



# THE NEW MEXICO GUIDE TO COLLEGE



A RESOURCE FOR NEW MEXICO STUDENTS  
PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION



# WELCOME

## WELCOME TO THE NEW MEXICO GUIDE TO COLLEGE!

Use what you learn in each section to develop a greater confidence in preparing for your next steps after high school and understanding how to pay for them. This is a guide for students as well as parents/guardians.

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# WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

Take a minute to envision where you want to be 10 years from now. What career path or job do you want? What will your family life look like? Post-secondary education is the success factor for many people and can be one of the most important decisions you can make for your future.

Even if you aren't entirely sure what your future holds career-wise, a college degree or trades certificate offers lifelong rewards financially and intellectually. Most jobs now require some form of education or training beyond high school.

## TOP 6

### Reasons to Attend College

1. Increase your earning potential
2. Job security
3. Explore your intellectual curiosities
4. Access to health insurance
5. Network and build community connections
6. Expand your career options



# COLLEGE PREP STARTS NOW!

Whether you are in middle school or going through the college admissions process, it's important to know that each academic year matters. Taking small, dedicated steps towards college every day will pay off when it's time to submit your college application. There are many classes you can take in high school that will prepare you for college and will ultimately save you money. From the start of your freshman year, you have six semesters to present the best version of your academic self to colleges. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

**SUCCEED**

*Complete all graduation requirements*



**EXPLORE**

*Research college and career options*



**APPLY**

*Make your final decision, apply to college and apply for financial aid*

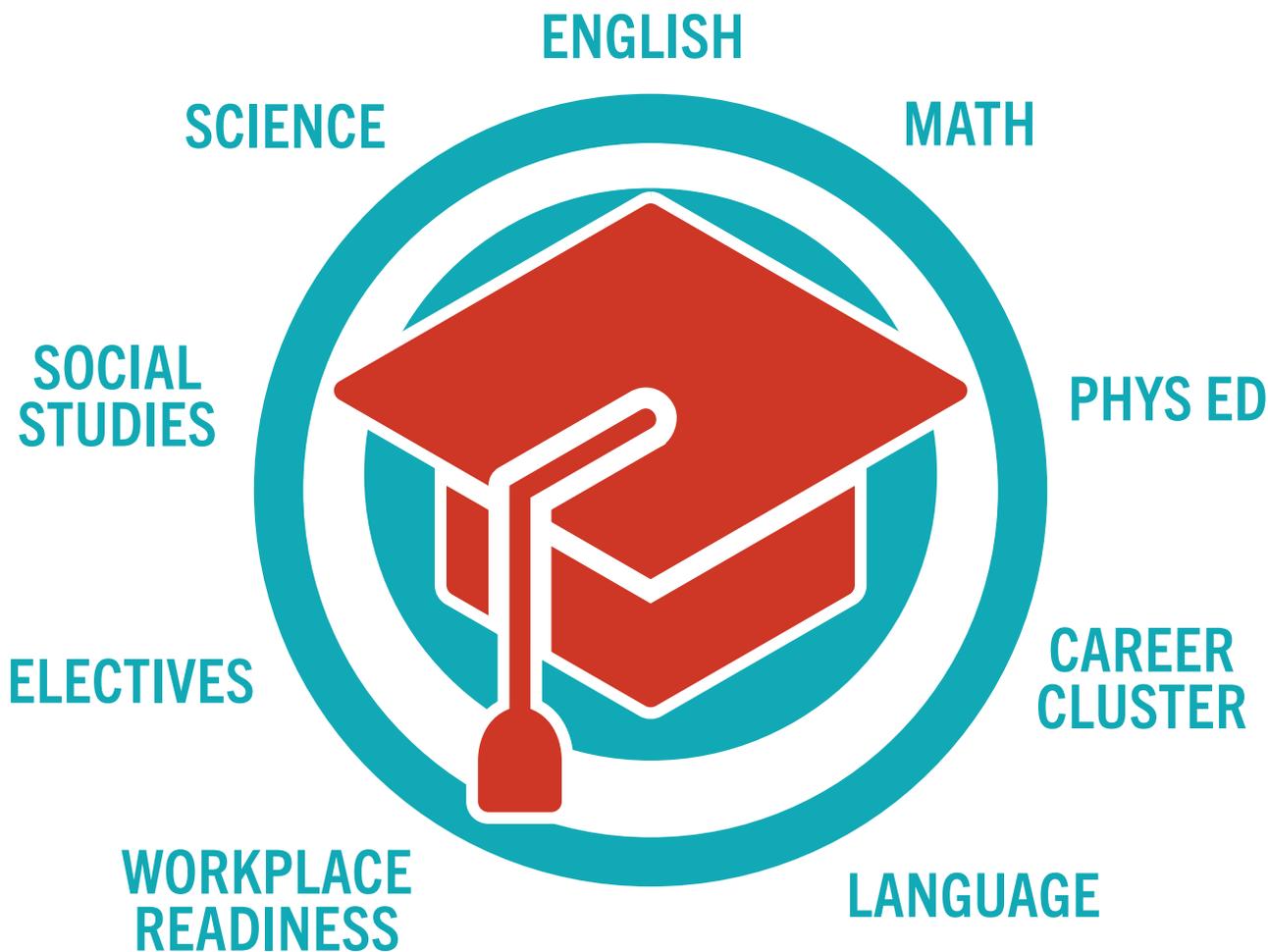


# KNOW WHAT YOU NEED

Earn **credits** as required by the New Mexico Public Education Department



**Earning your high school diploma is one of the most important academic milestones of your lifetime.** A high school diploma allows you to access higher education, and your academic performance can determine which schools you can attend as well as how much money you can receive to pay for college. Colleges across New Mexico have varying entrance requirements. Starting on page 19, you will find more information about each college. Some colleges require only a high school diploma while others have standards related to GPA and test scores. In addition to your core requirements, you will need to successfully complete statewide assessments. Learn whether your school offers dual credit or Advanced Placement (AP) courses which can give you a head start on earning college credits while still in high school.



**Please see graduation requirements from the New Mexico Public Education Department by visiting the following website:**

[webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/](http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/graduation/)

# NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE



Please work closely with your school counselor to ensure that you are upholding NMPED graduation requirements for your specific graduation year using the next step plan template.

## COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

	9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		10 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	
	COURSE	CODE	COURSE	CODE	COURSE	CODE	COURSE	CODE
<b>STATE OF NEW MEXICO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>								
MATHEMATICS								
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS								
SOCIAL STUDIES								
SCIENCE								
PHYSICAL EDUCATION								
CLUSTER / WORKPLACE / LANGUAGE								
HEALTH EDUCATION								
FOREIGN LANGUAGE								
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>								
<b>CAREER PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS/ELECTIVE</b>								
<b>GENERAL ELECTIVES</b>								
<b>COURSES REQUIRED TO BE REPEATED</b>								
<b>MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS</b>								
<b>OPTIONAL ASSESSMENTS</b>								
<b>Codes:</b>	Advanced Placement = AP	Distance Learning = DL	International Baccalaureate = IB	Other:				
	Dual Credit = DC	Honors Course = HC	Online Class = OL	Other:				

# GRADE-BY-GRADE CHECKLISTS



**The following checklists offer a solid start to life after high school, at every grade level.**

# 7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Start The Conversation Now

- Talk with your parents and family members about your future, your interests, and the type of education you'd like to pursue.
- Ask your friends and family about the transition into high school and what you can expect.

## Be Curious

- Ask adults around you about their careers. *What do you like about your job? Does your job require a specific kind of degree? What kind of degree or certification do you have?*
- Explore potential career options or things that interest you. Visit **[NMCAREERSOLUTIONS.COM](http://NMCAREERSOLUTIONS.COM)**

## Learn About Yourself

- Make a list of things you are good at and enjoy doing. Evaluate how those might connect to a career.
- Complete a self-assessment of your strengths and opportunity areas both academically and personally.

## Create a Freshman Year Plan

- Meet with your counselor to discuss what classes you should take in high school.
- Attend an info night at your future high school.

## Start Saving for College

- Encourage your parents to open a 529 account at **[THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM](http://THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM)**. See page 67.

THE CHECKLIST

# 9TH GRADE



## Start High School Off Strong

- Attend orientation day to meet fellow students and learn more about the expectations at your high school.
- Work with your school counselor to ensure that you are upholding NMPED graduation requirements using your **NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE** on page 6.
- Introduce yourself to each of your teachers during the first week of class.

## Get Involved

- Sign up for a school club, sport or activity.
- Volunteer in your community 10 hours each semester.

## Explore Colleges + Careers

- Read through the college directory in this guide and look at colleges that may be a fit for you.
- Attend a local college fair.
- Create a profile and complete career assessments at **NMCAREERSOLUTIONS.COM**
- Start your **STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROFILE** on page 57.

## Research How to Pay for College

- Encourage your parents to open a 529 account at **THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM** (see page 67) or continue contributing to your 529 plan.

THE NEXT LIST

# 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Take the Right Classes

- Work with your school counselor to ensure that you are upholding NMPED graduation requirements using your **NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE** on page 6.
- Explore which Advanced Placement (AP) classes are available to you.
- Attend a summer program if you need help with core academic skills.
- Take the PSAT.
- Ask your counselor about dual credit options.

## Connect College and Career Interests

- Research colleges and universities online.
- Explore what type of degree program you might enroll in and which schools offer programs to meet your needs.
- Attend a summer program or camp.
- Create a profile on **COLLEGEBOARD.ORG** and use their tools for college, career and scholarship searches.
- Create a list of potential colleges you are interested in.

## Build Support Systems

- Find a mentor or a mentoring program.
- Connect with students going through the college application process.
- Talk with your family about your future plans.

## Saving for College

- Encourage your parents to open a 529 account at ***THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM***, if they have not already done so (see page 67).
- Open a savings account.
- Continue contributing to your 529 plan if you have already opened one.
- Consider working a part time job and devoting part of your earnings to saving for college.

## Reflect and Review

- Meet with a counselor to make sure you are on track.
- Continue building your ***STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROFILE***, found on page 57, with involvement, athletic, leadership and volunteering roles.
- Set goals for your academic and personal achievements in the second half of high school.

THE COLLEGE LIST

# 11TH GRADE

## Make a Plan Early in the Academic Year

- Work with your school counselor to ensure that you are upholding NMPED graduation requirements using your **NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE** on page 6.
- If academic deficiencies are noted in your **NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE** on page 6, connect with your academic counselor to address the problem.
- Determine when you plan to take Algebra II, if you haven't already.
- Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

## Practice Makes Perfect - Test Prep Strategies for Better Scores

- Take the PSAT again. Scores may make you eligible for the National Merit Scholarship.
- Take a practice exam for the SAT (and then take it again!).
- Use the Khan Academy for free test prep resources at **KHANACADEMY.ORG**
- Download the free apps for the SAT (**search: Daily Practice for the SAT**) in your app store.
- Register to participate in spring SAT boot camp if provided by your school district.

