$500.00 scholarships to New Mexico high school seniors that meet the eligibility requirements. Students planning careers in health related occupations are especially encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit the following via e-mail by February 14, 2010 (National Donor Day)

- The attached scholarship application
- One three-page essay about organ donation - See attached instructions.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

- An Impartial selection committee will evaluate each application and essay. Upon review of all applications, the committee will select the winning essays for awards.
- Awards will be sent to the institution the student plans to attend upon verification of enrollment.
- If the recipient has already been awarded a full scholarship, the award can be utilized for school related expenses (books, lab fees, etc.) Recipients will need to provide official transcripts and photo identification.
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Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students. Also, please post in the teacher's lounge, counseling offices, and cafeterias. If you have questions about the Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarships essay contest, e-mail otapscholarships@hotmail.com.

Note: Applicants must attach application and essay (Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format) and e-mail it to otapscholarships@hotmail.com with subject "OTAP Essay Scholarship". Thank you for your support of New Mexico students and the Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship.



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Betty Montoya GIFT OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIP RULES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior attending a public or private school in New Mexico. *
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Intend to enroll in an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school.

* Seniors who are home schooled are eligible if accepted by an accredited institution.

TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the attached application form. Download the entry form and open in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat.
2. Submit an original essay on "Organ and/or Tissue Donation/Transplantation." Be creative and write about any subject that embraces one or more of the following themes: second chance at life, importance of medical research, who can benefit from organ donation, dialysis, bone marrow transplantation, true stories, and organ donation - facts and myths. All essays must be typed, double-spaced, contain a title page with title and entrant's name only.
3. Attach application and essay (Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format), send it to otapscholarships@hotmail.com with subject "OTAP Essay Scholarship".

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

To be eligible for consideration, a complete [entry form](#) with all required documentation must be sent via e-mail by **February 14, 2010, (National Donor Day)**.

Note: All essays become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico for the purpose of future publication. This award will be presented at the Senior Honors Assembly or at graduation. Scholarship recipients may also be honored at a New Mexico OTAP or Rotary Club Meeting.



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Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship Essay Contest Application Form

Sponsored by: Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico and Rotary District 5520.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
High School: _____
Grade Point Average (G.P.A.): _____

Description of extra-curricular activities (school and /or community):

College, University, or vocation-technical school you plan to attend:

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions:

Please attach your essay about organ donation (maximum 3 pages double spaced).

Attach this application as a Microsoft Word Document or Adobe Acrobat and e-mail to otapscholarships@hotmail.com with "**OTAP Scholarship Essay**" in the subject field.



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Scholarship opportunity for High School Seniors!!!

Betty Montoya Gift Of Life Scholarship

Apply now to be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship or a \$500 scholarship being offered by two organizations supporting organ and tissue donation.

Requirements for eligibility:

- New Mexico High School senior planning to attend a two or four year college, university, vocational or technical school.
- 2.0 G.P.A. or better.
- Submit an application and three-page essay on Organ and/or Tissue Donation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2010

(February 14, 2010 is National Donor Day)

For more information:

- Contact your school counselor.
- E-mail otapscholarships@hotmail.com.
- Go to www.otapnm.org.



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