

New Mexico Higher Education Department Financial Aid Division



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The Financial Aid Division is dedicated to helping students find money to attend college. We provide over \$100 million dollars every year in financial aid to students in New Mexico. We offer a variety of programs to meet the needs of our state's diverse population. Included in this brochure are descriptions of the various programs administered by the Financial Aid Division. Complete details regarding the eligibility and application process for each program can be found on the New Mexico Higher Education Department's website: www.hed.state.nm.us.



Financial Aid Directory

Central New Mexico Community College:
(505) 224-3090

Clovis Community College:
(575) 769-4060

Dine College –Shiprock:
(505) 368-3513

Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU):
(575) 562-2194
ENMU-Roswell: (575) 624-7400
ENMU-Ruidoso: (575) 562-2194

Institute of American Indian Arts:
(505) 424-2345

Luna Community College:
(505) 454-2500

Mesalands Community College:
(575) 461-4413 ext. 136

Navajo Technical University:
(505) 786-4183

New Mexico Highlands University:
(505) 454-3318

New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology:
(575) 835-5333

New Mexico Junior College:
(575) 392-5172

New Mexico Military Institute:
(575) 624-8652

New Mexico State University (NMSU):
(575) 646-4105
NMSU Alamogordo: (575) 439-3710
NMSU Carlsbad: (575) 234-9230
NMSU Dona Ana: (575) 527-7696
NMSU Grants: (505) 287-6678

Northern New Mexico College:
(505) 747-2128

San Juan College:
(505) 566-3323

Santa Fe Community College:
(505) 428-1268

Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute:
(505) 346-2344

University of New Mexico (UNM):
(505) 277-8900
UNM Gallup: (505) 863-7663
UNM Los Alamos: (505) 662-0341
UNM Taos: (575) 737-6217
UNM Valencia: (505) 925-8590

Western New Mexico University:
(575) 538-6173

Scholarships, Grants and Work Study

Complete details regarding the programs listed below and the eligibility and application process for each program can be found on the New Mexico Higher Education Department's website:
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Athletic Scholarship: State funds are allocated to eligible institutions to make scholarships available to resident and non-resident student athletes.

Bridge Scholarship: The 3% (Bridge) Scholarship applies to tuition and fees and is distributed to eligible New Mexico residents during the first semester of enrollment which is not covered by the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship.

Competitive Scholarship: The Competitive Scholarship was created to encourage out-of-state students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in high school to enroll in New Mexico public institutions of higher education.

Fire Fighter and Peace Officer Survivors Scholarship: A state scholarship that recognizes the importance of the duties performed by our fire fighters and peace officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The scholarship provides their survivors with an opportunity for a college education through a scholarship.

Graduate Scholarship: The Graduate Scholarship was created to increase graduate enrollment at public postsecondary institutions for students from groups underrepresented in graduate education.

Legislative Lottery Scholarship: (see back cover)

Military War Veteran Scholarship: A state scholarship that provides partial tuition, fees, and book reimbursements to Military War Veterans certified by the New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services.

New Mexico Scholars: The New Mexico Scholars Scholarship encourages New Mexico high school graduates to enroll in college full-time at a public or private non-profit postsecondary in NM before their 21st birthday in an undergraduate program.

Student Incentive Grant Program: The New Mexico Student Incentive Grant may be accessed by resident undergraduate students with substantial financial need who are attending public and private non-profit institutions in New Mexico.

Vietnam Veterans Scholarship: A state scholarship that provides tuition, fees, and book allowances to Vietnam Veterans certified by the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services.

Work Study Program The New Mexico Work Study Program provides funding for employment opportunities for qualified resident students attending eligible public colleges or universities.

The Financial Aid Division encourages all students to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://fafsa.gov/>

Loan Repayment

(for practicing professionals)

Children Youth and Families Worker Loan Repayment Program (CYFDLRP):

The purpose of the CYFDLRP is to provide loan repayment assistance to eligible employees in the Protective Services Division or Juvenile Justice Division of the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD). The purpose of the program is to increase the number of public service workers within critical positions at CYFD.

Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP):

The purpose of the HPLRP is to provide repayment for outstanding student loans of practicing health professionals. As a condition of the program, a health professional must make a two year service commitment to practice full-time in a designated medical shortage area in New Mexico.

John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program:

The New Mexico John R Justice Program provides educational loan repayment benefits to prosecutors and public defenders in New Mexico. The purpose of the program is to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service.

Minority Doctoral Loan Repayment Program

The purpose of the Minority Doctoral Loan Repayment Program is to provide loan repayment assistance to ethnic minorities and women who have completed a doctoral degree in an eligible field of study. Candidates must be hired for a full time tenure track faculty position at a New Mexico public post secondary institution.

Public Service Law Loan Repayment Program:

The purpose of the New Mexico Public Service Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is to provide loan repayment assistance to legal professionals that are providing public service in state or local government or the non-profit sector in New Mexico.

Teacher Loan Repayment Program:

The purpose of the Teacher Loan Repayment Program (TLRP) is to increase the number of teachers in designated high-risk teacher positions in public schools through an educational loan repayment program.

