



The New Mexico Equal Employment Opportunity & Diversity Council ***2007 Vince Montoya Memorial Scholarship***

The New Mexico Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Council (NMEEODC) was organized in 1986 as a resource to participating organizations in the Albuquerque/ Santa Fe/ Los Alamos area carrying out viable Affirmative Action (AA), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Human Resources Development (HRD), and Diversity programs. In 2002, the Council's charter was amended to include all of New Mexico. We are the largest EEO Council in the Southwest, and champion the causes of ALL peoples.

Mission Statement:

The NMEEODC is committed to assisting Federal/State/Municipal governments, private sector and government contractors, Tribal communities, universities, corporations, and other organizational entities in their efforts to promote effective, full, and equitable participation of ALL people regardless of their race, color, orientation, national origin, disability, creed, religion, gender-identity, or age within the State of New Mexico.

Values:

We value all cultures and find beauty in their belief systems.

We value all human beings and believe each has unlimited potential.

We value education and believe it opens doors to the future.



In 2005, the NMEEODC established the ***Vince Montoya Scholarship*** to honor the memory of long time board member and former chair of the Council, Vince Montoya. Throughout his Air Force career, Vince faced discrimination as one of a very few Native American officers; he considered it a challenge to excel, never as an excuse not to succeed. He channeled his energy into making the workplaces around him into better places for everyone, ensuring that all employees had the tools necessary to succeed and were evaluated on their strengths and contributions. Vince did not simply abide other people and the different experiences and perspectives they brought to the table – he truly celebrated them.

The goal of this program is to support the best and brightest New Mexico students by creating scholarship opportunities for those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and achievements in their home, school, and community. The ***Vince Montoya Scholarship*** will enable young New Mexicans to attend undergraduate New Mexico institutions of their choice and be prepared to assume important roles as leaders in their professions and in their communities. In 2007, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

2007 Vince Montoya Memorial Scholarship

Please submit one application packet. Apply under one of the following scholarship categories:

Academic refers to any student who has a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) and who has participated in college prep or college enhancement programs during the academic year. Please note any special recognition or honors you may have received during this time.

Leadership refers to any student who has demonstrated involvement or participation in community initiatives that exemplify the leadership traits of a leader or role model for young adults. Please list specific activities and supporting documentation of your participation.

Special Merit refers to any student who has overcome unique barriers or circumstances in high school, which could have prevented the student from graduating. Examples: learning disabilities or impairments, teen parenthood, recovery from substance abuse, or previous poor academic performance.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduating New Mexico high school senior or home school senior in May, 2007.
- Applicant must enroll in an accredited New Mexico college, university or post secondary institution.

Applicant Packet must include the following:

1. Complete application.
2. Two letters of recommendation (school counselor, teacher, administrator, coach, etc...) that support your scholarship application.
3. Official high school transcripts.
4. Photo of yourself (used only for scholarship announcement purposes by the Council).
5. Typed essay (approximately 350 words) addressing and supporting the scholarship category for which you are applying (*select only one category*):
 - **Academic** - A statement discussing your academic achievements and goals.
 - **Leadership** - A statement supporting your involvement or participation in school/community initiatives, service activities or organizations, and your career goals. Essay may also include exemplary performance in the arts, sports, student council, etc...
 - **Special Merit** - A statement discussing unique barriers you experienced as a student, lessons you learned along the way and how you overcame the barriers. Discuss your plans for the future and include lessons learned that impacted your educational goals and objectives.

2007 Vince Montoya Memorial Scholarship Application

Please circle the scholarship category for which you are applying:

ACADEMIC

LEADERSHIP

SPECIAL MERIT

I. General Information

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____

Permanent address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

E-mail address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone (Optional): _____

High School: _____ School Phone: _____

II. Post Secondary Education Enrollment Plan (circle one):

4 Year University Technical Vocational Community College
Junior College Fine Arts Academy or Institute Other: _____

Name of institution to which you have applied: _____

*Please include copy of letter of acceptance if you have it. It is not required for the application, but is required if you are selected.

III. Intended major or course of study: _____

IV. High School Counselor Validation: Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Counselor's name: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for submitting applications is May 11th, 2007. Only complete applications will be considered. Recipient will be contacted by phone and will be formally announced at the Annual EEO Seminar in July. Disbursement of scholarship monies will be made upon receipt of proof of college enrollment. Check will be made to the school.

I certify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Did you remember to:

- ? Sign your application?
- ? Include official high school transcripts and a photo of yourself?
- ? Include your letters of recommendation?
- ? Include your typed essay?
- ? Ensure that your application and all supporting documentation is included in one packet? (Documents received later will not be accepted.)
- ? Keep a copy for your records?

Mail complete packet to:

**NM Equal Employment Opportunity & Diversity Council
Attn: 2006 Vince Montoya Scholarship Program
PO Box 412
Albuquerque, NM 87102-0412**