



Qualifying for the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship

New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship is intended for New Mexico residents with a New Mexico diploma who have successfully completed their Qualifying Term at a New Mexico public post-secondary institution.

Eligibility for the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship is based on how you do in your 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. All New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship requirements must be met in the Qualifying Term, requirements cannot be made up at any other time.

Qualifying Term; *the first regular term of attendance within sixteen months of receiving a high school diploma or receipt of a New Mexico high school equivalency credential (such as NM GED or HiSET).*

Qualifying Term requirements for the Lottery:

- Successfully complete 12 credit hours – In your Qualifying Term you will need to earn 12 or more credits. Credits earned include college level classes of 1000 or higher and developmental classes of 0970 level or higher. ESL classes and classes completed with grades of F, NC, I, W, and AU do not count toward total credits earned.
- Earn a 2.5 or above Grade Point Average (GPA) – In your Qualifying Term you will need to enroll in and complete at least one class of 1000 level or higher with a traditional letter grade to establish your GPA. Your GPA is the average of all traditional letter grades, A, B, C, D, and F. Classes passed with a grade of CR do not count in your GPA.

Be Careful! - If you only take one class with a traditional letter grade you must earn an A or B in that class to have a term GPA above 2.5. If you earn a C your GPA will be 2.00 and you will not be Lottery eligible. Here are three examples:

Only one class with traditional grade -

Lottery eligible

Earns 12 credits

*Only one grade of **B***

GPA 3.0

NOT Lottery eligible

Earns 12 credits

*Only one grade of **C***

GPA 2.0

Only Credit/No Credit classes -

NOT Lottery eligible

Earns 12 credits

*All grades **CR***

No GPA

You cannot qualify for the Lottery with only developmental classes or Credit/No Credit classes.

Dual Credit classes, classes taken while you are in high school, are not counted in the Qualifying Term. Dual Credit classes are included in your Financial Aid record and will be considered for Financial Aid eligibility.

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

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