Loan-For-Service*

(for current students)

Allied Health Loan-For-Service: The purpose of the Allied Health Loan-For-Service is to increase the number of allied health providers in areas of the state which have experienced shortages of health practitioners, by making educational loans to students seeking certification/licensure in an eligible health field. Eligible health fields include: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Pharmacy, Respiratory Care, Laboratory Technology, Mental Health-Social Services, Emergency Medical Services, Nutrition and Dental Hygiene. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to practice as a health professional in a designated shortage area within the state of New Mexico.

Medical Loan-For-Service: The purpose of the Medical Loan-For-Service is to increase the number of physicians in areas of the state which have experienced a shortage of health professionals by making educational loans to students entering medical school. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to practice as a health professional in a designated shortage area within the state of New Mexico.

Nursing Loan-For-Service: The purpose of the Nursing Loan-For-Service is to increase the number of nurses in areas of the state which have experienced shortages by making educational loans to students entering nursing programs. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to practice in a designated shortage area within the state of New Mexico.

Nurse Educator Loan-For-Service: The purpose of the Nurse Educator Loan-For-Service is to enhance the ability of college and university employed nursing educators and future nursing educators to obtain Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to practice as a nurse educator in a designated shortage area within the state of New Mexico.

Teacher Loan-For-Service: The purpose of the Teacher Loan-For-Service program is to proactively address New Mexico's teacher workforce by providing students with the financial resources to complete or enhance their post-secondary teacher preparation education. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to practice as an educator in a designated shortage area within the state of New Mexico.

WICHE Loan-For-Service Program: The purpose of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) Loan-For-Service Program is to allow New Mexico students to enroll at selected out-of-state graduate or professional programs which are not offered at New Mexico public universities. Fields currently supported in New Mexico are Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine. As a condition of each loan, the student shall declare their intent to return to New Mexico to practice as a professional in their field of study.

**For every year of service provided in a designated shortage area within New Mexico, a portion of the loan will be forgiven. If the entire service agreement is fulfilled, 100% of the loan is eligible for forgiveness. Penalties will be assessed if the service agreement is not satisfied.*

New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship

The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship will pay a portion of tuition (up to an undergraduate degree) for students who meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

Eligibility:

- ◆ Student must be a resident of New Mexico.
- ◆ Student must have completed high school at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school, graduated from a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or received a high school equivalency credential while maintaining residency in New Mexico.
- ◆ Student must enroll at a public post secondary educational institution in New Mexico within sixteen months of graduation or receipt of a high equivalency credential.
- ◆ Student must enroll in and earn 15 credit hours per semester at a four-year New Mexico public university.
- ◆ Student must enroll in and earn 12 credit hours per semester at a two- year New Mexico public community college.
- ◆ Student must maintain a 2.5 or greater cumulative grade point average (GPA) each semester of enrollment.
- ◆ Students with disabilities may qualify for reduced credit hour requirements and additional semesters of the scholarship.

Duration:

The initial scholarship shall begin with the second semester of enrollment at a public postsecondary educational institution. Thereafter, the scholarship is renewed on a per-semester basis subject to maintaining eligibility. Students must remain consecutively enrolled each fall and spring semester to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed at a four-year institution until the award recipient has received seven (7) semesters of scholarship awards or until the student graduates with a bachelor's degree, whichever is sooner. Students attending a community college are eligible for three (3) semesters of scholarship awards. The student should contact their public post-secondary educational institution's financial aid advisor for eligibility verification if they have met the first semester eligibility requirements listed above.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ◆ **Does my high school GPA impact my eligibility for the Lottery Scholarship?** *No, the eligibility for this scholarship is determined by college GPA.*
- ◆ **Does the Lottery Scholarship cover the entire cost of tuition?** *The amount of tuition covered by the scholarship will vary by institution. Please contact the institution that you plan to attend to find out what amount of tuition will be covered by this scholarship.*
- ◆ **Am I eligible to apply for other types of financial aid if I receive the Lottery Scholarship?** *Yes, you may be eligible for other financial aid programs. The Financial Aid Division encourages all students to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://fafsa.gov/>*
- ◆ **Does the Lottery Scholarship cover other expenses such as student fees, books, or room and board?** *No, the Lottery Scholarship applies only to tuition costs.*
- ◆ **How soon must a student enroll after completing high school to establish eligibility for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship?** *To establish eligibility for the scholarship students must enter college within sixteen months after graduating from high school or completing a high school equivalency credential.*
- ◆ **What are the provisions for students that begin service in the military following completion of high school?** *Students that enter the military within four months of high school completion may establish eligibility within sixteen months of completion of honorable service or medical discharge.*
- ◆ **Can the scholarship be transferred to an out of state institution or private institution in New Mexico?** *No, the scholarship may only be received at a public post-secondary educational institution within New Mexico.*
- ◆ **If a student attends a non-qualifying institution after completing high school will they forfeit eligibility for this program?** *Yes, to establish eligibility for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship first attendance must be at a qualifying New Mexico public post secondary educational institution.*

For more information please visit the program webpage at: <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/students/lotteryscholarship.aspx>

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