## Understand College Costs & Financial Aid

- Research the colleges you are interested in and use the Net Price Calculator listed on each school's website.
- Run the *Federal Student Aid Estimator* to estimate your financial aid at **STUDENTAID.GOV/AID-ESTIMATOR/**
- Talk to your parents or legal guardians about the FAFSA. Gather the information you will need in order to file.
- Continue contributing to or start your 529 account at **THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM** (see page 67).



## Apply for Scholarships and Save for College

- Some scholarships are open to juniors. Create a profile at **FASTWEB.COM** and browse available scholarships.
- Review the **NEW MEXICO SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS** on page 68.

## Determine Your College Fit

- Schedule campus visits by calling the admissions department or by signing up online (where available).
- Review our tips on getting the most out of a campus visit on page 51.
- Complete the **COLLEGE VISIT SCORECARD** after each visit on page 53.
- Attend a college fair.
- Ask a counselor to connect you with alumni from your high school who attend the colleges you are interested in visiting.

## Get Organized for Your Senior Year

- Finalize the list of colleges you plan to visit and apply to.
- Ask 3-4 adults (teachers, mentors, bosses, etc.) to consider writing you a letter of recommendation for scholarships.
- Determine which classes you still need in order to be college-ready.
- Shadow professionals in the career fields you are interested in possibly pursuing.
- Finalize your **STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROFILE** (found on page 57) at the end of the year.

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CHECKLIST

# 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Stay Focused

- Work with your school counselor to ensure that you are upholding NMPED graduation requirements using your **NEXT STEP PLAN TEMPLATE** on page 6.
- Finish the year strong. The college or university you are planning to attend will require a copy of your final transcript, which includes grades from your senior year.
- Take the right math class for your chosen path of study.
- Add important due dates to your planner or calendar. You may want to include:
  - College application deadlines
  - Scholarship deadlines
  - ACT/SAT test dates
  - FAFSA (*October 1 is usually the first day to apply!*)
  - College visit dates
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, bosses, etc.

## Apply for College

- Submit your college applications with time to spare. Application fee waivers may be available. Check with your high school counselor for more information.
- Check with colleges about their ACT/SAT requirements and whether improving your score may mean access to more scholarship money.
- Confirm online, over the phone, or with a counselor whether a college requires a secondary application for scholarships.

## Complete Your Financial Aid Documents

- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).  
*Even if you do not think you will qualify for federal financial aid, many colleges require the FAFSA for scholarship eligibility. If you are undocumented, consult with the school you plan to attend for aid information and read page 70 for more information.*
- Check with your counselor about FAFSA completion resources and if your school is planning to host a FAFSA night for families.



## Calculate Your College Costs

- In the spring, review your award letters from the colleges you have been accepted to and add in any scholarship money you have received to calculate your out of pocket costs.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Continue contributing to your 529 account at ***THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM*** (see page 67).
- Evaluate your loan options.

## Narrow Your College Choices & Make a Decision

- Visit the schools you plan to attend in person.
- List the pros and cons of each school.
- Consult with your family about your final decision.
- Inquire about *First Year Experience Programs* and *Summer Bridge Programs* that might be available to you.
- Accept any financial aid you have received from the college you will attend.
- Turn in any official documentation such as transcripts and test scores to the college you plan to attend.
- Submit your on-campus housing forms and deposit.
- Apply for any on-campus programs such as TRIO SSS, if you qualify. See page 71.

## Celebrate Your Success!

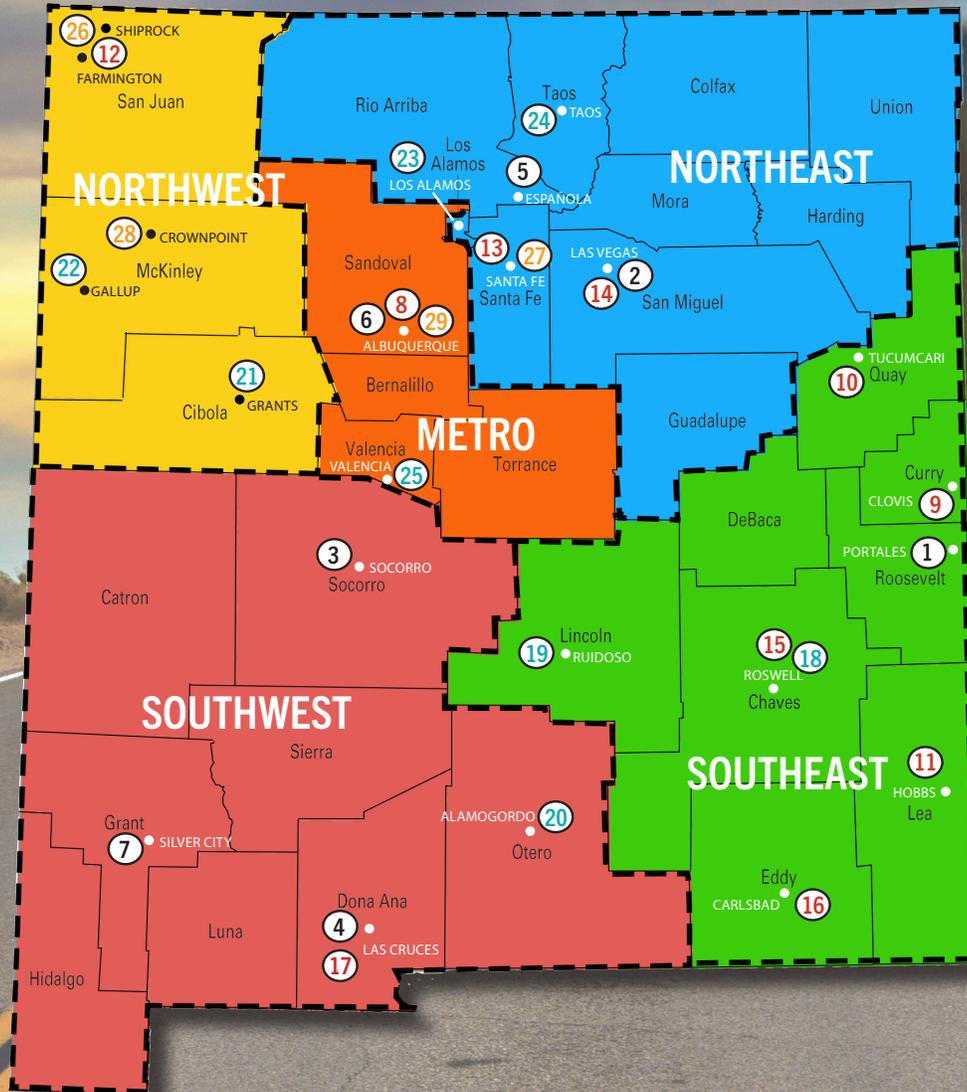
- Enjoy graduation and be proud of all you have accomplished!** Participate in any senior send-off activities your school is hosting.
- Participate in *College Signing Day* at your high school, if available.

THE COLLEGE LIST

# YOUR GUIDE TO NEW MEXICO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



# COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



## 4-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 1 - Eastern New Mexico University, Portales
- 2 - New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas
- 3 - New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro
- 4 - New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
- 5 - Northern New Mexico College, Española
- 6 - University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 7 - Western New Mexico University, Silver City

## 2-YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 8 - Central New Mexico Community College, Albuquerque
- 9 - Clovis Community College, Clovis
- 10 - Mesalands Community College, Tucumcari
- 11 - New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs
- 12 - San Juan College, Farmington
- 13 - Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe
- 14 - Luna Community College, Las Vegas
- 15 - New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell
- 16 - Southeast New Mexico College, Carlsbad
- 17 - Doña Ana Community College, Las Cruces

## 2-YEAR BRANCH COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 18 - ENMU - Roswell
- 19 - ENMU - Ruidoso
- 20 - NMSU - Alamogordo
- 21 - NMSU - Grants
- 22 - UNM - Gallup
- 23 - UNM - Los Alamos
- 24 - UNM - Taos
- 25 - UNM - Valencia

## TRIBAL COLLEGES

- 26 - Diné College, Shiprock
- 27 - Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe
- 28 - Navajo Technical Institute, Crownpoint
- 29 - Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque

# CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

# 1

YEAR

## CERTIFICATES

Certificates are short-term training programs for vocational careers most common in healthcare, IT and administration.

**AVERAGE COMPLETION TIMELINE:** Weeks - 1 year

**EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS:** Dental Assistant, Medical Technicians, Plumber, HVAC Installer, Cosmetologist

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# 2

YEARS

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

There are two types of associate degrees: Associate of Applied Science - for students who intend to enter the workforce immediately following graduation, and Associate of Science/Associate of Arts - for students who plan to transfer from a community college to a 4-year school to obtain a bachelor's degree.

**AVERAGE COMPLETION TIMELINE:** 2 years

**EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS:** Law Enforcement, Web Developer, Paralegal, Construction, Dental Hygienist

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# 4

YEARS

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

These degrees provide a balance of core classes, major requirements and electives in preparation for a career or graduate degree.

**AVERAGE COMPLETION TIMELINE:** 4 years

**EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS:** Business, Engineering, History, Teaching, Healthcare

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## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

This category includes degrees beyond a bachelor's for advanced study including master's, Ph.D, MD, JD, etc. Students pursuing advanced degrees may focus on a specific topic and/or research.

**AVERAGE COMPLETION TIMELINE:** 1 - 6 years

**EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS:** Medical field, Professor/Higher Education, Law, Business, Architecture

\*Career Paths may vary at different colleges and universities.



# 4-YEAR SCHOOLS

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University of New Mexico	20
New Mexico State University	21
Eastern New Mexico University	22
New Mexico Highlands University	23
Western New Mexico University	24
Northern New Mexico College	25
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology	26
Institute of American Indian Arts	27
Navajo Technical University	28
Diné College	29

# 2-YEAR SCHOOLS

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New Mexico Military Institute	30
New Mexico Junior College	31
Doña Ana Community College	32
Luna Community College	33
Santa Fe Community College	34
Mesalands Community College	35
Clovis Community College	36
Central New Mexico Community College	37
San Juan College	38
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	39
Southeast New Mexico College	40
Santa Fe Higher Education Center	41

# 2-YEAR BRANCH COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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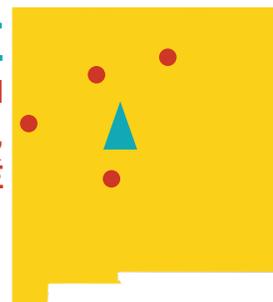
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*All financial and factual information is sourced from school websites and The College Board. Costs are for the 2022-23 academic year and based on in-state residency. Additional expenses including books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous are not factored into overall costs due to their variability.*



# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

**ALBUQUERQUE**  
 BRANCH CAMPUSES IN  
 GALLUP, LOS ALAMOS,  
 TAOS & TOMÉ



2-YEAR SCHOOL    4-YEAR SCHOOL    TRIBAL COLLEGE

**TRiO**

**WEBSITE** [unm.edu](http://unm.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [visit.unm.edu](http://visit.unm.edu)  
 (505) 277-8503

**APPLICATION** [apply.unm.edu](http://apply.unm.edu)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$11,126
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$10,350
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$17,935

## FAST FACTS



- New Mexico's only research 1 university
- New Mexico's only schools of medicine, law and architecture
- 16,559 undergraduate students enrolled
- 96 undergraduate degree options and 27 certificate programs
- \$13,000 in yearly savings compared to peer universities
- 89% of students received financial aid ('23-'24)

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- 4 units of English with 1 composition class, 4 units of Math, 3 units of Social Science, 3 units of Physical Science, 2 units of Foreign Language

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 277-8900 or admissions office (505) 277-8900.

