



## **Organ Transplant Awareness Program Organ Donation Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors!**

This is an essay contest sponsored by Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico. This year there will be two \$500 scholarships awarded to New Mexico high school seniors. The awards are in memory of Betty Montoya, kidney recipient and Jaime Munoz, double lung recipient.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting New Mexico youth with higher education. Currently 800 New Mexicans await life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, many of these candidates will die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we help people make informed decisions about registering to be an organ donor.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- High school senior attending a public, private school or home 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 college, university, or vocational-technical school.

### **TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Complete the attached application.
2. You may choose to write your essay on either of two topics:
  - a.) A Personal Story involving organ transplant or tissue donation.
  - b.) An Informative Essay on organ transplant or tissue donation.
3. All essays must be three pages, 1" margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman font, **plus** a title page with applicant's name, essay title and state if your essay is a personal or informative.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

- An impartial selection committee will evaluate each application and essay. Upon review of all applications, the final 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 may be utilized for school related expenses (books, lab fees, etc.). Recipients will need to provide official transcripts and photo identification. Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students. Also, please post in the teacher's lounge, counseling offices, and websites.



## Essay Contest Application Form

**Deadline February 14, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

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

List the College, University, Vocational, or Technical school you plan to attend.

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions (you may add another page)

The Scholarship process will begin again November 30, 2017

Please attach your essay about organ donation. Please use Microsoft Word Document or Adobe Acrobat format and e-mail to [organdonation@otapnm.com](mailto:organdonation@otapnm.com) with "**OTAP Scholarship Essay**" in the subject field. Note: All essays will become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico, Inc. for the purpose of future publication. This award will be presented at your senior honors assembly or graduation ceremony. The winning Scholarship essays will be published on our website, OTAPNM.COM.