



New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship

The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship encourages New Mexico high school graduates and New Mexico high school equivalency credential recipients to enroll full time and complete a two year degree within four terms or a four year degree within eight terms. It provides financial support by paying a portion of *tuition* at any New Mexico public post-secondary institution. This scholarship is not awarded on the basis of financial need; a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is not required, but is recommended.

Eligibility Requirements: New Mexico residents who have established residency and attended a New Mexico secondary educational institution for at least one year, regardless of immigration status, and meet all below listed criteria are eligible.

- ▶ Receive a diploma from a New Mexico public or accredited private high school, or a New Mexico high school equivalency credential
- ▶ Enroll twelve credit hours at a public New Mexico community college or fifteen credit hours at four year public New Mexico institution the first regular term following high school graduation or receipt of a high school equivalency credential
- ▶ Declare a financial aid eligible major
- ▶ Complete at least twelve credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in the Qualifying Term (first term after receiving diploma). Classes can be college level or developmental classes of 0750 or higher; both count toward the total number of credits required.
- ▶ Have not earned an associate's degree or have other scholarship that pays 100% of tuition

The Legislative Lottery Scholarship will be awarded for the second term of attendance to students who have met all the eligibility requirements during their Qualifying Term. This scholarship covers a portion of tuition. Lottery is not awarded in summer.

Continuing Eligibility: A student will remain eligible to receive this scholarship by completing twelve credit hours at a community college or fifteen credit hours at a four year institution in each consecutive fall and spring terms and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. Grade Point Average (GPA) is the average of traditional letter grades, A, B, C, D, and F. The grade of CR counts towards total credit hours completed but does not affect GPA. Grades of F, NC, I, W, and AU do not count towards total credit hours completed.

Duration of Eligibility: At CNM, a recipient may be awarded until he/she receives three terms or an associate's degree whichever is sooner. Students who maintain eligibility can transfer the Lottery to a four year institution for a total of seven terms.

Students with disabilities: Students with qualified disabilities who are registered with CNM Disability Resource Center (DRC) may be approved to attend part time up to six terms at CNM. These students must have *prior* approval and a signed agreement from a DRC Counselor *each* term they plan to enroll in less than twelve credit hours. Please contact Scholarship Services for additional information. All other Lottery requirements remain the same.

Probationary Status: A student unable to meet Lottery requirements due to an exceptional mitigating circumstance beyond the student's control can be considered for probationary status. A Request for Probationary Status along with appropriate documentation can be submitted to Scholarship Services for review. Please contact Scholarship Services for additional information.

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