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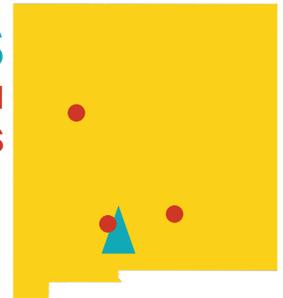
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# NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

**LAS CRUCES**

**BRANCH CAMPUSES IN ALAMOGORDO & GRANTS**



2-YEAR SCHOOL

4-YEAR SCHOOL

TRIBAL COLLEGE

**TRiO**

**WEBSITE** [nmsu.edu](http://nmsu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [admissions.nmsu.edu/visit](http://admissions.nmsu.edu/visit)  
(575) 646-3121

**APPLICATION** [admissions.nmsu.edu/apply](http://admissions.nmsu.edu/apply)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$8,408
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$9,750 - \$12,288
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	N/A

## FAST FACTS



16:1 student-faculty ratio

Known for its engineering and agricultural sciences programs

First-time, full-time students admitted to the Las Cruces campus are required to live on-campus for the first year

Received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award

Students represent 49 states and 89 different countries

Member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS\*

- A high school diploma or HSE
- A cumulative high school GPA of 2.75, or ACT composite score of 21 or SAT score of 1060.
- Official ACT or SAT scores are not required for admission; however, it is beneficial for you to have them on file

*\*An applicant who does not meet all the requirements may also be offered admission via a review of their additional information*

To find out more information and scholarship opportunities visit [fa.nmsu.edu](http://fa.nmsu.edu) or [scholarships.nmsu.edu](http://scholarships.nmsu.edu).

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# BE BOLD. Shape the Future.™

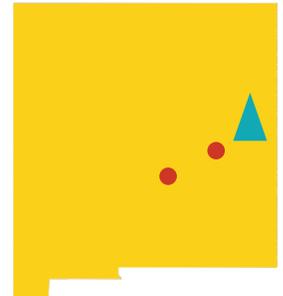


**EASTERN  
NEW MEXICO  
UNIVERSITY**

# EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

**PORTALES**

**BRANCH CAMPUSES IN  
ROSWELL & RUIDOSO**



2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**TRiO**

**WEBSITE** [enmu.edu](http://enmu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [enmu.edu/admission/visit](http://enmu.edu/admission/visit)  
(575) 562-2178

**APPLICATION** [enmu.edu/apply](http://enmu.edu/apply)

## **COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO**



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$6,738
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$5,546 - \$10,026
<b>With meal plan:</b>	\$10,662 - \$16,968
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$13,694

## **FAST FACTS**



17:1 student-faculty ratio

New Mexico's largest regional comprehensive university

Federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution and member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

96% student satisfaction rate

More than 60 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees

In the top 10% lowest tuition of 81 public Southwestern colleges and universities

## **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

- High school diploma or HSE
- If Tribally-enrolled, CIB or equivalent documentation may be requested
- 2.5 GPA High/Home School Cumulative **OR**
- GED/HiSET score report AND 17 ACT or 920 SAT

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 562-2194 or admissions office (575) 562-2178.

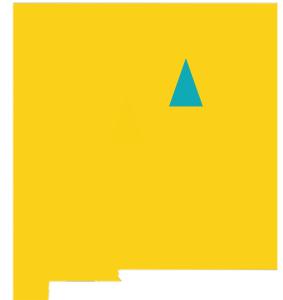
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# **“Student Success! That’s What We’re About!”**



# NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY

LAS VEGAS



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [nmhu.com](http://nmhu.com)

**TOUR INFO** [nmhu.edu/visit-new-mexico-highlands-university/](http://nmhu.edu/visit-new-mexico-highlands-university/)  
(505) 454-3394

**APPLICATION** [nmhu.edu/apply-to-new-mexico-highlands/](http://nmhu.edu/apply-to-new-mexico-highlands/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$6,984
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$8,168 - \$11,448
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$12,443

## FAST FACTS

- 15:1 student-faculty ratio
- 2,804 students enrolled
- Ranked as a top school for social mobility by the Brookings Institute
- Listed as one of the most affordable public universities in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report
- Known for its social work and teaching programs
- Over 50 percent of students identify as Hispanic



## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE
- Official ACT or SAT scores are not required for admission; however, it is beneficial for you to have them on file

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 454-3318 or admissions office (505) 454-3394.

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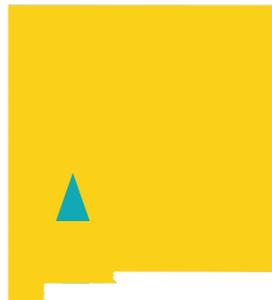
# Transforming Passions Into Careers



**WESTERN**  
NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

# WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

SILVER CITY



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [wnmu.edu](http://wnmu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [admissions.wnmu.edu/expedition](http://admissions.wnmu.edu/expedition)  
(800) 872-9668

**APPLICATION** [wnmu.edu/applynow](http://wnmu.edu/applynow)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$3,933 - \$4,917/semester
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$6,911- \$8,485/semester
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$9,526.93

## FAST FACTS



An open enrollment university with 3,571 students enrolled

70+ areas of study from workforce training certificates and bachelor's degrees to graduate programs that can be completed 100% online

Main campus located in the shadows of the Gila National Forest with locations in Deming and Gallup, NM

Students residing outside of Grant, Luna, Catron and Hildago counties and taking less than 60 credit hours are required to live in campus housing

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- WNMU is an open admissions institution

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 538-6173 or admissions office (575) 538-6000.

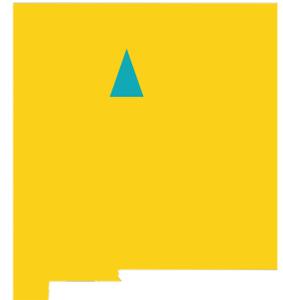
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Transforming the Future Together



# NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE

ESPAÑOLA



2-YEAR SCHOOL    4-YEAR SCHOOL    TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [nmmc.edu](http://nmmc.edu)

**TOUR INFO** (505) 747-2111

**APPLICATION** [nmmc.edu/home/student-gateway/admissions/](http://nmmc.edu/home/student-gateway/admissions/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$5,064 (\$7,090 Online)
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$7,267

## FAST FACTS



- 12:1 student-faculty ratio
- 50+ bachelor's, associate, and certificate programs in arts & media, human sciences, STEM, business, education, liberal arts, and nursing
- Technical trades programs in partnership with two local unions through NNMC's Branch Community College + Workforce programs through Continuing Education
- Strong connections to Hispanic and Native American communities
- Extraordinary undergraduate student research opportunities in STEM and humanities

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- **OR** a transfer student in good standing from another accredited college, university, or other post-secondary institution

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 747-2128 or admissions office (505) 747-2111.

SCHOOL MOTTO

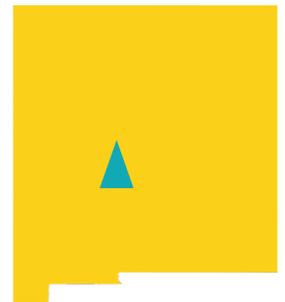
# Find Your Future @ Northern



**NEW MEXICO TECH**  
SCIENCE • ENGINEERING • RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

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LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR SCHOOL    4-YEAR SCHOOL    TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [nmt.edu](http://nmt.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [apply.nmt.edu/portal/nmt\\_campus\\_visit](http://apply.nmt.edu/portal/nmt_campus_visit)

**APPLICATION** [nmt.edu/apply.php](http://nmt.edu/apply.php)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$9,228
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$9,614
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$16,769

## FAST FACTS

87% of graduates hold job offers in advanced STEM industries or are accepted into graduate studies

Nearly all undergraduates finish their degrees with some campus research experience

Easy access to rock-climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and many more outdoor activities

10 scientific and engineering research and testing institutions/centers

Average starting salary for graduates is \$65,800 and \$124,500 after 10 years

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE
- A high school GPA of 2.5 and 21/1070 ACT/SAT
- Unweighted high school GPAs at or above 3.3 do not require ACT/SAT scores

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 835-5333 or admissions office (575) 835-5424.

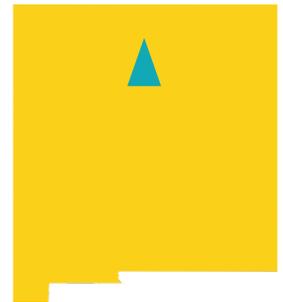
SCHOOL MOTTO

**Come to Tech. Transform the World.**



# INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

SANTA FE



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [iaia.edu](http://iaia.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [iaia.edu/visit/](http://iaia.edu/visit/)  
(505) 424-2325

**APPLICATION** [iaia.edu/admissions/](http://iaia.edu/admissions/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$5,166 (includes books)
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$5,546 - \$10,026
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$10,256

## FAST FACTS



Welcomes Native American, non-native, and international Students

The only institution of higher learning in the world dedicated to contemporary Native American art

The only national center of research, training, and scholarship for Native Americans devoted solely to American Indian and Alaska Native arts and culture

Named one of the top art institutions by UNESCO and the International Association of Art

Over 10,000 contemporary Indigenous artworks housed on campus

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or Enrollment Card (applies to registered American Indian students only)

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 424-5724 or admissions office (505) 424-2325.

SCHOOL MOTTO

**To Empower Creativity and Leadership in Indigenous Arts** <sup>27</sup>



# NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

CROWNPOINT



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR  
SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR  
SCHOOL
- TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [navajotech.edu](http://navajotech.edu)

**TOUR INFO** (505) 387-7427

**APPLICATION** [ecampus.navajotech.edu/ICS/  
Future\\_Student/Formbuilder.jnz](http://ecampus.navajotech.edu/ICS/Future_Student/Formbuilder.jnz)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

With Certificate of Indian Blood: \$2,200  
Without CIB: \$4,000

### Room & board:

\$2,600

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$4,424.27

## FAST FACTS

Most popular bachelor's programs include business administration, early childhood multicultural education and welding

Began as the Navajo Skill Center in 1979; 1994 Land Grant designation; 2013 became Navajo Tech

Every student has access to *Grad Ready*, a program designed to help students manage tuition, budgeting and bills

Housing is available for single students and families

On-site child care is available

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or Enrollment Card (applies to registered American Indian students only)

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 387-7442 or admissions office (505) 387-7365.

