

**Rising Stars in the Southwest
2018 Scholarship Application
\$1,000.00 Award**

(Please Type or Print Only)

(Application must be received by RSSW by April 15th, 2018 by 4:30pm)

NOTE TO STUDENT: The legibility, accuracy, and completeness of application will be considered.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

E-mail address _____

Social Security Number (if available) _____ Student ID _____

High School Attending _____ College(s) you are considering

1. _____ 2. _____

Proposed field of study

1. _____

2. _____

OBJECTIVE The Rising Stars scholarships are awards designed to provide recognition for educational and leadership qualities to graduating high school seniors that will be attending an institution of higher learning. The Scholarship committee will base its decision on educational achievement, demonstrated leadership qualities, two letters of recommendation, a written essay and **financial need**. **ELIGIBILITY** The candidate must be a graduating senior in the current school year and planning to enroll in an institution of higher education the fall 2016 - 2017 academic year. Must be a resident of New Mexico. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher. **ESSAY** Write or type an essay between 300 - 500 words, double-spaced, expressing your educational and career goals. Please explain how these goals relate to your personal career dream and elaborate on your philosophy of improving the community in which he/she lives. Include your leadership qualities, position held, plans to lead, etc.

REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS Please provide two confidential letters of recommendation using enclosed forms. Recommendations from relatives are not acceptable. You are required to have at least one High School teacher recommendation (i.e., math, science, English or social studies, etc.) Have each writer seal the letter in an envelope prior to returning it to you. Do not read these letters before submitting. Return them with your application. **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** s will be researched and the student ID must be in the application

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Number of family members living in household _____.

Have you applied for other financial aid? _____ Yes _____ NO

List amounts of any financial aid already granted: _____.

In order to be considered for an Rising Stars in the Southwest scholarship, please submit a copy of your family's latest filed Federal Tax Return. **(W-2 forms WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**

PERSONAL DATA

List any school activities, including any leadership positions held. _____

List any civic and/or community involvement.

List any honors and/or awards received in school. _____

TEACHER - Letter of Recommendation

Please complete this form or include a personal letter of recommendation which includes the requested information.

(Please Type or Print)

Name of Student _____

High School/GED _____

Relationship to Student _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Describe the student's educational abilities:

Describe why this student should be selected as an scholarship recipient:

Describe the student's major strengths (including as a leader): _____

Other information:

Reference Information: (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Upon completion, please insert in a sealed envelope and return to applicant. Required signature across the seal.

Letter of Recommendation for Second Reference

*Please complete this form **or include a personal letter of recommendation which includes the requested information.***

(Please Type or Print)

Name of Student _____

High School/GED _____

Relationship to Student _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Describe why this student should be selected as Rising Stars in the Southwest scholarship recipient:

Describe the student's major strengths:

Other information:

Reference Information: (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

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Official School Request
Risings Stars will accept from a counselor or recognized school administrator.

Student Name: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative (GPA) Grade Point Average: _____

Signature of Student's Counselor or administrator: _____

Please attach transcript

Official Title: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Application Checklist

Before mailing your application, review and check the following points to ensure complete understanding of the scholarship application, deadline, and eligibility requirements. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that it is complete and all requested materials are enclosed. Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered. Applicants should submit the application packet in the following order. Check off as completed.

___ 1. Completed application form

___ 2. Essay (300 - 500 words)

___ 3. Two sealed letters of recommendation (one from a teacher)

___ 4. Completed copy of current Federal Income Tax. (W2's will not be accepted)

___ 5. Application checklist signed and completed and received no later than April 15, 2016 (must be postdated the 1st). Applications received after April 15, 2016 WILL NOT be considered. All scholarship recipients will be notified within the last week of April of the Scholarship Committee's final decisions. Scholarship Committee's decisions are final. The Rising Stars Scholarship is a non-renewable scholarship. The student may not defer the scholarship for an enrollment date later than Fall 2016. CERTIFICATION: All of the enclosed information presented in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the Rising Stars in the Southwest share this information for the purpose of public relations and/or possible future scholarship applicant recruitment projects. I further certify that I am a graduating high school senior with proven financial need. I will be attending an institution of higher learning, university, college or a technical vocational institution in the Fall 2016 - 2017 academic year.

___ 6. The student awarded a scholarship must attend a financial literacy session with local participating Santa Fe lending institution and provide a statement of attendance from that same business.

___ 7. The student is also expected to attend two Rising Stars sessions involved with planning in successful time management, personality assessments and prioritization of higher education objectives.

___ 8. Award notification will be made by phone and US Postal Service. Proof of registration in a post-secondary institution is necessary to obtain award. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the Rising Stars in the Southwest receives the Enrollment Certification from the chosen institution.

___ 9. A check will be awarded to the individual student after completion of the above items, including financial literacy and the Rising Stars planning sessions. This award may be at a public event and the student should plan accordingly.

_____ **Applicant's Signature Date**

_____ **Parent or Guardian Signature**

Date SEND OR DELIVER APPLICATION PACKET TO: Missy Gurule SFHS in the Career Center or Ms. Toby Wright room 213 Capital High School.