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**NMAA FOUNDATION TO AWARD AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000  
IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS DURING 2020-2021 (\$45,000 TOTAL)**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce that the NMAA Foundation has increased its annual scholarship awards from \$22,000 in 2019-2020, to \$45,000 for 2020-2021. The Foundation's Board of Directors made this decision due to the challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic during this unique school year. Twenty (20) additional \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to New Mexico students in an effort to support even more kids during these difficult times. With the already established annual scholarships and these additional "Together We Rise Scholarships", the NMAA Foundation will distribute a minimum of \$1,000 to over 40 graduating seniors to attend the college or university of their choice.

Scholarships will be awarded to individuals in the following categories:

- Mario Martinez Memorial NMAA Extraordinary Participation  
*^excellence in academics & multiple athletic programs from Class A-2A schools*
- Gary Tripp NMAA Extraordinary Participation  
*^excellence in academics, athletics, and activities from Class 3A-5A schools*
- Compete with Class, presented by the NM National Guard  
*^best exemplify the three pillars of Compete with Class - Respect, Integrity, Responsibility*
- Dan & Lucille Wood / Grey Gladiator Athletics, presented by Subway  
*^excellence in academics and athletics*
- Activities, presented by Subway  
*^excellence in academics and activities*
- El Richards / Frances Walsh Spirit, presented by Varsity Spirit  
*^excellence in academics and cheer/dance*
- "Together We Rise"  
*^achievement in athletics or activities, academics, and evaluation of personal statements*
- At-Large  
*^participation/achievement in athletics and demonstration of the ideals promoted by the Association*
  - Coach Dick Shelley St. Michael's High School Basketball (x2)
  - Ralph Ortiz BPOE Elks Club of Santa Fe
  - Ralph Ortiz Santa Fe Knights of Columbus
  - Pedro and Mateo Sandoval Strong Family

The application portal for these scholarships is now open and can be accessed from the NMAA website at <https://www.nmact.org/foundation/scholarship-forms/>. The deadline for each application is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Recipients will be selected and notified by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The NMAA Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was set up in 2007 to support the many students that participate in high school athletic and activity programs across New Mexico. The funds raised by the Foundation are used for student scholarships and school grants/support.

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