

SpringBoard! Over the Rainbow Scholarships for Women

SpringBoard! a program within the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, awards \$1,000 scholarships annually to southern New Mexico women pursuing higher education at a southern New Mexico community college or vocational school.

Over the Rainbow (OTR) \$1,000 scholarship is available for a southern New Mexican woman attending New Mexico State University (NMSU) or Dona Ana Community College (DACC) as an undergraduate.

SpringBoard! Scholarship

Created by women for women, the SpringBoard! Scholarship program was established in 2004 to help improve the lives of women in southern New Mexico by providing opportunities for advanced education. This scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate female students from throughout southern New Mexico who are pursuing higher education at a **southern New Mexico community college or vocational school** in preparation for a career.

Over the Rainbow Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Dorothy Ellen Baker, daughter of an Appalachian coal miner who valued higher education for women. She dreamed of attending college, but it was financially out of reach and the school she wanted to attend excluded women. Her belief in the importance of college for women inspired two of her daughters to complete their Ph.D.s and become professors. One was a long-time professor of government at NMSU. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a non-traditional undergraduate student with financial need **attending NMSU or DACC**. The student may use it as needed to further her education.

Criteria

Both scholarships can be awarded to traditional or non-traditional undergraduate women with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Non-traditional is defined as women who are not entering (or did not enter) college directly from high school and both scholarships give preference to applicants demonstrating financial need.

SpringBoard! also offers funds covering GED testing fees. This is a separate application that can be obtained from the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, CFSNM helps facilitate individual, family and organizational philanthropy through targeted grant making, educational scholarships, advocacy and unique program expertise. Call 575-521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org

SpringBoard! and Over the Rainbow
Scholarship Application
Providing women with opportunities for a lifetime.

This is the only form accepted for SpringBoard! and Over the Rainbow Scholarships. Applications may be submitted online or on paper and must arrive at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico before 5:00 pm APRIL 30. If this is a weekend, the deadline is 5:00 pm on the following Monday.

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico
2600 El Paseo Road
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 521-4794, www.cfsnm.org

Please mark the scholarship for which you qualify:

- SpringBoard! Scholarship
- Over the Rainbow Scholarship

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Home Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Email Address _____
 Month Day Year

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Are you related to any officer, director, employee of or substantial contributor to CFSNM?

- Yes, if yes, name of relative and relationship _____
- No

*Persons related to an officer, director, employee, or substantial contributors to the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico are not eligible. *As defined in the Internal Revenue Code*

Education

	Name of School	Dates Attended	Diploma, Degree or Certificate Earned	GPA
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

List volunteer or non-paid community service activities and dates of participation

Educational Goals and Information

What degree/certificate do you plan to earn and how far along are you in that process?

List all scholarships and financial assistance you are or will be receiving and the amounts awarded.

The following material must be submitted before the application deadline:

1. A brief printed or typed statement describing your **specific financial needs as they relate to your educational goals. Maximum of 250 words**
2. **Two letters of recommendation.** These must be from a teacher, counselor, or employer. The individual writing each recommendation must include their name, position, relationship to you, how long they have known you, and why you are a good scholarship candidate.
3. A completed copy of this form including Cover Page.

Application deadline: April 30, 5:00pm. If this falls on a weekend, the application is due by 5:00pm on the following business day. All applicants will be notified by mail and a personal interview will be conducted with each finalist.

I certify that I have answered all the information truthfully in the best of my knowledge. I give permission to the Scholarship Committee to verify all information and to contact my reference(s). If I am awarded a scholarship, I also give permission to SpringBoard! to verify my completion of studies.

Applicant Signature

Date