



Bus Scholarship Application

The Friends of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is pleased to offer bus scholarships to defray some of the travel costs to visit the Refuge. Schools that arrange a tour with Refuge staff or volunteers are **automatically eligible** to receive a scholarship by just filling out the information below. Schools that do not arrange for a guided tour must also fill out the attached questionnaire to explain what they hope to learn from their visit and how it fits into their curriculum objectives.

Scholarships are based on the miles traveled at \$.50/mile, and driver costs at \$8/hr for the time to travel (at 55 mi/hr) plus a 4-hour allotment for time on site. For schools outside of Socorro County, the scholarship will be 75% of this calculation per bus, with a maximum of \$250 per school per field trip.

For example, 1 bus coming from Los Alamos would travel 384 miles and spend 11 hours traveling and on site. Their scholarship would be:

$$75\% [(\$0.50/\text{mi} \times \# \text{ miles}) + (\$8/\text{hr} \times \# \text{ hours traveling and on site})]$$

$$.75 [(.50 \times 384) + (8 \times 11.27)]$$

$$\$212$$

If they brought 2 buses, they would only receive the maximum scholarship of \$250.

Schools from Socorro County must fill out this application, but the transportation director will bill us directly.

Requested tour date: _____

Teacher name(s): _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of students attending: _____ Adults: _____ Grade: _____

What type of transportation will you be using to get to Bosque del Apache?

- School bus – how many? _____
- Charter bus – how many? _____
- Other- please explain _____

Scholarship checks will be made out to the school and mailed to the school address after the trip unless other arrangements are requested (checks cannot be made to an individual). Special requests: _____

Please return this form with your tour application or fax to 575-835-0314.

Bus Scholarship Application Questionnaire

Only fill this out if you are NOT requesting a Refuge tour guide. In order to be eligible for a bus scholarship your answers must explain how your visit is education-based and not simply a field day.

Requested tour date: _____

Teacher name(s): _____

School name: _____

1. Please explain the educational purpose of your field trip to Bosque del Apache. In other words, what do you want your students to learn from this trip?

2. How does your visit to Bosque fit in with your curriculum?

3. So that we can improve our environmental education program, please explain why you did not choose to have a guided tour/presentation. Examples might include- have your own guide, no guide available, curriculum needs outside of the scope of Refuge presentations, etc.