

## 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. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded in Memory of Nancy Dodge, kidney 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 700 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 enrolled in New Mexico public, private or home school.
- 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.
- 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 a minimum 2 full pages or maximum 4 pages, 1" margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman font. Essay is to be in your own words, no citations or reference page. Place title on top of page 1 (12 pt Times Roman).

## SELECTION PROCESS

• The selection committee will evaluate each application and essay and notify the winner by April 1, 2023.

The award will be sent to the institution the student plans to attend. The award may be utilized for tuition, fees, or books. Recipient will need to provide OTAP with the student's ID number and the address of the financial aid office. Student agrees to publication of the essay in local news media and will provide a photo for such purpose.



 High School
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any 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.

Please email the application and separate essay document to <u>organdonation@otapnm.com</u> with **"Scholarship Essay"** in the subject field. Note: All essays will become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program for the purpose of future publication in any media format including our website, otapnm.com.