

The AVS New Mexico Chapter Announces the 2026 WILLIAM M. OLSON / WARREN E. TAYLOR and DANIEL D. KOLESKE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

The New Mexico Chapter of the AVS Science and Technology Society seeks applicants for the William M. Olson / Warren E. Taylor and Daniel D. Koleske Scholarships. These scholarships are available for students entering their first year of college in Fall 2026, with an intention to major in the physical sciences or engineering.

- AMOUNT:** \$3000 for one academic year at the college of your choice.
- WHO MAY APPLY:** Any student who is graduating or is expecting to graduate from a high school in 2026 in the New Mexico Chapter area (New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, and the portion of Texas in the mountain time zone).
- REQUIREMENTS:** The student must have completed (upon graduation) one additional science course beyond that required for graduation and be planning to major in a **physical science or engineering** field in college.
- APPLICATION:** We have migrated to a web-based application form that can be found at:

<http://www.nmavs.org/avs-new-mexico-chapter/scholarships/scholarship-online-application/> . Supporting documents must all be submitted through the web-based application (contact Peter Dickens if an alternate process is needed).
- In support of the application, the following documents must be uploaded through the web-based application:
1. An official copy of grades received and SAT and/or ACT scores (scores included on transcripts are acceptable).
 2. Letters of endorsement from two high school teachers, including one from a science teacher.
 3. A statement (one page) describing the immediate goals of the applicant in college, as well as his/her long-range goals.
- DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be submitted by April 30, 2026 for full consideration
- WINNERS:** Winners will be contacted as soon as they are selected. Prior to receiving the scholarship, a valid social security number must be provided, per Federal requirements. **Please do not put your SSN on this application.** After the scholarships are awarded, all submitted material will be destroyed.

Send submissions and direct any questions to:

Peter Dickens
AVS Scholarships and Award Committee
Sandia National Laboratories
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nmavs.scholarships@gmail.com

(attach additional sheets if needed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

number street city state zip

Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____
(upload official copy of grades)

SAT and/or ACT Scores: _____
(upload copy of official scores; photocopies included with transcripts are acceptable)

Awards:

Extra-Curricular Activities (including any employment):

Other Scholarships:

Universities Applied to (please indicate if you have been accepted):

University You Plan to Attend: _____

Major and Degree(s) You Plan to Pursue: _____

References [Please have at least two high school teachers (at least one science teacher) submit letters of recommendation. Letters can be included with the application or sent separately]:

Please attach a statement (~ 1 page) describing your immediate goals for college as well as your long range goals. The W.M. Olson / Warren E. Taylor & Daniel D. Koleske Scholarships are awarded based on merit and achievement; however, if you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration any special circumstances please attach an additional statement describing these circumstances.