SCHOOL MOTTO

# It Begins From Within



# DINÉ COLLEGE

**BRANCH CAMPUSES IN  
SHIPROCK &  
CROWNPOINT**  
MAIN CAMPUS IN  
TSAILE, AZ



2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [dinecollege.edu](http://dinecollege.edu)

**TOUR INFO** (505) 368-3631, (928) 724-6925

**APPLICATION** [dinecollege.edu/admissions/admissions/](http://dinecollege.edu/admissions/admissions/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$1,430
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$2,760 - \$3,248*
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$8,317

\*Residence halls only located at the Tsaille, AZ campus

## FAST FACTS



13:1 student-faculty ratio

First tribally controlled institution in the U.S, established in 1968

Welcomes Native American (Diné and other tribes), non-native, and international students

Five campus locations and two microsites across Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah

20+ degree programs for certificate, associate, bachelor's, and master's

Top programs are public health, health occupation, and elementary education

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE with test scores
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or Enrollment Card (applies to registered American Indian students only)

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office at (505) 368-3511 or (928) 724-6730 OR contact the admissions office at (505) 368-3623 or (928) 724-6634.

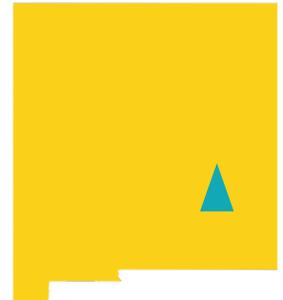
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Success Rooted in Tradition



# NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

ROSWELL



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR  
SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR  
SCHOOL
- TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [nmmi.edu](http://nmmi.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [nmmi.edu/admissions/visit-nmmi/](http://nmmi.edu/admissions/visit-nmmi/)  
(800) 421-5376

**APPLICATION** [nmmi.edu/admissions/](http://nmmi.edu/admissions/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$6,990 + \$2,500 Uniform
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$6,531
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$16,021

## FAST FACTS



Only state-supported co-ed college preparatory high school and jr. college granting high school diplomas and associate degrees

ROTC offers Early Commissioning Program that commissions officers in the reserve components in two years, instead of the usual four

Graduates serve in all five national service academies

98.3% of NMMI's faculty hold a master's degree or doctorate

46 U.S. states and territories and 30+ countries are represented in the student body

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- SAT or ACT test scores
- Prospective cadet questionnaire, physical examination form, health & consent form
- Complete official visit

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (800) 421-5376 or admissions office (575) 624-8653.

SCHOOL MOTTO

# Duty Honor Achievement



# NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

HOBBS



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR SCHOOL    4-YEAR SCHOOL    TRIBAL COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [nmjc.edu](http://nmjc.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [nmjc.edu/admission/visit\\_campus](http://nmjc.edu/admission/visit_campus)  
(575) 492-2794

**APPLICATION** [nmjc.edu/admission/apply\\_online/index.aspx](http://nmjc.edu/admission/apply_online/index.aspx)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Lea County: \$900/semester  
All other counties in NM: \$1,200/semester

**Room & board:** \$2,175

**Average 1st year financial aid package:** \$4,849.67

## FAST FACTS

- 17:1 student-faculty ratio
- 40+ program options
- On-campus living options
- 40% of undergraduate students receive financial aid
- Offers NJCAA men's and women's sports including basketball, baseball, golf, rodeo, track & field, and cross country
- Many degrees offered online

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 392-5172 or student support services (575) 492-2619.

SCHOOL MOTTO

# Promoting Success Through Learning



# DOÑA ANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LAS CRUCES



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [dacc.nmsu.edu](http://dacc.nmsu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [dacc.nmsu.edu/about/campuses-centers/](http://dacc.nmsu.edu/about/campuses-centers/)  
(575) 527-7500

**APPLICATION** [admissions.nmsu.edu/apply/](http://admissions.nmsu.edu/apply/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Doña Ana County: \$921/semester  
All other counties in NM: \$1,119/semester

### Room & board:

N/A

### Average 1st year

### financial aid package:

\$6,073 - \$7,195

## FAST FACTS

19:1 student-faculty ratio

6 convenient locations located throughout Doña Ana County

Offers 56 associate degrees and 69 certificates in career, technical, and general education

Assists businesses through customized training programs and the Small Business Development Center

Top-rated faculty and state-of-the-art technology

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Applicants possessing a high school equivalency must request to have official GED or HiSET transcripts sent directly to the DACC Admissions Office

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 528-7000 or admissions office (575) 528-7244.

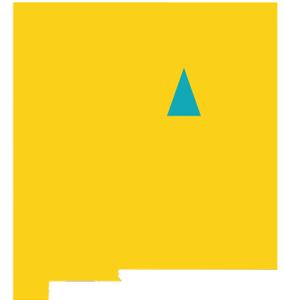
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Supporting Student Learning and Discovery



# LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LAS VEGAS



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** luna.edu

**TOUR INFO** luna.edu/admissions  
(505) 454-2550

**APPLICATION** luna.edu/application

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Luna County:	\$540/semester
All other counties in NM:	\$780/semester

### Room & board:

N/A

### Average 1st year

**financial aid package:** \$7,688

## FAST FACTS

Residents in San Miguel, Mora, Guadalupe and Colfax counties get in-district rates

One of the only community colleges in northeastern New Mexico

Offers 35+ degrees and certificates in seven areas of study

An outstanding reputation for its caliber of facilities, teaching methods, curricula, and dedication to excellence

Campuses in Santa Rosa, Springer, and Mora that serve various participant schools in Colfax, Mora and Guadalupe counties

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Luna Community College is an open enrollment institution, meaning all students are admitted and academic placement is determined by exam scores, high school or college transcripts, ACT/SAT scores and GED/HiSET scores

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 454-2500, ext. 2002 or admissions office (505) 454-2550 ext. 2004.

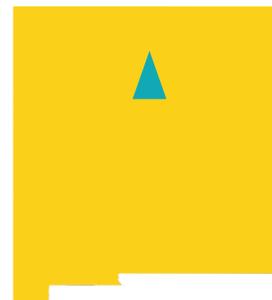
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Creating Opportunities for You!



# SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SANTA FE



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR SCHOOL

4-YEAR SCHOOL

TRIBAL COLLEGE

TRiO

**WEBSITE** [sfcc.edu](http://sfcc.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [sfcc.edu/visit](http://sfcc.edu/visit)  
(505) 428-1149

**APPLICATION** [sfcc.edu/getstarted](http://sfcc.edu/getstarted)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Santa Fe County:	\$1,716
All other counties in NM:	\$2,004

### Room & board:

N/A

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$8,000

## FAST FACTS

Guided pathways to more than 50 associate degrees and 90 certificate programs

In-person, online, and hybrid classes

Recognized for health sciences, automotive, sustainability, film, business, arts, and teacher education

Support and resources for student parents

Job training in nursing, energy, health & safety, trades and technology

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 428-1268 or the welcome and advising center (505) 428-1270.

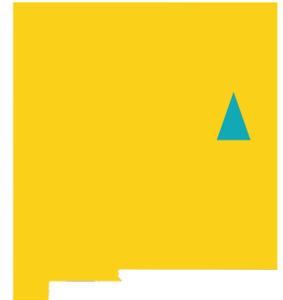
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Empower Students, Strengthen Community



# MESALANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TUCUMCARI



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [mesalands.edu](http://mesalands.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [mesalands.edu/future-students/campus-visit](http://mesalands.edu/future-students/campus-visit)  
(575) 461-6600

**APPLICATION** [mesalands.edu/future-students/](http://mesalands.edu/future-students/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$2,250
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$8,780

## FAST FACTS



- 19:1 student-faculty ratio
- Encourages hands-on learning opportunities for many classes
- Home to the North American Wind Research Center
- Featured programs include nursing and wind energy technology
- Does not offer residential housing
- Paleontology students begin digging for fossils in their first year at private dig sites
- Other technician programs include silversmithing and farrier science

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 461-6600 ext 6640, [financialaid@mesalands.edu](mailto:financialaid@mesalands.edu), or the main campus office (575) 461-6600.

SCHOOL MOTTO

# Lead The Way



# CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CLOVIS



2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

TRiO

**WEBSITE** [clovis.edu](http://clovis.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [clovis.edu/admissions/tours.aspx](http://clovis.edu/admissions/tours.aspx)  
(575) 769-4013

**APPLICATION** [clovis.edu/admissions/index.aspx](http://clovis.edu/admissions/index.aspx)

## FAST FACTS



17:1 student-faculty ratio

Most graduates are focused on liberal arts and health professions

On campus, hybrid, live online, fully online, and mixed class models

Many students transfer to Eastern New Mexico University

Known for its nursing, radiologic technology, physical therapist assistant, EMS, automotive, cosmetology, industrial technology, and welding programs

Offers degrees and certificates in 18 different fields

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Curry County:	\$2,336
All other counties in NM:	\$2,600

### Room & board:

N/A

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$8,658

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Open admissions policy, which means there are no specific admissions requirements to enroll at CCC
- There are separate application processes for certain programs

To find out more information about open admissions or which programs have a separate process, please contact the admissions office at (575) 769-4025. For financial aid information, please contact (575) 769-4060.

SCHOOL MOTTO

# To Dream to Achieve to Succeed



**CNM**  
Central New Mexico  
Community College

# CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ALBUQUERQUE



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**TRiO**

**WEBSITE** [cnm.edu](http://cnm.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [cnm.edu/depts/outreach/campus-tours](http://cnm.edu/depts/outreach/campus-tours)  
(505) 224-3352

**APPLICATION** [cnm.edu/students/apply-to-cnm](http://cnm.edu/students/apply-to-cnm)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$1,584
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$10,296

## FAST FACTS



The largest undergraduate student body in New Mexico

Offers 200+ associate degree, certificate, and workforce training programs

Ranks #1 among community colleges for number of associate degrees and certificates awarded to Native Americans; #2 for Hispanics; and #2 for total associate degrees and certificates awarded

Home of CNM Ingenuity, which provides accelerated training programs and bootcamps for quick entry into high-demand careers

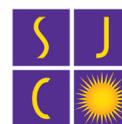
## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- CNM is an open admissions institution for anyone at least 18-years-old

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 224-3000, admissions office (505) 224-3160, or [ThinkingAboutCNM@cnm.edu](mailto:ThinkingAboutCNM@cnm.edu).

SCHOOL MOTTO

# Changing Lives. Building Community.



SAN JUAN COLLEGE

# SAN JUAN COLLEGE

FARMINGTON



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [sanjuancollege.edu](http://sanjuancollege.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [sanjuancollege.edu/visit/](http://sanjuancollege.edu/visit/)  
(505) 566-3320

**APPLICATION** [sanjuancollege.edu/apply](http://sanjuancollege.edu/apply)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$2,520
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	\$11,438
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$12,847

## FAST FACTS



- Offers 140+ degree and certificate programs
- Bachelor's and master's degrees available
- Provides personalized education to over 8,790 students
- In-person and online classes and on-campus housing
- 98% of SJC students would recommend SJC to a friend or family member (2023 CCCSE Survey)
- 99% of full-time, first-time degree seeking undergraduates receive financial aid

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- All application costs are free

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 566-3323 or admissions office (505) 566-3320.

