

## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND AWARD PROCESS

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Applications must be received or post-marked by March 19, 2010. Late or incomplete packets will not receive consideration.

Mail application package to:

Zia Credit Union Scholarship Committee

Ms. Jennifer Montoya

1001 Central Avenue

Los Alamos, NM 87544

Individual items or faxed applications will not be accepted. All required items must be submitted as one pack-age. Only one application per person will be accepted, so please choose your category appropriately.

Awards will be presented to selected students during the awards presentation ceremony at your respective school. A check will be deposited into your Zia Credit Union account upon proof of college enrollment from an institution of higher education. Proof must be received no later than September 1, 2010.

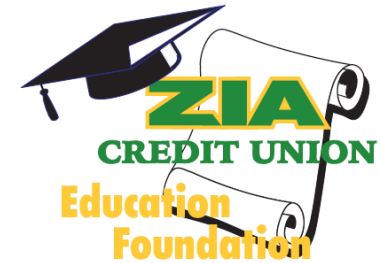
## DID YOU REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING?

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- Completed application
- Official high school transcript (must include the two most recent years)
- Two signed letters of recommendation. Letters from friends or relatives will not be accepted
- Wallet-sized photograph (to be used for publication purposes only). If you do submit a photo, the publication form must be signed and included.
- Typed essay (minimum of 400 words) addressing/supporting the scholarship category guidelines you are applying for.

If any directions are not clear, or you have any questions, please give us a call at 663-3572 or 663-3553.

We will be happy to help.



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**Merit Scholarships**

**2010**



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### Merit Scholarships

The Merit Scholarships at Zia Credit Union were established in 2003 to provide educational financial support to member's children of Zia Credit Union who are high school graduating seniors and are pursuing undergraduate degrees.

The three merit scholarship categories are:

#### **Leadership, Special Achievement, and Academic.**

When deciding which scholarship to apply for, please read each category carefully and apply for the one which best fits your situation.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Refers to any student who has demonstrated involvement in community or school-wide activities, which exemplify the tools necessary to become a leader and role model. Emphasis on organizations applicant has worked with, length of time, and overall contribution to the community will be reviewed, along with college commitment and work experience.

#### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

Refers to any student who has overcome barriers while in high school to stay in school and graduate. For example, teen parents, recovery from substance abuse, previous poor academic performance with current improvement, or attitude and behavioral improvement. Emphasis on continuing higher education, college commitment, and giving back to your community will be reviewed, along with extracurricular activities and work experience.

#### **ACADEMIC**

Refers to any student who has a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above. Students may also have participated in college prep or AP programs. Note any special recognition you may have received in one or more academic areas, list academic courses taken, areas of strength, progress over terms, and state interest in high education, college commitment, giving back to your community, and work experience.

### Scholarship eligibility

Applicant must be a member of Zia Credit Union, and a high school senior, home school senior, or GED student.

#### How to Apply:

- Complete the application.
  - Attach an official high school transcript (must include the two most recent years).
  - Must submit two signed letters of recommendation. Letters from relatives or friends will not be accepted.
  - Submit a wallet-size photograph (to be used for publication purposes only). Publication permission form must also be signed and included.
  - Submit typed essay (minimum of 400 words) addressing/supporting the scholarship category for which you are applying.
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