

## APPLICATION DEADLINE & AWARD PROCESS

*Applications must be received by Zia Credit Union or postmarked by March 15th, 2019.*

Late or incomplete packets will not receive consideration.

Mail your application packet to:

Zia Credit Union Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Jennifer Aylmer  
1001 Central Ave  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Individual items or faxed applications **WILL NOT** be accepted. All required items must be submitted as one package. Only one submission per person will be accepted. Any submission that does not meet the requirements will be automatically disqualified.

Awards will be presented to the selected students during the awards presentation ceremony at your respective school. A check will be deposited into your Zia Credit Union account upon college ac-



## Really important! Did you remember to include ALL of the following?

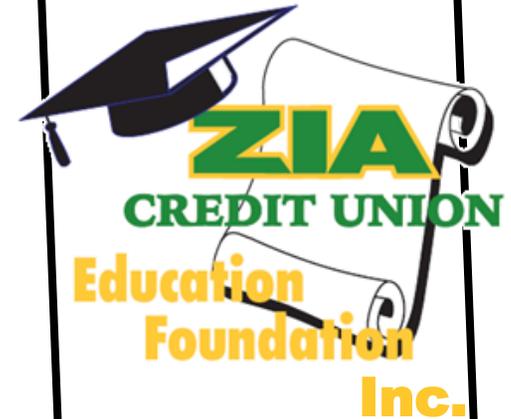
- Official high school transcript (must include the two most recent years.)
- Two **signed** letters of recommendation.  
\*Note: Letters from relative or friends will *not* be accepted.
- Wallet-sized photo to be used in the event of publication purposes only. If you do submit a photo, the Photo Consent Form must be signed and included in your packet. (Photos will not be returned.)
- Typed essay containing a **minimum of 350 words and a maximum of 650 words**, addressing and supporting your achievements through your high school career.

**Your application must be complete!**

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If you have any questions at all, please give us a buzz! We're happy to help you! Contact Jennifer Aylmer at 505-663-3572 or Annitte Lujan at 505-663-3580

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▶ **Merit Scholarships~**

The Zia Credit Union Merit Scholarships were created in 2003 to provide educational financial support to members of Zia Credit Union who are graduating high school seniors and are pursuing their education in a college, university or vocational school program.

▶ **Awards~**

Merit Scholarships are awarded to students graduating from a high school in northern New Mexico who are members of Zia Credit Union.

▶ **Value of Awards~**

Each scholarship's discretionary amount is determined by the Zia Credit Union Scholarship Committee.



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## Foundation of Awards

Scholarship awards are based on the student's essay, which should emphasize the student's accomplishments in their high school career. Also, include work experience, volunteer work or any extra curricular activities you are involved in. Tell us a little about your major, include your goals for yourself and if you are planning on giving back to the community you have grown up in after you graduate. There are three different types of awards to choose from: please only choose ONE.

### Academic~

To select the Academic award, the student should have a strong GPA typically over a 3.0 and tendency to excel in academics in general. College prep courses, AP classes, community or school-wide activities, and any academic recognition or awards received while in high school should also be included.

### Leadership~

To select the Leadership award, the student should have experience in leadership activities, for example, Class Treasurer, or other high school leadership responsibilities, such as Squad Leader of a sports team or other group. Community volunteer work and college goals in the student's chosen field should also be included.

### Special Achievement~

To select the Special Achievement award, or "overcoming a barrier" award, the student should include details of anything that could have prevented them from graduating from high school, for example, recovering from substance abuse, teen par-

## Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible, the Student **MUST** be a member of Zia Credit Union with their own account *prior* to the application deadline. The applicant must also be a high school senior, home school student, or GED student.

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the application. Please only select one category that best fits you.
2. Attach an official high school transcript (Must include the two most recent years.)
3. Submit two signed letters of recommendation, (letters from relatives or friends will not be accepted and will cause the application to be disqualified)
4. Submit a wallet-sized photo (for publications only.) The Photo Consent Form *must* be signed and included.
5. Submit a typed essay (minimum of 350 words/maximum 650 words) addressing and supporting the achievements throughout the student's high school career, mentioning the subjects we have listed.

**GOOD LUCK!**

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