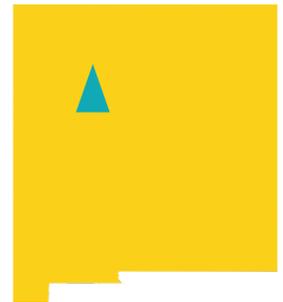
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Success Matters



# SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

ALBUQUERQUE



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [sipi.edu](http://sipi.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [sipi.edu/apps/pages/apply](http://sipi.edu/apps/pages/apply)  
(505) 364-2029

**APPLICATION** [sipi.edu/apps/pages/apply](http://sipi.edu/apps/pages/apply)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Full-Time On Campus:</b>	\$590*/semester
<b>Full-Time Off Campus:</b>	\$365*/semester
<b>Part-Time Off Campus:</b>	\$290*/semester

\*tuition provided by Bureau of Indian Education

## FAST FACTS

With 120 different tribal nations represented within the student body, SIPI provides a range of career and transfer opportunities for Native learners in advanced technology education, business administration, and early childhood education

Emergency Aid Program available for unexpected financial emergencies

State-of the-art equipment in vision care technology, pre-engineering, computer aided drafting & design, geospatial information technology, and culinary arts programs

Partnership with UNM, NMSU, NMHU to ensure better transfer rates of SIPI students

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Medical Physical Records
- Immunization Record

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 346-2361, student services (505) 346-7715, or admissions office (800) 586-7474.

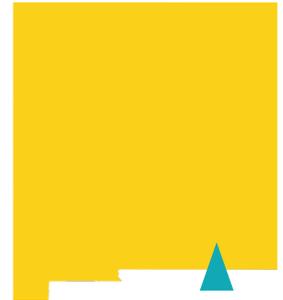
SCHOOL MOTTO

# Expect Success



# SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO COLLEGE

CARLSBAD



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [senmc.edu](http://senmc.edu)

**TOUR INFO** (575) 234-9221

**APPLICATION** [senmc.edu/admissions](http://senmc.edu/admissions)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Carlsbad County:	\$1,176
All other counties in NM:	\$1,968

### Food & Housing:

\$12,973

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$8,353

## FAST FACTS

13:1 student-faculty ratio

Ranked #1 in nursing in the state of New Mexico

Offers 30+ associate degrees and certificates online and in person

Fields of study include allied health, business, criminal justice, welding, industrial maintenance, digital media, social work, education, science, engineering, and more

Established in 1950 as New Mexico's first community college, then transitioned from NMSU Carlsbad to "SENM" as an independent community college in 2021

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 234-9225 or admissions office (575) 234-9221.

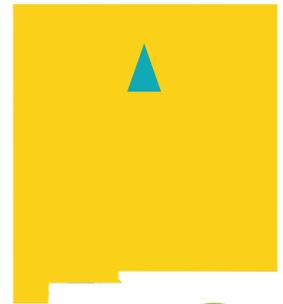
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SANTA FE



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

**WEBSITE** [sfcc.edu/higher-education-center/](http://sfcc.edu/higher-education-center/)

## PARTNERS



NORTHERN New Mexico College



## FAST FACTS

Take your education to the next degree! Students can now work toward bachelor's degrees in Santa Fe. New Mexico Highlands University, Northern New Mexico College, the University of New Mexico, and Santa Fe Community College offer learning options at the Santa Fe Higher Education Center to bring students an affordable, convenient way to achieve a bachelor's or master's degree without leaving Santa Fe.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

To find out more information, please contact (505) 428-1000 or [HEC@sfcc.edu](mailto:HEC@sfcc.edu).

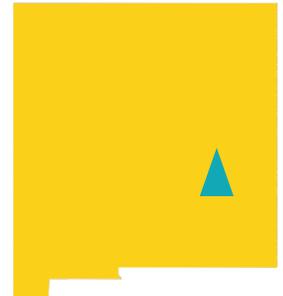
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# EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

ROSWELL BRANCH



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

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- WEBSITE** [roswell.enmu.edu](http://roswell.enmu.edu)
- TOUR INFO** [roswell.enmu.edu/individual-family-tours-form/](http://roswell.enmu.edu/individual-family-tours-form/)  
(575) 624-7136
- APPLICATION** [roswellenmu-2867.app451.sites.451.io/](http://roswellenmu-2867.app451.sites.451.io/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

### Tuition & fees:

- Residents in Chaves County: \$1,128/semester
- All other counties in NM: \$1,212/semester

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$11,706

## FAST FACTS



- 18:1 student-faculty ratio
- Associate of Science nursing program is ranked number one in New Mexico
- Campus features a unique Special Services Occupational Training Program for students with disabilities
- Has a 21-24 month Aviation Maintenance Technology program with a variety of operational aircraft
- General education common core courses are guaranteed to transfer to any NM college or university

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 624-7400 or admissions office (575) 624-7141.

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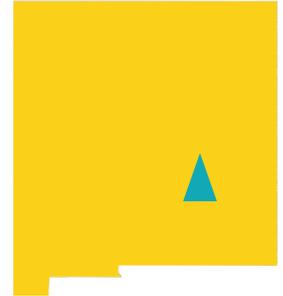
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**ENMU**  
RUIDOSO

# EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

**RUIDOSO  
BRANCH**



2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [ruidoso.enmu.edu](http://ruidoso.enmu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** (575) 315-1120

**APPLICATION** [ruidoso.enmu.edu/admissions](http://ruidoso.enmu.edu/admissions)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Lincoln County: \$1,272  
All other counties in NM: \$1,704

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$11,513

## FAST FACTS

12:1 student-faculty ratio

Located at the base of Sierra Blanca and near the southernmost ski resort in the U.S.

Enjoy an abundance of outdoor recreational activities all year

Great career and transfer programs

Technical programs include cybersecurity, nursing assistant, emergency medicine, and wildland firefighting

Students pay among the lowest tuition of any two-year institution in New Mexico

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE
- ENMU-Ruidoso is an open admissions college. Anyone with a high school diploma or GED certificate may enroll in college credit classes

To find out more information, please contact the admissions office at [ruidoso.admissions@enmu.edu](mailto:ruidoso.admissions@enmu.edu), (575) 315-1120, or visit their FAQ page.

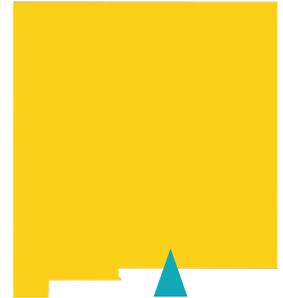
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# NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOGORDO BRANCH



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR SCHOOL

4-YEAR SCHOOL

TRIBAL COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [alamogordo.nmsu.edu](http://alamogordo.nmsu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [ssalamo@nmsu.edu](mailto:ssalamo@nmsu.edu)  
(575) 439-3600

**APPLICATION** [alamogordo.nmsu.edu/student-services/admissions/](http://alamogordo.nmsu.edu/student-services/admissions/)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Alamogordo:	\$1,068/semester
All other counties in NM:	\$1,260/semester

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$10,133

## FAST FACTS

A variety of classes offered online and in the evenings to accommodate work schedules

24 different scholarships offered, awarded \$400,000 in scholarships in 2021

Assistance starting your own business at the Small Business Development Center and Studio G

Core courses transfer to any NM college or university

Situated in the foothills at the base of the Sacramento Mountains

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A high school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 439-3710 or admissions office at [admissNMSUA@nmsu.edu](mailto:admissNMSUA@nmsu.edu) or (575) 439-3700.

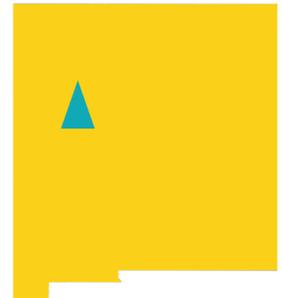
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# NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

**CIBOLA COUNTY BRANCH**  
GRANTS CAMPUS



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [grants.nmsu.edu](http://grants.nmsu.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [gradmissions@nmsu.edu](mailto:gradmissions@nmsu.edu)  
(505) 287-6678

**APPLICATION** [admissions.nmsu.edu/apply](http://admissions.nmsu.edu/apply)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

### Tuition & fees:

Residents in Cibola County:	\$1,068/semester
All other counties in NM:	\$1,188/semester

### Average 1st year financial aid package:

\$7,955

## FAST FACTS

One of the few colleges awarded grants for being both a Hispanic Serving Institution (Title V) and a Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI)

Offers 16 two-year associate degrees, 18 certificate programs, and multiple 2x2 transfer paths to finish your degree in 4-years at NMSU

Non-credit programs offered provide a variety of educational, personal interest, and enrichment programs for all ages

Serving local communities in Cibola/McKinley counties, from the Pueblo of Acoma to the Village of Milan

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS\*

- A high school diploma or HSE
- Official ACT or SAT scores are not required for admission; however, it is beneficial for you to have them on file

*\*An applicant who does not meet all the requirements may also be offered admission via a review of their additional information.*

To find out more information, please contact the admissions office (505) 287-6678.

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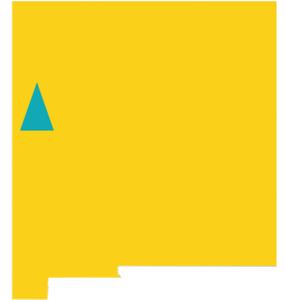
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

**GALLUP  
BRANCH**



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP

2-YEAR  
SCHOOL

4-YEAR  
SCHOOL

TRIBAL  
COLLEGE

**TRiO**

**WEBSITE** [gallup.unm.edu](http://gallup.unm.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [gallup.unm.edu/visiunmg](http://gallup.unm.edu/visiunmg)  
(505) 863-7500

**APPLICATION** [gallup.unm.edu/admissions/  
howtoapply](http://gallup.unm.edu/admissions/howtoapply)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$1,932
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$7,395

## FAST FACTS



The largest of the four UNM branch campuses

Offers certificates in 12 disciplines and associate degrees in 17 programs

94% of our students identify as multiethnic or a racial minority

Located on the breathtaking Colorado Desert Plateau

Entities operating on our campus or under our leadership: Adult Education Center, Middle College High School, Community Education and the Center for Career and Technical Education (CCTE)

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE
- UNM-Gallup is an open admissions college, meaning anyone with a high school diploma or GED certificate may enroll in college credit classes

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 863-7521 or admissions office at [gallupadmissions@unm.edu](mailto:gallupadmissions@unm.edu) or (505) 863-7524.

