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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR NEW UC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The University of California, working with the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation, has extended the application deadline for a scholarship program that, for the first time, will fund non-resident tuition for qualified New Mexico students accepted for admission to UC campuses next fall. The extended deadline for applications is March 7. Applicants must already have applied for admission to UC.

The scholarship program is open to both high school seniors and undergraduate transfer students from the seven northern New Mexico counties and eight American Indian Pueblos surrounding the Los Alamos laboratory, which UC manages for the U. S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Because this is a new program, we want to make sure that students from northern New Mexico who have applied to UC know about this opportunity and have ample time to take advantage of it, said Bruce B. Darling, UC interim vice president for laboratory management. The scholarship program is another way for UC and the Los Alamos lab to demonstrate our dedication as contributing members of the northern New Mexico community.

The university and Los Alamos National Laboratory developed the scholarship program over the past several months.

We recognized in developing the scholarship program that the Lab and UC could play an important role in ensuring that funds are available for qualified students from Northern New Mexico who choose to attend UC, said William H. Press, the Lab's deputy director for science and technology. It would be wonderful if these promising young people, once they've graduated from college, would come to work in New Mexico, perhaps as scientists and engineers at Los Alamos.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation, established by UC in 1997, administers the new scholarship program. The foundation also administers the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund, which Laboratory employees created five years ago and continue to support through their donations. Laboratory retirees also contribute

to the scholarship fund. The employee program has awarded 156 scholarships totaling \$485,000 to northern New Mexico students, many of whom attend some of the nation's most prestigious universities.

To be eligible for the UC scholarship, high school students and undergraduate transfer students must be admitted to a UC campus. Applicants from low-income families and first-generation college bound will be given preference for the UC scholarship. Leadership potential, critical thinking skills and career goals also are taken in to consideration.

The scholarship is designed to cover non-resident tuition at UC, which currently is \$12,980 year. Recipients would also be eligible for other scholarships and federal grants for the rest of their educational costs, including in-state fees, which currently run about \$6,000 a year.

More information and scholarship applications are available by calling the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation at (505) 992-0685 or by visiting the foundation Web site at *www.lanlfoundation.org*.