



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Conejos County Department of Social Services will be awarding a total of six (6) academic scholarships to graduating seniors from our Conejos school districts.

Scholarships to awarded participants will be \$1000 for the fall semester. (2025) This will be a one-time scholarship and not ongoing assistance. If interested, please prepare a cover sheet along with a 2-3 page essay.

Your cover sheet should include:

- First and Last Name
- Current GPA
- Annual Family Income
- School District Name
- Current Physical Address
- Current Citizenship status
- Expected major
- College you will be attending in fall.
- Contact Telephone Number

Your essay should include:

- Examples of what you have accomplished as a student that have demonstrated goodwill towards the citizens of Conejos County.
- Attitudes towards poverty – How would you define poverty and to what extent does stigma contribute to the experience of living in poverty?
- Do you think it is a government's responsibility to provide welfare assistance or should it be the responsibility of others? Why?
- How do you envision assisting those in need of assistance as you begin your professional careers?

Your essays can be submitted to:

Conejos County Department of Social Services
c/o Nicholas Barela
PO BOX 68
Conejos, CO 81129

Deadline 4-30-2025

*To qualify for this scholarship:

- Your family income must be less than \$75,000 annually
- Be a resident of Conejos County
- US citizen or Legal Permanent Resident
- If necessary, essays will be scored at 50 points and will be reviewed by a panel of representatives from DSS. Essays will be scored on: format, responses to questions, and overall readability.
- There are no GPA requirement to this scholarship