



# New Mexico School Boards Association Scholarship Nomination Form

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### INSTRUCTIONS

**To be considered for an NMSBA Scholarship, a local School Board must complete this nomination form for one graduating senior and forward it to NMSBA electronically on or before Friday, April 10, 2026 in PDF format. Please program your message to ask for a read receipt on your email to verify it has been received.**

***Please TYPE the following information onto the nomination form:***

Name of School Board Making Nomination: Farmington Municipal School Board				NMSBA Region No. Region 1	
Name of Nominee – First, Middle, Last: Alice Faye Calabaza				Age 18	
Address: 2704 N Western Ave		City Farmington	State NM	Zip 87401	Phone No. 505 793 5748
Name of High School: Farmington High School				Graduation Date May 18, 2026	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Cindy Calabaza					
Address: (if different from above)		City	State	Zip	Phone No.
Name of post-secondary or career/technical institution nominee will be/is considering attending: NMSU for Dental Hygiene					
<p><b>Special Note:</b> Please attach a color photo of the nominee in JPG format suitable for distribution to the media for publicity purposes if the nominee is selected as a scholarship recipient.  <i>Please check box if attached</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>					

### CERTIFICATION

We certify that the enclosed information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge as reflected by the appropriate school records. We understand any false information given will automatically void this nomination.

Signatures:

Nominee:  Date: 4.1.2026

Board President:  Per - Board President McWilliams Date: 4/9/26

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

Please complete this section of the nomination form by detailing the manner in which the Board of Education's nominee meets each of the following selection criteria. Please provide specific activities and accomplishments for review and consideration by the NMSBA Scholarship Selection Committee.

- **DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP**

Throughout Alice's high school experience, she has consistently demonstrated leadership both on and off the soccer field. She was nominated to attend athletic leadership meetings, where she learned valuable lessons about teamwork, accountability, and communication. She brought these ideas back to her soccer team by modeling positive leadership traits, encouraging she teammates, and helping create a supportive and disciplined team environment.

In addition, during her four years in soccer, she took initiative in recruiting younger students to participate in sports. She actively engaged with youth in the community, promoting the benefits of teamwork, commitment, and healthy living. By encouraging their involvement, she helped strengthen our athletic programs while also building connections within the community.

These experiences have shaped her ability to lead by example, inspire others, and contribute positively to group success—skills she will continues to develop in her future academic and professional pursuits.

- **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Alice's academic achievements reflect both her commitment to excellence and determination to challenge herself. She has earned a weighted GPA of 4.5 and currently ranked 10th in her graduating class of 396 students. Throughout high school, she has maintained a perfect record of all A's while consistently enrolling in rigorous coursework, including honors, Advanced Placement, and dual credit classes.

Through these efforts, she will graduate with 31 college credits completed going toward her intended degree in the medical field. Beyond the classroom, she has sought opportunities to apply her learning in real-world settings. She is currently interning at Red Rocks Dental, and previously interned at Three Rivers Physical Therapy, where she gained valuable insight into patient care and professional responsibility.

Balancing a demanding academic schedule with athletics, internships, and college-level coursework has strengthened her time management, discipline, and resilience. Her achievements demonstrate not only her academic ability, but also her dedication to pursuing excellence in all areas of education.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Alice has made community involvement a priority throughout her high school years by consistently giving her time to support others and strengthen local connections. In addition to her internships in the medical field, she actively volunteered in several meaningful ways.

During the fall of her junior year, she participated in a weekly program where she soccer team would read to elementary school students, helping promote literacy while building positive relationships with younger students. She also volunteered at Ladera Elementary School's fall festival, contributing to an event that brought families and the community together.

In the broader community, she has taken part in environmental efforts such as cleaning up trash at Farmington Lake, helping preserve a shared local space. Over the summer, she worked concessions at a Connie Mack game, supporting athletic programs and contributing to community events that bring people together in addition to yearly involvement in kid's soccer camps.

Through these experiences, she has developed a strong sense of responsibility, teamwork, and service. Alice values the opportunity to give back and make a positive impact, and plans to continue serving her community in the future.

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## • **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Throughout high school, Alice has actively participated in a variety of extracurricular activities that has helped shape her character, discipline, and future goals. She was a dedicated member of her school's soccer team for four years, where she developed strong teamwork, leadership, and perseverance skills. Additionally, she participated in one season of track, further challenging herself physically while building resilience and commitment.

Beyond athletics, she pursued opportunities aligned with her interest in the medical field through internships. She interned at Three Rivers Physical Therapy, gained insight into rehabilitation and patient care, and is currently interning at Red Rocks Dental, where she continues to learn about healthcare practices and professional responsibility. Her current internship helped to guide her career path of pursuing a degree at New Mexico State University in Dental Hygiene.

Balancing athletics with internships has required strong time management and dedication. These extracurricular experiences have not only enriched her high school career but have also helped prepared for future success in both academics and her chosen career path.

## • **OTHER ACTIVITIES/AWARDS**

In addition to her academic and extracurricular commitments, Alice has been recognized for her dedication to excellence and leadership. She maintained a place on the 4.0 Honor Roll throughout her high school career, reflecting consistent focus, discipline, and commitment to academic success.

Alice was also selected to participate in the 2025 San Juan Leadership Education Day, an honor awarded to only 8 interns out of 86 in the Work-Based Learning program within the FMS school district. During this event, she presented on her internship experiences to community members and local partners, sharing insights into the work and impact of hands-on learning in the medical field.

This experience strengthened her public speaking skills and confidence while allowing her to represent her peers and school community. Being chosen for this opportunity was a meaningful recognition of hard work and dedication, and it further inspired her to continue striving for excellence in all areas of her education and future career.

**Please send nomination form in PDF format and photo in JPEG format  
electronically to:**

**Elizabeth Egelhoff, NMSBA Program Director**

**elizab@nmsba.org**

**no later than Friday, April 10, 2026**

***Incomplete nominations will not be considered!***