



Central New Mexico Community College

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Bridge to Success Scholarship

The Bridge to Success Scholarship is offered by CNM to first time Freshman who are in the process of qualifying for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship. The Bridge to Success Scholarship is offered only in fall and covers actual tuition charges and registration fee for the Lottery Qualifying Term. The Qualifying Term is the first term of attendance after earning a New Mexico diploma, or New Mexico GED or state approved credential.

Bridge to Success Scholarship recipients must be potential NM Legislative Lottery Scholarship recipients and meet all requirements including:

1. New Mexico resident who has earned a New Mexico high school diploma or New Mexico GED or state approved credential
2. Apply to CNM indicating your New Mexico high school completion date
3. Attend fall immediately upon completion of high school or receipt of high school equivalency credential
4. Attend 12-18 credit hours, including at least one college level class with a traditional letter grade, traditional letter grades are used to establish your Grade Point Average (GPA) Courses below 0750 level, and ESL are **not** counted for the Bridge

Additional CNM requirements and deadlines:

➤ March 1st

- Applied to CNM - Your CNM admission record must include the date you will earn a New Mexico high school diploma, or New Mexico GED or state approved credential
- Be admitted to CNM in a regular admission status - Dual Credit students must be re-admitted
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by CNM - Students without a Social Security Number are eligible without a FAFSA and will be identified by CNM Admissions
- Declare an eligible major

August 1st - Awarded students have until August 1st to complete these two requirements.

- Attend the In-Person New Student Orientation
 - Check [New Student Orientation](#) in May for details about times and locations
- Be listed by CNM as a New Mexico resident

Not all students who meet the March 1st date will receive a Bridge to Success Scholarship.
Funds are very limited and are awarded as students meet all requirements until funds are exhausted.

Qualifying for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship in spring: Students need to complete their Qualifying Term with at least 12 credits and earn a minimum GPA of 2.5. To establish a GPA you must take at least one class with a traditional letter grade in your Qualifying Term. Your GPA is the average of all classes with traditional letter grades, level 1000 or higher. Developmental courses below 0750, and ESL do not meet requirements for the Bridge or Lottery and are not counted in total credit hours. Check '[Qualifying for the Lottery](#)' for more information.

For detailed Lottery eligibility requirements check [New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship](#).

Students with disabilities: Students with qualified disabilities registered with CNM Disability Resource Center may be approved to take and complete less than twelve credits to qualify for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship. Qualified students must meet with a DRC Counselor, sign and submit a contract *prior* to the start of the fall term. All other Bridge to Success and Legislative Lottery Scholarship requirements remain unchanged.