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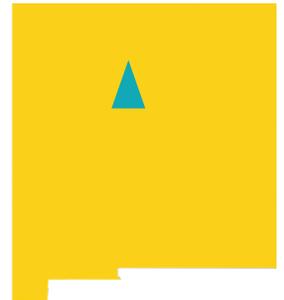
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LOS ALAMOS

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LOS ALAMOS BRANCH



2-YEAR SCHOOL    4-YEAR SCHOOL    TRIBAL COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [losalamos.unm.edu](http://losalamos.unm.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [losalamos.unm.edu/about/visit-us](http://losalamos.unm.edu/about/visit-us)  
(505) 662-5919

**APPLICATION** [losalamos.unm.edu/admissions/apply-now](http://losalamos.unm.edu/admissions/apply-now)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$2,096
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$8,122

## FAST FACTS

16:1 student-faculty ratio

87.5% of all faculty possess a master's or higher degree

A diverse student population with enrollment increasing by 10% over the past five years

Popular transfer programs: pre-professional health, pre-engineering, pre-business, computer science, liberal arts

Hands-on learning, usually only available at a private college, at a community college price

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE

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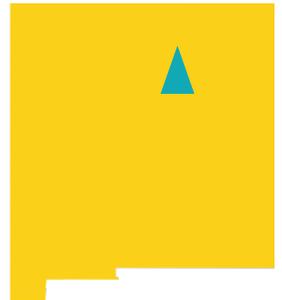
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**UNM** TAOS

# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

**TAOS BRANCH**



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

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**WEBSITE** [taos.unm.edu](http://taos.unm.edu)

**TOUR INFO** [unmtaosadmissions@unm.edu](mailto:unmtaosadmissions@unm.edu)  
(575) 737-6215

**APPLICATION** [goto.unm.edu/apply-today](http://goto.unm.edu/apply-today)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$2,004
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$8,787

## FAST FACTS



- 11:1 student-faculty ratio
- Campus situated in a high mountain valley between the Rio Grande and the 1,000 year-old Taos Pueblo
- Honors the area's connection to the land and conservation efforts
- Klauer Campus is fully powered by one of the largest solar arrays in New Mexico
- Offers 20 certificates and 10 two-year degree programs
- Classes offered in various formats including in person and online

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (575) 737-6220 or admissions office at [unmtaosadmissions@unm.edu](mailto:unmtaosadmissions@unm.edu) or (575) 737-6215.

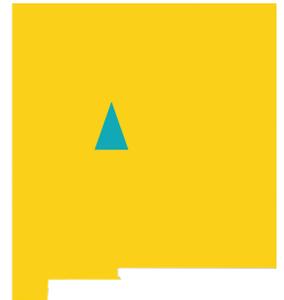
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

VALENCIA COUNTY BRANCH  
VALENCIA CAMPUS



- 2-YEAR SCHOOL
- 4-YEAR SCHOOL
- TRIBAL COLLEGE

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- WEBSITE** [valencia.unm.edu](http://valencia.unm.edu)
- TOUR INFO** [valencia.unm.edu/students/student-services.html](http://valencia.unm.edu/students/student-services.html) (505) 925-8560
- APPLICATION** [valencia.unm.edu/admissions/index.html](http://valencia.unm.edu/admissions/index.html)

## COSTS & FINANCIAL AID INFO



LOTTERY AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

<b>Tuition &amp; fees:</b>	\$1,878
<b>Room &amp; board:</b>	N/A
<b>Average 1st year financial aid package:</b>	\$10,110

## FAST FACTS



- Hispanic-Serving Institution (Title V)
- Offers 35+ degree and certificate programs
- Located in Tomé, New Mexico, halfway between Belen and Los Lunas
- Campus occupies 150 acres of rural land overlooking the Rio Grande Valley to the West, the Manzano Mountains to the East, and historic Tomé Hill to the North
- The Workforce Training Center opened in 2022

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or HSE

To find out more information, please contact the financial aid office (505) 925-8590 or admissions office [vcadvise@unm.edu](mailto:vcadvise@unm.edu) or (505) 925-8560.

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# VISITING A COLLEGE CAMPUS

# TIPS FOR YOUR CAMPUS VISIT

A school might look great on paper, but before you make a final decision, it is recommended that you make an official visit to learn more about the “feel” of the school. However, it may be challenging and expensive to visit every school on your wish list. After you have narrowed down your choices, spend some time on the campuses you are most likely to attend.



## BEFORE YOU GO...

- Research the school’s website.
- Make an appointment to meet with your admissions counselor. Come prepared with questions that demonstrate your interest in the school and how seriously you are taking this process.
- Sign up for an official campus tour.
- If you have a major you are interested in, contact the college for an information session. An official campus tour will give you an overall experience. Connecting with the college (or department) for your intended major will give you a better perspective on your coursework.
- Make a list of questions for both current students and staff members.
- Print a campus map.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING...

- Are first-year students required to live in the residence halls? Where else do freshmen live?
- What is on-campus food like? How does a meal plan work?
- Do most students live on or off-campus?
- How will I be assigned a roommate? Can I request to room with a friend?
- How much does it cost to bring my car? Where do I park my car? How do you suggest getting around campus and getting around the area?



## QUESTIONS ABOUT COSTS + FINANCIAL AID...

- What is the cost of attending school here?
- What other costs should I budget for?
- What types of financial aid are available for students and how do I apply?
- Are scholarships available after freshman year?
- How do I apply for university-specific scholarships?



## QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSES + SCHEDULING...

- How do I pick a major? Do I have to declare it ahead of time or can I pick it after taking a few classes?
- When do you register for classes? How do you register for classes?
- Are new students given an academic advisor?
- How easy is it to meet with professors?
- Who teaches the introductory classes?
- Are there tutoring services?
- Will my credits transfer from a community college?



## QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMPUS LIFE...

- What are popular activities to get involved in?
- Do students attend sporting events? How do I get tickets?
- Where can I find more information about clubs and involvement opportunities?

## AFTER YOU VISIT A CAMPUS

Following each campus visit, fill out the **College Visit Scorecard on page 53** to help you keep track of your experience at each school.

## EVALUATING YOUR SCHOOL CHOICES

Starting your search early gives you time to evaluate and narrow down your potential schools. It is recommended to **create a list of 3-5 schools**. This should include a "dream" school and several "good fits" where you are confident in being accepted.

**Plan to visit schools before you submit your applications.** Many schools require an application fee. Save your money and only apply to the schools that you think will be a good fit for you and that you are likely to attend.

### OTHER THINGS TO INCLUDE ON YOUR VISIT:

**Tour the community** – Find out what there is to do outside of class including touring points of interest and eating at local restaurants. While you will spend a large amount of time on or near campus, it's important to experience what a community has to offer.

**Sit in on a class or meet a professor** – College classes are usually larger than a class in high school. If you are graduating from a small school and headed to a large university, it's likely you may have a few classes with more students in one room than your entire graduating class. It might be intimidating to visit a lecture, but it will provide a good preview of your life as a college student.

**Spend time in the student union** – This is a common gathering place for students. Watch how students interact with each other and get a feel for the general student population and campus culture.



### TYPES OF COLLEGE VISITS

**Individual Visit:** This is your best opportunity to make a personal connection with the college. You will have the opportunity for one-on-one time with admissions, financial aid, and the tour guide. It can be easier to get a meeting with someone in the department of your prospective major as well as sit in on a class. This also allows you to decide on the college without any interruptions.

**Group Visit:** Tour the campus in a small group setting with other prospective students that you may or may not know. This visit can be less personal but still offers plenty of opportunities to stand out. If there is anything specific (i.e.: a department, a specific program, etc.) that you want to learn more about when on campus, make sure to submit that request before the visit.

**School Visit:** Visit the school on a class trip or school or organization sponsored trip. This type of visit can be challenging because other students may be less interested in this school and can cause distractions. Make sure you sit in the front of the room and take notes during the presentation and tour. Stand up and introduce yourself before asking a question. This will help set you apart from the rest of the group.

**Open House:** This format often includes large group presentations, inviting students from all over the country. Since the college is hosting and trying to attract as many applicants as possible, everything is top notch and extra polished, so keep that in mind when you're on campus. Because of the large number of students, there are usually no opportunities for one-on-one interaction. Use tips from the "School Visit" section above to stand out during an Open House visit.

# COLLEGE VISIT SCORECARD

Make copies of this scorecard so you can fill it out following every college visit to compare schools.

**COLLEGE NAME:**

**DATE OF VISIT:**

## CAMPUS RATING

Rate these areas from 1 (low) to 5 (high). Use the space provided to make notes about what you like, what you don't like, etc.

CAMPUS 1 2 3 4 5

HOUSING / DORMS 1 2 3 4 5

CLASSES / ACADEMICS 1 2 3 4 5

MEALS / DINING HALL 1 2 3 4 5

STUDENT LIFE 1 2 3 4 5

OVERALL FEEL 1 2 3 4 5

## NOTES

**CONTACT INFORMATION** [think about admissions representatives, staff, coaches or other people you met on campus]

# SAT

The SAT is the official statewide standardized test for high school juniors in the state of New Mexico. All New Mexico colleges and universities accept this test, as do all out-of-state schools if they require a standardized test. Each college has their own SAT score required for admission and this may change on an annual basis based on the strength of the incoming class. Your score may determine your eligibility for admission and access to scholarship money.

## SAT FACTS & OVERVIEW

- ▶ A calculator is permitted in designated parts of the Math section. Be prepared to do mental math.
- ▶ Questions start easiest to hardest except Reading and Grammar sections. Spend your time getting easy and medium questions right.
- ▶ Plan to take the SAT 2-3 times starting your junior year.
- ▶ Fee waivers are available. Talk to your guidance/college counselor.
- ▶ You can score up to a 1600.
- ▶ A college-ready Math score is considered: 530+.
- ▶ A college-ready Reading & Writing score is considered: 480+.

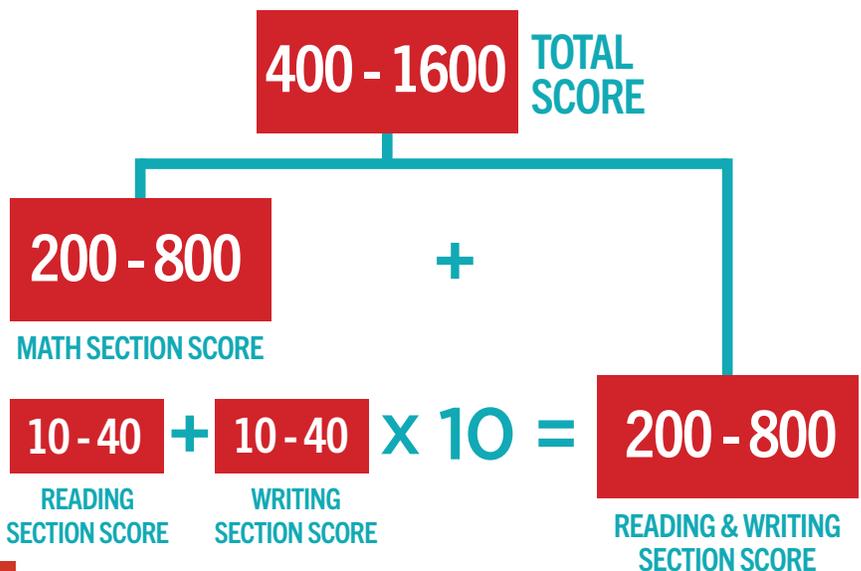
### TEST STRUCTURE

COMPONENT	TIME ALLOTTED (MIN.)	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS/TASKS
READING	65	52
WRITING & LANGUAGE	35	44
MATH	80	58
TOTAL	180	154

## THE SAT SCORING BREAKDOWN

Refer to this website for Test Dates & Deadlines:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>



## IMPROVE YOUR SCORE WITH FREE TEST PREP RESOURCES

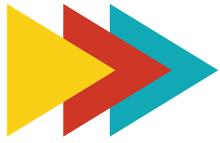
The College Board - [COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://collegeboard.org)

Khan Academy - [KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT](https://khanacademy.org/sat)



# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

# my COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHEET



Complete the **College Application Worksheets** included in the following pages and bring them with you on the day of your school's **college application event**. You may need to ask your family, school counselor, or another adult you trust to assist you in answering all of the questions. *Be sure to keep this information in a safe place* given the personal information included.



