



# THE TED S. LOPEZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



*~In Memory of Theodore S. Lopez | November 9th, 1949 – June 15th, 2016~*

The Ted S. Lopez Memorial Scholarship was endowed through the University of New Mexico Foundation in June of 2017 in honor of Ted Lopez, a US Navy Veteran and UNM alumnus. The scholarship was established through the efforts of Ted's daughter, wife, & sons, with the help of generous friends/family/donors.

In 1971, Ted graduated with his bachelor's degree from the College of Santa Fe. Upon graduation, Ted signed up for the United States Navy and attended Officer Candidate and Communications Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island. He became the Communications Officer (COMMO) who ran the Communications Department that sent and received messages to and from other ships, aircraft, and shore facilities. He served on the USS Anchorage LSD-36, an amphibious support ship, where he was assigned to Pacific 3rd Fleet based out of Naval Station, San Diego, CA. He was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade and would often get his fellow crew members involved in the Catholic orphanage in San Diego. The ongoing Vietnam conflict, the evacuation of Saigon (Operation Frequent Wind), the efforts to rescue refugees, and chasing the pirate hijacked SS Mayague were among the operations Ted helped support during his time of service.

Ted was always an avid Lobos fan. From being a season-ticket holder to visits to "The Pit," he had the Lobo spirit! He also was a life learner, always seeking opportunities to enrich himself. Thus, at the age of 62, he pursued a master's degree, ultimately earning his Executive MBA from UNM's Anderson School of Management in October of 2013. The knowledge and friendships he made during those two years were something he deeply cherished. Ted always told his children that one of the best decisions he ever made was going back to school, enriching himself, and getting his master's degree. He was always loyal to the Lobos, but finally became one!

Upon graduation in October of 2013, he became Director of the Small Business Development Center at UNM-Los Alamos. He consulted with New Mexico business clients in strategic planning, marketing, program management, sales, customer service, and more, to start and grow their small businesses. He was a serious note-taker at meetings and conferences and was genuinely interested in learning how to assist his clients. Colleagues will remember him for his kindness, expertise, humility, and how he truly gave his best every day. Ted loved his job from his first day, through the rest of his life.

Ted treasured his family, enjoyed the outdoors, appreciated a variety of music, and loved traveling. He was an authentically good, intelligent, and generous man. He cared about those around him and always put others' needs well above his own. He was the first to bring positivity to one's day and was incredible at investing in the lives of those around him, while always remembering that it's the little things in life and the relationships we have that truly make a difference. He treated everyday as a gift. His strength, courage, sense of gratitude, faith, and love of God are an inspiration to all who knew him.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

All applicants for the scholarship will be required to type a 1-2 page Personal Statement that should include responses to the following below:

- Explain how you meet the selection criteria
- Tell us about yourself as well as what you value most at this point in your life
- Describe your military experience and what makes you proud to have served
- Discuss why your education at UNM holds importance in your life and why you chose this university to pursue such a degree
- What are your professional goals and how will this degree/program help you reach them
- Elaborate on your financial need and what this scholarship would mean to you/how it will be used

Final selection will be based on a combination of the scholarship application, personal statement, and financial need as evident through the FAFSA.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

- Total amount of scholarship: \$400
- Two Scholarships will be awarded
- Scholarship is awarded annually
- Application Deadline: September 29, 2023, by 4 PM.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Students may be full-time or part-time students at UNM and intend to graduate from UNM with an undergraduate or graduate degree.
- Students must be honorably discharged from any branch of service.
- Possess and maintain a UNM GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have unmet financial need.

The family has asked to be involved in the selection of Awardees; personal information will be redacted. Upon selection, Awardees will be asked to write a letter to the Family of Ted S. Lopez. Awardees will also be invited to attend the Veteran Resource Center Graduation Reception Dinner.

For more information, contact Brandon Lorenzo at [brandonlorenzo1@unm.edu](mailto:brandonlorenzo1@unm.edu), or visit our website at <http://vrc.unm.edu/>. To learn more about Ted S. Lopez memorial scholarship, you can visit <http://teeofforted.com/lopez-memorial-scholarship/>

## Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (Cumulative GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

College/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Manager

The Veterans Resource Center has been designated as the Application Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this application. All completed applications should be hand delivered to the Veterans Resource Center.

## Applications must include the following:

1. Personal Information
2. Personal Statement/Essay

