



Central New Mexico Community College

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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. The Lottery covers a portion of tuition up to the maximum award which is determined by the New Mexico State Legislature. Lottery is awarded in Fall and Spring terms only.

The Legislative Lottery Scholarship will be awarded starting in the second term of attendance to students who have met all Eligibility and Qualifying Term requirements.

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
- ▶ Be admitted to CNM as a New Mexico Resident with an accurate graduation date recorded
- ▶ Declare a financial aid eligible major
- ▶ Have not earned an associate's degree or have another scholarship that pays 100% of tuition

Qualifying Term: The first regular term of attendance following high school graduation or receipt of a high school equivalency credential requirements is the Qualifying Term. Starting in 2017, graduates or high school equivalency recipients will have up to sixteen months from the date they receive their high school credential to begin their post-secondary education and complete their Qualifying Term.

- ▶ Complete at least twelve credit hours in the Qualifying Term at CNM. Total credits completed include college level courses of 1000 or higher, and developmental classes of 0970 or higher
- ▶ Earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 in the Qualifying Term. Students must complete at least one traditional letter grade class to establish their GPA in the Qualifying Term. GPA is calculated on grades earned in all classes 1000 or higher with traditional letter grades. Credits completed with a grade of CR will be counted only in the total number of credit hours earned and will not establish or affect GPA

Continuing Eligibility: Eligibility can be maintained for up to three terms at CNM by completing at least twelve credit hours each term while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. Cumulative GPA is the average of all traditional letter grades, A, B, C, D, and F. Credits completed with a grade of CR will be counted only in the total number of credit hours earned and will not establish or 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 Lottery until he/she receives three terms or an associate's degree whichever comes first. Students who maintain eligibility can transfer the Lottery to a four-year institution after completing third term or receipt of an associate's degree whichever comes first and may be eligible for an additional of up to four terms.

Students with disabilities: Students with a qualified disability who are registered with CNM Disability Resource Center (DRC) may be approved to attend and complete a reduced number of credits (6-11 credits) for up to seven terms at CNM, one additional term for each term that a reduced credit waiver is used. If a reduced number of credits is determined appropriate, a new waiver is required each term and must be on file prior to the start of classes. All other Lottery requirements remain the same.

Probationary Status: A student who is unable to meet Lottery requirements due to an exceptional mitigating circumstance beyond the student's control, or who has been on Active Military Duty 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.

Financial need is not a consideration for the Lottery, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is *not* required, but is recommended by CNM.

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Requirements and awards are subject to change and are determined by the NM State Legislature