



Georgia
O’Keeffe
Museum



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—April 5, 2018 (Abiquiú, NM) — The Abiquiú Land Grant Board, the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation proudly announce the creation of the Abiquiú Land Grant–Georgia O’Keeffe Museum Scholarship. The Scholarship will support students who are descendants of an Abiquiú land grant family. Inaugural awards will be a part of the LANL Foundation’s existing Regional College/Returning Student Scholarship (RCRS) program. These scholarships are one-year educational awards of \$1,000.

“We are excited to collaborate with the O’Keeffe Museum and LANL Foundation on this endeavor,” says David Archuleta, Board President of the Abiquiú Land Grant Board of Directors. “Georgia O’Keeffe lived in Abiquiú for nearly forty years,” adds Robert A. Kret, Director of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. “She had a long legacy of supporting the community while she was alive, and the donors want to continue her philanthropy with this scholarship fund.” Reflecting the past and creating bright futures are key to the project’s purpose. Says Archuleta, “Abiquiú history is a story of determined individuals; the scholarships support that tradition, and invest in our region’s future.”



The RCRS scholarships are for non-traditional students returning to formal education after a hiatus for other pursuits. The students must plan to enroll in a two-year degree or certificate program, or presently be in such a program following a gap in their schooling. Eligible students must also be descendants of an Abiquiú land grant family, and have earned a high school diploma or GED.

The LANL Foundation, its Board of Directors and the Scholarship Advisory Committee partner with outside groups and individuals to create and manage privately funded scholarships. John McDermon, Scholarship Program Manager, is pleased to grow the RCRS program and to support the Abiquiú land grant families. “Returning to school is one of the best investments a person can make towards a better future. Scholarships help address financial obstacles to these opportunities,” says McDermon.

Regional College/Returning Student Scholarship applications open this week, and will be accepted through May 31, 2018, on the LANL Foundation website, www.lanlfoundation.org/scholarships. Awardees will receive notification in July. A second round of RCRS scholarships are awarded annually with applications accepted again starting October 1, 2018.

Descendants of the Abiquiú Land Grant pursuing bachelor’s degrees will also have the opportunity to apply for the Abiquiú Land Grant–Georgia O’Keeffe Museum Scholarship through LANL Foundation’s General 4-Year Undergraduate Scholarships program in the fall.

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ABOUT THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM:

To inspire all current and future generations, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum preserves, presents and advances the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe and modernism through innovative public engagement, education, and research. Opened in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1997, the Museum counts O'Keeffe's two New Mexico homes as part of its extended collection. The Museum's collections, exhibitions, research center, publications and educational programs contribute to scholarly discourse and serve a diverse audience. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum presents an ongoing series of thematic galleries exploring the career of the artist through her artwork, art materials, archives, and the landscapes and experiences that defined her life, on view throughout 2017. For more information, please visit okeeffemuseum.org.

ABOUT THE ABIQUIÚ LAND GRANT BOARD: The land grant board presides over proposals of interest to the village of Abiquiú, a small, census-designated place located in Rio Arriba County, in northern New Mexico in the southwestern United States, about 53 miles (85 km) north of Santa Fe. Abiquiú was the starting point of the pioneering route of the Old Spanish Trail, and has many natural and historic sites of significance. For more information, please visit newmexicohistory.org.

ABOUT THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY FOUNDATION: Since 1997, nonprofit LANL Foundation has worked to inspire excellence in education in Northern New Mexico through innovative programming, collaboration and advocacy. By investing in human potential, the Foundation's vision is that all New Mexicans have the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient, lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities. Programs in early childhood, inquiry STEM, K-12 education initiatives, scholarships and small grants serve communities primarily in the counties of Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Taos. (www.lanlfoundation.org.) For more information, please visit lanlfoundation.org