



The Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors! Application attached and online at OTAPNM.com

This is an essay contest sponsored by **Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico**. This year there will be two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to New Mexico high school seniors and one \$500 award, the Jaime Munoz memorial scholarship.

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 over 800 New Mexicans await kidney, heart, liver, lung, pancreas and intestine transplants. Unfortunately, many will die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we help others make an informed decision 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. Also, available at otapnm.com.
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, 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. If you have questions about the Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarships essay contest, e-mail tonylita.jaramillo@gmail.com or call 505-345-3740. An application and information is available at OTAPNM.com.



Essay Contest Application Form

Deadline February 14, 2016

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____ Phone _____

High School _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

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

College, University, Vocational, or Technical school you plan to attend:

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions:

Please attach your essay about organ donation. Please use Microsoft Word Document or Adobe Acrobat format and e-mail to tonylita.jaramillo@gmail.com with "***OTAP Scholarship Essay***" in the subject field. Note: All essays 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 at graduation. Scholarship recipients may be honored at a future OTAP meeting.