



Couple #5 Nicole and Joshua

Our Official Essay Entry

Dear NM Dream Wedding Team,

Joshua and I, Nicole, love each other very much and have fantasized about our dream wedding for two and a half years. We believe our wedding would best represent the essence of a “NM Dream Wedding” because we were both born and raised in New Mexico and love the diverse culture and traditions New Mexico represents. We hope to capture that essence of diverse traditions and cultures in our wedding. I come from many generations of New Mexico residents whom have wonderful traditions and strong faith in God. Joshua has grandparents whom are originally from Louisiana that have over time combined New Mexican and Louisianan traditions, as well as unmovable faith in God. Josh and I have learned to love the Lord God first and most importantly, then to love one another, because one must love the Lord before one can truly love another person. We both take pride in New Mexico’s rich culture and enjoy the beautiful weather and scenic mountains that surround us.

Joshua and I have lived in the Land of Enchantment all of our lives and love New Mexico’s wonderful traditions and diverse cultures. We want to capture the essence of this diverse culture in our wedding. We love the rich culture such as the delicious varieties of Mexican, Native-American, and American food, music, and art. We are blessed to live in a state with so much culture and tradition pulsing through its veins! We also love the weather which allows us to enjoy outdoor activities, nearly all year around. We have planned on a May 2008 wedding because of the wonderful spring temperatures and weather, not to mention: New Mexico’s beautiful sunsets!

After two years of serious dating, Joshua proposed to me on a gorgeous, moon-lit beach, with waves crashing behind us and soft sand beneath our feet. It was the most romantic proposal and more than I could have ever dreamed of. It will stay engraved in my heart for the rest of my life! Joshua and I have been a couple for two and a half years and have a special bond through Christ, which nothing can ever break. We both knew at the beginning of our relationship that we were meant to be together and that we would spend a lifetime loving one another. We have dreamed of an amazing wedding that would portray the kind of love we share and include our families’ traditions. We share our dreams, thoughts, prayers, laughter, and tears, and will now share our lives together! We are determined to put hard work and a lifetime of love and faith into our marriage.

We attend Calvary Chapel of Albuquerque and help out in our community. I volunteer in the children's ministry and enjoy working with the kids and listening to their perspectives on God and life. It is refreshing and reminds me of the priorities we should all keep such as God, family, friends, and helping each other out. Joshua is a wonderful person who prioritizes everyone else's needs and desires above his own. He is caring, compassionate, loving, and responsible. He is always the first to volunteer to help anyone in need.

Joshua and I both attend/attended the University of New Mexico and are proud to call ourselves Lobos! We enjoy attending the sporting events and supporting the Lobos! I graduated in May 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science and Joshua will graduate in May 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management. We will be celebrating his graduation along with our marriage in May!

Joshua works for a local General Contractor as a project Engineer where he has worked as a project engineer for two years on numerous projects in and around Albuquerque. Joshua takes great pride in working for a locally owned and operated union contractor. He enjoys working for a company that proudly employs about four hundred New Mexicans, and also takes pride in working on projects that help better the growth of our state. Joshua has dreams of one day owning his own company as a contractor.

I work as a Radiologic Technologist for a local healthcare company that was founded here in New Mexico in 1908. I take X-rays on patients from birth to old age and work hard to improve their healthcare and well-being. I enjoy working with people and hearing their stories about where they come from and the adventures and trials they have faced in their lifetimes. I do my best to make their health care experience as pleasant and comfortable as possible.

Joshua and I both love the incredible state of New Mexico, which we were born and raised in and plan to raise our own family here as well. We take pleasure in the diverse traditions, delicious food, wonderful music and art. We would like our wedding to capture the essence of diverse culture and fun traditions and want all of our guests to have a wonderful time at our wedding! We try to help out in our church and community as much as possible and are proud to call ourselves New Mexico Lobos. We only hope and pray that we will be considered for the "New Mexico Dream Wedding" couple! We have dreamed about our wedding for quite a while and this would allow us to share our dream wedding with all of our loved ones and help us start our lives together! Thank you so much for this opportunity!