Central New Mexico Community College

Financial Aid and Scholarship Services

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Bridge to Success Scholarship

CNM offers the Bridge to Success Scholarship each fall to students who are in the process of qualifying for the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship. The Bridge to Success Scholarship is a one term, fall only award that covers the cost of tuition and registration fee for students in their Qualifying Term. Eligible students must meet all requirements including attending the fall immediately following receipt of their New Mexico diploma and enroll in 12 to 18 credit hours at CNM.

Deadline - May 1st

Funds are limited and awarded as students meet all requirements until funds are exhausted. Not all students who meet the May 1st date will receive awards. Students who complete requirements after May 1st will not be eligible for an award.

Eligibility Requirements: Student are eligible who have graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a New Mexico GED, are New Mexico residents, regardless of immigration status, and meet these four requirements by **May 1st** :

- Be admitted to CNM as a readmitted student, continuing, or first time freshman - Dual Credit admission date will not be used; Dual Credit students must be re-admitted
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)Students without a Social Security Number are eligible without a FAFSA if all other requirements are met
- Declare an eligible major
- Be listed by CNM as a New Mexico resident - Students without Social Security Numbers will have until August 1st to present an official high school transcripts to correct residency

Also required -

- Complete 'Career Exploration Exercise- Choosing a CNM Major' that can be found at http://www.cnm.edu/bridge-pdf .
- Attend the In-Person New Student Orientation; information will be sent to your CNM email or you can check http://cnm.edu/nso in June for details about times and locations.

Award information: The Bridge to Success Scholarship covers actual tuition charges and the registration fee for fall enrollment if you enroll full time, 12 to 18 credit hours of 0750 level or higher. It is a fall only scholarship for New Mexico residents who have received a New Mexico high school diploma or GED the preceding spring.

Students with disabilities: Students with qualified disabilities who are registered with CNM Disability Resource Center may be approved to take less than twelve credits by their DRC Counselor. Qualified students must meet with a DRC Counselor, sign and submit a contract *prior* to the start of the upcoming fall term. All other requirements remain unchanged.

Qualifying for the Lottery

New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship – Qualifying Term

What you do during your first term in college will determine if you qualify for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship. This first term in college is your Qualifying Term. All Legislative Lottery Scholarship requirements must be met in the Qualifying Term and cannot be made up at any other time. We would like to stress three points about your Qualifying Term:

- You must successfully complete 12 credit hours in your Qualifying Term. Classes can be college level or developmental classes of 0750 or higher; both count toward the total number of credits required.
- Students with a GPA below 2.5 from classes taken as a Dual Credit high school student need to contact the Scholarship office to review eligibility.
- You must complete the Qualifying Term with a 2.5 or above Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Your GPA is the average of traditional letter grades, A, B, C, D, and F. Classes passed with a grade of CR do count in total credits completed but do not affect your GPA. Grades of F, NC, I, W, and AU do not count towards total credit hours earned.
  - If you take both classes CR/NC and traditional letter grades classes your GPA will be based **only** on the traditional letter grades you receive.

Example: Two students taking credit/no credit classes and one traditional letter grade class.

Lottery eligible – 12 credits, GPA 3.0			***NOT Lottery eligible – 12 credits, GPA 2.0***		
9	*credits- grade of CR*		*9*	*credits -grade of CR*	
3	*credits- grade of **B***		*3*	*credits -grade of **C***	
12	*credits*	***GPA 3.0***	*12*	*credits*	***GPA 2.0***

GPA is based solely on traditional grades. Credits earned with a CR grade count only toward total credits but do not affect GPA. Twelve or more credit hours of only CR classes will meet the Lottery requirement.

Detailed eligibility requirements for the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship can be read at

http://www.cnm.edu/depts/financial-aid/scholarships/downloads/lotteryfactsheet.pdf

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE for READING AND UNDERSTANDING THIS INFORMATION