

**OUTCALT FOUNDATION**  
**San Luis Valley Student Achievement Scholarship**  
**2025 Application**  
**(College or University)**

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The Outcalt Foundation embraces and supports the strength of the San Luis Valley and all other communities in Colorado. Through various statewide initiatives the Foundation is the model for demonstrating hope in practice by directly supporting individuals and organizations that are capable and committed to the advancement of community. The San Luis Valley Student Achievement Scholarship aligns with our mission in supporting inspired students to experience and achieve their full potential. These individuals will be the pillars of communities worldwide and we applaud those proud of being a citizen of the San Luis Valley.

**Scholarship:**

The Outcalt Foundation is organized to receive and administer funds for charitable purposes, including but not limited to the fostering of educational opportunities for the advancement and benefit of secondary education and post secondary education students by providing financial support for post secondary education in various levels of learning institutions within the United States of America. This year, the Foundation anticipates awarding up to four (4) \$5,000 scholarships, to qualifying secondary education seniors and post secondary education students graduating from a San Luis Valley institution of learning. The funds awarded are to be used for tuition, mandatory fees, course-related expenses, and reasonable living expenses incurred to attend an accredited college or university within the United States. Unsuccessful applicants may apply multiple times if all other scholarship requirements are met.

**Criteria for selection:**

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Letter of recommendations (from secondary education or post secondary education faculty, community leaders and/or honored individuals)
- Experience and commitment to serving the broader San Luis Valley community and
- Application essay.

**Award:**

The Board of Trustees will appoint a scholarship committee to review applications for the annual Outcalt Foundation Student Achievement Scholarships.

- This committee may consist of Board Trustees or others whom the Board of Trustees feel qualified to provide unbiased recommendations.
- This committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees which applicants should be awarded annual scholarships based upon the criteria established by the Board of Trustees.

All successful scholarship awards are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and all decisions are final.

If an applicant believes they were not properly and fully considered for a scholarship award, they must file a written grievance within 30 days of the scholarship award date with the Board of Trustees.

- The Board of Trustees shall review the complaint and make a decision if the complaint is valid or not.
- All decisions of the Board are final.

Following the announcement of the awards in May, the Recipient(s) of the scholarship award(s) shall provide the Trustees with copies of a registrar's receipt evidencing the enrollment of the Recipient(s) at a qualifying post-secondary education facility and copies of the Recipient(s) fall semester program of classes at such institution. The above documents must be received by the Trustees prior to September 10<sup>th</sup> of the year that the scholarship award checks are to be issued. Should the above documents not be received by the Trustees prior to September 10<sup>th</sup> of the year during which the scholarship has been awarded, the Recipient shall forfeit the scholarship award.

Enclosed is the Outcalt Foundation Scholarship Application. [Additional applications can be found at <http://www.outcaltfoundation.org/scholarships.html>.] All applications must be postmarked or received by **March 17, 2025**. Late or incomplete applications shall not be considered.

**OUTCALT FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
2025 Application  
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**PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURE: To be completed by the APPLICANT who is a secondary education senior or post secondary education student from the San Luis Valley, Colorado.**

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**APPLICANT** Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_  
Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YR): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY SCHOOL** School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary School Graduation Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT OR PLANNED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Initial Academic Semester: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Honors/Achievements/Awards: (Please list and add additional pages if needed)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Community Service/Activities: (Please list and add additional pages if needed)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**INSTRUCTIONS (Please complete the following and attach ALL documents to this form. Incomplete applications that do not include ALL requested materials will not be considered):**

1. An essay NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS, respond to ONE (1) of the following:

**1. Share a challenge facing the Valley's youth and your ideas for addressing it.**

**(or)**

**2. As remote connectivity and recent advancements in AI transforms rural communities, how has technology both enriched and challenged traditional life in the San Luis Valley?**

**(or)**

**3. Describe a moment when you witnessed the San Luis Valley community coming together. What did this teach you about rural resilience?**

**\*\*NOTE: We encourage the use of LLMs. If you use any AI assistance (such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.), please include this disclosure at the end of your essay along with the complete text of your conversation with the AI. This will not impact your application but is required for transparency.\*\***

*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOUNDATION IS INTERESTED IN CONTENT VS. QUANTITY REGARDING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS. We value and respect all unique educational paths and look forward to learning about yours.*

2. Letter of recommendation from a professional who can speak to you and your achievements personally (must be signed and dated within the last 6 months).
3. Official transcripts demonstrating San Luis Valley secondary education or homeschool current attendance and/or graduation.
4. *Post graduate applications only* - Additional official transcripts from your current educational institution.
5. A copy of your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
6. The Application Form and all required supporting materials must be postmarked no later than March 17<sup>th</sup> of the current scholarship year.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

**I, the undersigned Applicant, understand that if I am awarded the Outcalt Foundation Scholarship, I must be enrolled and in good standing at least half time at an accredited program at a college or university.**

**I understand that I must comply with all stated policies and conditions of the Scholarship, and that the funds awarded are to be used for tuition, mandatory fees, course-related expenses, and reasonable living expenses incurred while attending a qualifying post-secondary education educational program.**

**I understand that my failure to comply with all Outcalt Foundation Scholarship policies and conditions will result in the forfeiture of the entirety or a portion of the Scholarship award. In such event, I will return the entirety or required portion of the Scholarship monies to the Outcalt Foundation promptly upon written demand.**

**I understand that Trustees of the Foundation, members of the Scholarship Committee and their immediate families are ineligible for the Scholarship. I also understand that all materials submitted to the Foundation will become the property of the Foundation and that the Foundation reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding Scholarship award winners.**

**I understand that all scholarship decisions are final and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.**

**I certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials submitted by me are true, correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written by me and is my original work.**

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**The completed application should be mailed to:**

**2025 Scholarship Application  
College or University  
Outcalt Foundation  
P.O. Box 1925  
Alamosa, CO 81101**

**Application Deadline: March 17, 2025  
The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15, 2025**

**INCOMPLETE AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP  
SELECTION COMMITTEE.**