

Michael L. Danoff Memorial Scholarship Fund **Application**



The Michael L. Danoff Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 for New Mexico high school students pursuing an education at a college, university, or secondary education. Inspired by the life of Michael (“Mike”) L. Danoff who passed away on September 15, 2021. Mike was a prominent attorney in Albuquerque, former New Mexico High School athlete and attended the University of Arizona on a track Scholarship. Mike was an avid sports fan, and he was especially a fan of all New Mexico teams. He coached AAU basketball and spent countless hours trying to better the lives of New Mexico’s youth. Mike brought out the best in people and he was always encouraging New Mexico’s youth to pursue their education. The Michael L. Danoff Memorial Scholarship Fund is intended to help a worthy recipient fund a college education and to create a better way of life.

The Michael L. Danoff Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient will be announced and recognized on December 26, 2025, on the field during the Isleta New Mexico Bowl. It is important the applicant has a strong background in community service during his or her high school career and reflects that of a “stand-up citizen.” The \$2,500.00 scholarships may be used toward tuition, fees, books, required equipment/technology and/or room and board at the college or university.

Applicant must:

- Be a New Mexico resident
- Involved in extracurricular activities
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Have experience in community service and a reflects “good citizenship” in the community
- Submit an essay (no longer than one-page double spaced size 12 font) reflecting community service involvement, good citizenship, extracurricular activities and how he or she will give back to the community. It is important to note why this scholarship will help with your future success and why this scholarship will help you to accomplish your goals in education. Your essay should also include your school and year of graduation as well as anything else you feel is important for the selection to consider such as family background, hobbies, career ambitions, etc. Your essay should also provide contact information for how you can be reached if selected.

Application Deadline: All applications shall be submitted to danoffmemorialscholarship@gmail.com by November 7, 2025