## PICK YOUR TOP THREE

Prior to participating in your school's **college application event**, you should do some research on the schools to which you'd like to apply, including their application requirements. Use the worksheet on page 58 to keep track of the information you gather about your top three colleges and universities.

Write your  
top 3 choices  
here...

1

2

3

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Use this page to help organize the information you can use when applying to schools and for scholarships.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** Write 1-2 sentences describing you & your qualifications.

## ACADEMICS

GPA:

Core GPA:

Class Rank:

PSAT/ACT/SAT Scores:

Or expected test date:

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Name of organization & dates involved

Example: Student Council, 2020-current

## LEADERSHIP ROLES & HONORS RECEIVED

**VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** Note # of hours

**WORK EXPERIENCE** Note name of company and # of hours worked

# MY TOP 3 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

## WHERE I PLAN TO APPLY

COLLEGE NAME:

1. Is an essay or personal statement required to apply?  YES  NO
2. Deadline date for application: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cost to apply: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Payment options accepted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. SAT required?  YES  NO
6. ACT required?  YES  NO
7. Recommendation letter required?  YES  NO
8. Deadline date for scholarship or institutional financial assistance: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE NAME:

1. Is an essay or personal statement required to apply?  YES  NO
2. Deadline date for application: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cost to apply: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Payment options accepted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. SAT required?  YES  NO
6. ACT required?  YES  NO
7. Recommendation letter required?  YES  NO
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7. Recommendation letter required?  YES  NO
8. Deadline date for scholarship or institutional financial assistance: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

# IS THIS COLLEGE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU?

You'll need to understand how your high school grade point average (GPA), your college entrance exam scores (SAT and/or ACT), and the courses you've taken in high school match the college's entrance requirements AND the average GPAs and scores of students admitted. Remember that what a school requires could differ from the averages of who they accept. You should plan to apply to at least four schools, making sure you have applications going to each of the following types of schools:

## REACH SCHOOL

"Reach School" does not mean out of reach, it just means that the school may be more selective (look at the percent of applicants admitted) and your academic record may be on the lower end of what the college typically accepts. In other words, you may be admitted to this school. We recommend applying to at least 1-2 reach schools

## MATCH SCHOOL

Typically, at a match school, your academic record will be similar to the "average" student admitted to this school. In other words, you are likely to be admitted. We recommend applying to at least 1-2 match schools.

## SAFETY SCHOOL

A safety school will usually have either open enrollment (meaning anyone who submits a completed application is admitted) or will be considered a "less selective" institution. Your academic record will exceed the institution's requirements and averages for students admitted. In other words, you will almost definitely be admitted. We recommend applying to at least 1 safety school.

# APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED? HERE'S WHAT'S NEXT

Congratulations! You've submitted your college applications, but the work isn't quite finished. Use this page to help you to keep track of your next steps once you are accepted and have committed to your school of choice.

## COLLEGES WHERE YOU'VE APPLIED

TASK TO COMPLETE	ABC University			
<b>Request</b> transcripts to be sent	X			
<b>Submit</b> test scores	X			
<b>Note</b> priority financial aid deadline	March 30			
<b>Submit</b> supplemental financial aid information if required by institution				
<b>Compare</b> award letters from schools				
<b>Compare</b> benefits of each school				
<b>Submit</b> acceptance letter				
<b>Submit</b> decline letters to schools you aren't planning to attend				
<b>Submit</b> any required deposit				
<b>Submit</b> housing deposit & housing request forms	X			
<b>Send</b> final high school transcript				
<b>Register</b> for orientation				
<b>Pick up</b> your books and supplies				
<b>Apply</b> to college support programs such as TRIO SSS				

# CHECKLIST

### And don't forget...

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (see page 65 for a checklist) [Financial Aid Application for Undocumented Students, see page 70].
- Retake the ACT/SAT if needed. You can continue to re-test throughout your senior year; however, to be eligible for scholarships, it's recommended you take tests no later than December.
- Keep submitting scholarship applications.

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# WAYS COLLEGE PAYS

## GREATER INCOME

Over the course of your lifetime, you can **earn, on average, \$1.1M more** with a bachelor's degree than you can with only a high school diploma.

## BETTER BENEFITS

Jobs that require college degrees typically provide more benefits. Below are some of the common benefits you might be offered.

- + Health, vision, dental insurance
- + Paid vacation and sick leave
- + Retirement plans

## MEDIAN USUAL WEEKLY EARNINGS



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

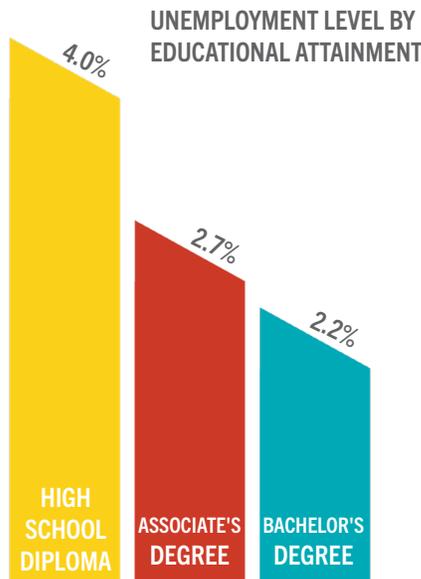
## IMPROVED HEALTH



People with a college degree are **44% more likely** to report very good or excellent health. And the life expectancy of young adults with at least some college education is **seven years longer** than those who have never gone to college.

## MORE JOB SECURITY

The more education you get, the less you have to worry about unemployment. People with **only a high school diploma** are about **twice as likely to be unemployed** as those with a Bachelor's degree.





# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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# UNDERSTAND COLLEGE COSTS

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1

## ESTIMATE HOW MUCH AID YOU WILL RECEIVE

Use the **Federal Student Aid Estimator** at [studentaid.gov/aid-estimator](https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator) to estimate how much you might receive in financial aid. You will need to provide your parent/guardian's tax information for this tool.



2

## USE A NET PRICE CALCULATOR

Every college is required to have a net price calculator on their website specific to the costs of that school.

3

## TALK TO AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

Each college offers their own scholarships. Contact an Admissions Counselor to learn more about the scholarships at a particular school and to see if you qualify.

# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

## GRANTS

Need-based money without repayment, like the Pell Grant and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Money without repayment that may be awarded based on merit or performance like the New Mexico Lottery and Opportunity Scholarships.

## FEDERAL WORK STUDY

Need-based campus job. Earnings paid directly to students as wages.

## STATE WORK STUDY

Employment opportunities for qualified resident students attending New Mexico public colleges or universities.

## FEDERAL LOANS

Fixed low interest money that has to be paid back.

## STATE LOANS

Students should contact their financial aid office to find out which loans they qualify for.

# FAFSA CHECKLIST

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your ticket to federal grants, scholarships, work study, and more. Most colleges award aid on a first-come, first-served basis. The FAFSA opens annually, usually on October 1. Be sure to check college-specific FAFSA deadlines. You are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible to receive the maximum federal and state aid for which you may qualify. You will need to complete the FAFSA for every year you are in college.

Visit **STUDENTAID.GOV/H/APPLY-FOR-AID/FAFSA** to fill out your FAFSA.

*The FAFSA is dependent on your parent/guardian tax information unless a waiver is filed to gain independent student status.*

### PERSONAL DOCUMENTS & INFORMATION

- ▶ Federal Student Aid Account ID (FSA ID) - you will need to create this to start the process
- ▶ Your legal name, Social Security Number\*, date of birth, and email address are required
- ▶ FSA ID for any parents/guardians invited to your form, known as "contributors"
- ▶ Contributors need their legal name, date of birth, email address, and SSN if applicable
- ▶ \*If not a U.S. Citizen, you will need their U.S. Permanent Resident Card or Arrival-Departure Record

### PROOF OF INCOME & ASSETS

- ▶ Taxable income from two years prior (W-2 forms or other records of money earned/received)
- ▶ Untaxed income, including workers' compensation, child support, housing, etc.
- ▶ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)

### DIRECT DATA EXCHANGE • IRS DATA RETRIEVAL

- ▶ All contributors (ie: student, parent/guardian) are required to provide consent to have federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into your form regardless of submission method

### COLLEGE & HOUSING INFORMATION

- ▶ Names of colleges & universities you want to send the FAFSA to (up to 10 via PDF, 20 allowed online)
- ▶ Know whether you will live on campus, off-campus or with family (this may affect your award amount)

**FOR NEW MEXICO COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION GO TO  
THE REACH HIGHER NEW MEXICO WEBSITE:**

[www.ReachHigherNM.com](http://www.ReachHigherNM.com)

# THE FINANCIAL AID JOURNEY

1

CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT

STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID/  
CREATE-ACCOUNT/LAUNCH



2

COMPLETE  
YOUR  
FAFSA



3

THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION PROCESSES  
FAFSA AND MAELS REPORT TO  
YOU AND SELECTED SCHOOLS



4

COLLEGES AWARD AID  
BASED ON ELIGIBILITY



5

SCHOOLS SEND  
FINANCIAL AID  
AWARD LETTERS

SPRING



6

WEIGH YOUR  
OFFERS AND  
PICK A SCHOOL



7

ACCEPT ALL,  
SOME, OR NONE OF  
YOUR AWARD OFFER



8

ENROLL AT  
YOUR CHOSEN  
SCHOOL



9

FUNDS ARE  
DISBURSED



# START EARLY TO SEE YOUR SAVINGS GROW

**OPEN A 529 SAVINGS PLAN.** A 529 acts as a savings investment account for any student. You can open an account at any time, even if the student is already in school. Visit **THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM** to learn more about opening an account.

Start early! Increments (even small) can add up over time.

**DEPOSIT \$150/MONTH X 18 YEARS = \$63,495\*\***

You can use the funds for any qualified educational expense beyond tuition including books, supplies, a laptop, housing, internet access and more.

You can also change the beneficiary on an existing account.



A typical in-state public four-year university costs close to \$29,000 per year.\*

When it comes time to pay, should I...

**SAVE MONEY + EARN INTEREST?**

OR

**BORROW MONEY + PAY INTEREST?**

**Invest \$150**

per month for 18 years earning 7% back

**Pay \$530**

per month back for over 10 years

**\$27,000**

OUT-OF-POCKET

**\$63,650**

OUT-OF-POCKET

**\$31,400**

EARNINGS

\*Source: 2023 CollegeBoard Trends in College Pricing

*\*\*These hypothetical examples are for illustrative use only and do not reflect and actual investment in any specific 529 plan. Families are assumed to be in the 24% tax bracket during contribution and distribution. The hypothetical examples assume a monthly contribution of \$150, return on investment of 7% and no withdrawals during the 18 years. Actual returns may vary.*

# NEW MEXICO SCHOLARSHIPS

## THE BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

The 3% (The Bridge) Scholarship supplements the cost of tuition for the first academic semester prior to being awarded the Lottery Scholarship. Students apply for this scholarship by contacting the institution they plan to attend.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Student must be a resident of New Mexico.
- Must have graduated from a New Mexico public or accredited private high school.
- Check with your college for specific details.

