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New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship Fact Sheet

The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship encourages New Mexico high school graduates and New Mexico General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) recipients to complete a four year degree within nine terms or a two year degree within five terms (Fall/Spring). It provides financial support by covering the cost of tuition only at any New Mexico public post-secondary institution (fees in addition to tuition are not covered by the Legislative Lottery Scholarship and need to be paid by the student).

Eligibility Requirements: New Mexico residents or dependents of an active duty military member filing New Mexico state taxes, who meet all below listed criteria, are eligible who:

- ▶ Graduate from a New Mexico public or accredited private high school, or received a New Mexico G.E.D.
 - ▶ Enroll full-time (twelve credit hours) in a public New Mexico college or university in a degree or certificate program the first regular term after high school graduation or receiving a G.E.D.
 - ▶ Complete at least twelve credit hours with a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average (G.P.A.) during the first term of college
 - ▶ Is a citizen of the United States, or a permanent alien resident
 - ▶ Has not been awarded a scholarship which pays for 100% of the cost of tuition
- Completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is not required but is recommended so the student can be considered for other sources of financial aid and scholarships.

The Legislative Lottery Scholarship will be awarded the second term of enrollment to students who have met all the above eligibility requirements.

Continuing Eligibility: A student will remain eligible to receive this scholarship by completing twelve credit hours in both fall and spring terms, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Grades earned in credit classes of A, B, C, D, and CR in developmental classes count towards total credit hours completed. Grades of F, NC, I, W, and AU in a class do not count towards total credit hours earned. GPA is only calculated on courses with traditional letter grades.

Duration of Eligibility: The Legislative Lottery Scholarship may be used for up to four terms (Fall/Spring) or receipt of an associate's degree, whichever comes first at a two year institution. It can be transferred to a four year institution for up to a total of eight terms.

Students with disabilities: Students with qualified disabilities who are registered with CNM Special Services may be approved to attend part time up to fourteen terms, all other Lottery requirements remain the same. These students must have prior approval and a signed agreement from a Special Services advisor each term they plan to enroll in less than twelve credit hours. Please contact the Scholarship Services for additional information.

Probation: If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5, or if they fail to complete twelve credit hours during the Fall/Spring term, the student will be put on probation the following term and will not receive the scholarship. This probation term will be deducted from the four eligibility terms. The student can reestablish eligibility by raising their G.P.A to 2.5 and completing the missed credit hours the adjoining term. This does not apply to the first qualifying term.

Approved Leave of Absence: Under certain highly restricted circumstances, students may be approved for a leave of absence. Contact the Scholarship Services for a Leave of Absence request form and additional information.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING THESE RULES