



Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program

February 2022

Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community

Support group, Friday, February 4th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Evelyn's home email for more information - rioreal@earthlink.net

Hello!

I hope everyone is well. I have been so absorbed in obtaining support for Senate Bill 81, the Organ Donor Registry bill that I forgot about the newsletter. So far, I have received commitments from Donate Life America, The Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation, and the American Liver Foundation, to write letters of support. The New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers has also committed to supporting SB 81. Senator Ortiz y Pino has worked very hard on this bill and is committed to its passage. Thanks to everyone who has helped me "spread the word". This bill would allow organ donor registration on every professional and recreation license application and renewal in our state. The scholarship application is included in this newsletter. Please share with any New Mexico High School student you know. We received fewer than 10 applications last year.

I am so happy and grateful to be celebrating my 7th liver anniversary this month. -Evelyn



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Evelyn Rivera

2nd Liver

February 25, 2022



Organ Transplant Awareness Program Organ Donation Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors!

This is an essay contest sponsored by Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico. This year there will be ONE \$500 scholarship awarded to a New Mexico high school senior. The award is in memory of Betty Montoya, kidney recipient and Jaime Munoz, double lung recipient.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting New Mexico youth with higher education. Currently 800 New Mexicans await life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, many of these candidates will die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we help people make informed decisions about registering to be an organ donor.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior enrolled in New Mexico public, private or home school.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Intend to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school.

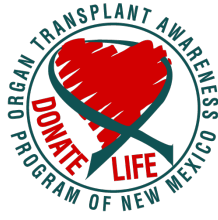
TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the attached application.
2. You may choose to write your essay on either of two topics:
 - a.) A Personal Story involving organ transplant or tissue donation.
 - b.) An Informative Essay on organ transplant or tissue donation.
3. All essays must be a **minimum** 2 full pages, 1" margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman font, **plus** a title page with applicant's name, essay title and state either "Personal" or "Informative".

SELECTION PROCESS

- An impartial selection committee will evaluate each application and essay. Upon review of all applications, the final committee will select the winning essay for awards.

Awards will be sent to the institution the student plans to attend upon verification of enrollment. The award may be utilized for school related expenses (tuition, fees or books) Recipient will need to provide photo identification, college student ID and address of college's financial aid office. Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students. Also, please post in the teacher's lounge, counseling offices, and on websites.



Essay Contest Application Form

Deadline February 14, 2022

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____ Phone _____

High School _____

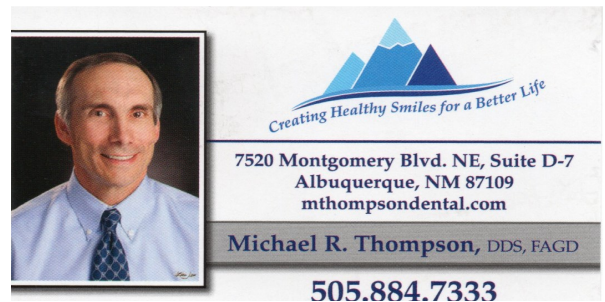
Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Description of extra-curricular activities (school and /or community)

List the College, University, Vocational, or Technical school you plan to attend.

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions (you may add another page)

Please email your essay as a Microsoft Word Document organdonation@otapnm.com with “**OTAP Scholarship Essay**” in the subject field. Note: All essays will become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico, Inc. for the purpose of future publication in any media format. Your award will be sent to your college’s the financial aid office. Winning Scholarship essays will be published on our website, OTAPNM.COM and used for promotional purposes.



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OTAP Mission Statement

The mission of Organ Transplant Awareness Program is to promote organ donation and support transplant community members including transplant candidates, donor families, living organ donors, transplant recipients, and transplant families. We promote organ donation by participating in a variety of community events. Our support group meets once a month for those who need support or are seeking information about the transplant process.