## THE LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship covers partial to full tuition at any public 4-year or 2-year college in New Mexico. For more information, visit [www.hed.state.nm.us](http://www.hed.state.nm.us). The initial scholarship shall begin with the second semester of enrollment at a public postsecondary educational institution. Thereafter, the scholarship is renewed on a per-semester basis subject to maintaining eligibility. Students must remain consecutively enrolled each fall and spring semester to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed at a four-year institution until the award recipient has received seven (7) semesters of scholarship awards or until the student graduates with a bachelor's degree, whichever is sooner. Students attending a community college are eligible for three (3) semesters of scholarship awards. The student should contact their public post-secondary educational institution's financial aid advisor for eligibility verification if they have met the first semester eligibility requirements listed above. Student must enroll no later than 16 months following high school graduation to be eligible.

### SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- To qualify, you must be a resident of New Mexico and have graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a HSE while a resident.
- Students must maintain credit hour and GPA requirements every semester.
- To apply, submit an application at the college. You do not have to complete the FAFSA to receive this award or demonstrate financial need.
- At a 4-year New Mexico public college: Earn 15 credit hours/semester.
- At a 2-year New Mexico community college: Earn 12 credit hours/semester.
- Students with disabilities may qualify for reduced credit hour requirements and additional semesters of the scholarship
- Covers tuition only. The award amount varies by institution.
- For more information, visit REACH HIGHER NEW MEXICO at [WWW.REACHHIGHERNM.COM](http://WWW.REACHHIGHERNM.COM).

## NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Opportunity Scholarship covers tuition and required fees for eligible New Mexico residents pursuing career training certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees at New Mexico public colleges and universities.

### SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- Enroll in at least 6 credit hours at a public college or university.
- Credits must be in a training or degree program.
- Must enroll each consecutive semester.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- There is no application process and the college will contact you directly.
- Plan to apply for the FAFSA to receive additional financial aid.
- You can still receive other financial aid + scholarships to cover books, room + board, meals, supplies, etc.
- There is no income threshold to receive this scholarship.
- Available to part-time and full time students.
- For more information, visit [WWW.REACHHIGHERNM.COM](http://WWW.REACHHIGHERNM.COM).

# SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships are available to every student. The best part of scholarships is that you can apply for as many as you want and some applications are open throughout your high school years!

## TIPS FOR FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- Explore options at your school by talking with your counselor and/or college access advisor. Find out if and where they post available scholarships.
- Explore national scholarships and create profiles on search websites such as:
  - ▶ [BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
  - ▶ [CHEGG.COM](https://chegg.com)
  - ▶ [FASTWEB.COM](https://fastweb.com)
- Research college websites to see if they have scholarships available and how students can apply for them. Some schools require you only to submit the FAFSA and others require a separate application.
- Check with local organizations you are involved in including your church, sports leagues and even your parent/guardian's employer to see if they offer scholarships.
- Be aware of scholarship deadlines.
- Apply. Apply. Apply. You can apply for an unlimited amount, even after you have exceeded your expected costs!
- Submit the FAFSA. Many scholarship programs require this step.

**REMEMBER- YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH PROGRAM!**

# FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

The State of New Mexico offers in-state tuition and state aid to undocumented and non-resident students. To be eligible:

- ▶ Students must have attended a New Mexico middle or high school for at least one year
- ▶ Graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a HSE in the state of New Mexico

## TO APPLY FOR AID

Many colleges have the aid application listed on their website. Inquire with a financial aid advisor at the college you plan to attend to receive an application.

Check out **TheDREAM.us** for scholarships and additional information for DACA students.

## PRIVATE LOANS

Another option for undocumented students is to take out private loans directly from lenders. There are many reputable lenders who offer loans for students. Some may require a cosigner that is a U.S. Citizen.

Check out the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (NMEAF), **NMEAF.ORG**, for additional information.

# STUDENT SUPPORT & RESOURCES IN COLLEGE

Even before stepping foot onto a college campus, students can find an incredible amount of support from various departments and programs. Ask any current student or college graduate, they will tell you that a key to being successful in college is to know your resources and when to seek out help.

## TRIO-SSS

TRIO-Student Support Services (SSS) is a program available to students who are first-generation, low-income and/or have a documented disability. Support is offered through academic advising, tutoring, mentoring, career advisement, personal guidance, financial guidance, graduate school guidance, workshops and social/cultural events. Students must apply for this program and space is based on eligible funds. Contact the TRIO office at each school to apply. See the sidebar for schools with TRIO-SSS programs. [TRIONEWMEXICO.COM](http://TRIONEWMEXICO.COM)

## FINANCIAL AID

Each college campus has a financial aid office with advisors to help you fill out your FAFSA, receive aid disbursements, explore scholarships and more.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

All students receive an academic advisor in college to help you navigate which classes to take each semester and to stay on track in order to graduate on time. It's suggested you meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester.

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

If you need extra help in your classes, there are a number of resources on campus to help you and they are all free!

**Writing Resource Center** - From essays, lab reports, research papers to presentations, speeches, cover letters, and personal statements; this resource is invaluable to students at any level.

**Math Tutoring** - This resource is available for students not just taking math, but also classes like physics, engineering, statistics and more. Whether it's an assignment to test prep to a single problem, you can find a tutor to help you.

## ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

This office supports students who have both physical and/or learning disabilities and connects them to the resources they need in order to be successful.

## Schools with TRIO-SSS

Central New Mexico Community College -  
Albuquerque Main Campus, (505) 224-4375

Central New Mexico Community College -  
Albuquerque Montoya Campus, (505) 224-4375

Clovis Community College, (575) 769-4772

Eastern New Mexico – Portales, (575) 562-2842

Eastern New Mexico – Roswell, (575) 646-7202

New Mexico Junior College, (575) 492-2615

New Mexico State University, (575) 646-1336

San Juan Community College, (505) 566-3147

Santa Fe Community College, (505) 428-1364

University of New Mexico - Albuquerque, (505) 277-3230

University of New Mexico - Taos, (575) 737-3776

University of New Mexico - Gallup, (505) 863-7751

University of New Mexico - Valencia, (505) 925-8711

**TRIO**

# GLOSSARY OF COLLEGE TERMS

## **ACADEMIC ADVISOR/COUNSELOR**

This person will help you select the correct courses, review the course requirements in the field you have selected to pursue and help you with any academic problems you may encounter.

## **ALUMNI**

People who have graduated from the institution.

## **ACT AND SAT**

These letters are acronyms for the *American College Test* and the *Scholastic Aptitude Test*. Both tests are designed to measure a student's level of knowledge in basic areas such as math, science, English and social studies. Colleges may require the results of either the ACT or SAT before granting admission.

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

The associate degree is granted upon completion of a program of at least two, but less than four years of college work.

## **BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

This is the undergraduate degree offered by four-year colleges and universities. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires that a significant portion of the student's studies be dedicated to the arts - literature, language, music, etc. The Bachelor of Science degree requires that a significant portion of the studies be in the sciences - chemistry, biology, math, etc.

## **CATALOG**

College catalogs provide all types of information about a school. It lists, for example: the institution's history and philosophy, policies and procedures, its accreditation status, courses of study, degrees and certificates offered, physical facilities, admission and enrollment procedures, financial aid, student life activities, etc.

## **COLLEGE**

A college is an institution of higher education that grants degrees and certificates. The term is also used to designate the organizational units of a university such as the College of Education or the College of Engineering.

## **COMMUTER**

A commuter is a student who lives off-campus and drives to class, or commutes.

## **CREDIT HOURS**

Courses taken in college are measured in terms of credit hours. To earn one credit hour, a student must attend a class for one classroom hour (usually 50 minutes) per week for the whole semester (usually 16 weeks). Classes are offered in 1 to 5 credit hour increments, and sometimes larger amounts.

## **CURRICULUM**

A curriculum is composed of those classes prescribed or outlined by an institution for completion of a program of study leading to a degree or certificate.

## **DEPARTMENT**

A department is the basic organizational unit in a higher education institution, and is responsible for the academic functions in a field of study.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

These are non-classroom activities that can contribute to a well-rounded education. They can include such activities as athletics, clubs, student government, recreational and social organizations and events.

## **FACULTY**

The faculty is composed of all persons who teach classes for colleges.

## **FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)**

The almost universal application for financial aid, including loans, grants, college work-study and other federal and state programs. Often also required before a student can be considered for scholarships.

## **FEES**

Fees are additional charges not included in tuition. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of materials and equipment needed in certain courses. They may also be assessed for student events, programs, and publications.

## **FINAL EXAMS (FINALS)**

These exams are usually given during the last week of classes each semester. The type of final administered in a course is left to the discretion of the instructor. Final exams are given on specified dates that may be different than the regular class time, and are usually listed in each semester's class schedule.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Aid is made available from grants, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment from federal, state, institutional, and private sources. Awards from these programs may be combined in an "award package" to meet the cost of education. The types and amounts of aid awarded are determined by financial need, available funds, student classification, academic performance, and sometimes the timeliness of application.

## **FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES (ALSO CALLED THE GREEK SYSTEM)**

Fraternities (for men) and sororities (for women) are social organizations that are active in various activities. Through a process of mutual selection, called Rush (which takes place during a specified period of time), students may be offered the opportunity to "pledge" a certain fraternity or sorority. Not all colleges have these organizations.

## **FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT/PART-TIME ENROLLMENT**

A full-time student is enrolled in 12 or more credit hours in a semester (full-time status for a Summer term is usually 6 credit hours). A part-time student is enrolled in less than 12 credit hours in a semester (less than 6 in a Summer term).

## **JUNIOR/COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A Junior/Community College is a two-year institution of higher education. Course offerings generally include a transfer curriculum with credits transferable toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college, and an occupational or technical curriculum with courses of study designed to prepare students for employment in two years.

## **LECTURE/LABORATORY/ DISCUSSION CLASSES**

In lecture classes, students attend class on a regular basis and the instructor lectures on class material. Laboratory classes require students to perform certain functions in controlled situations that help them test and understand what is being taught in the lecture. Discussion classes offer students the opportunity to talk about material being taught, ask questions, and discuss material with their classmates. Discussion classes are often taught by master's or Doctoral students, and are becoming more common on college campuses.

## **LETTER GRADES/GRADE POINT AVERAGES (GPA)**

Most colleges use both letter grades and GPAs in determining students' grades. Grades at most colleges are figured using the following method: As are worth 4 points Bs are worth 3 points Cs are worth 2 points Ds are worth 1 point Fs are worth 0 points To figure a GPA, simply multiply the number of hours a course is worth by the number of points for the letter grade, then add up the totals for each course and divide by the number of credit hours. The result is the grade point average.

## **MAJOR/MINOR**

A major is a student's chosen field of study. It usually requires the successful completion of a specified number of credit hours. A minor is designated as a specific number of credit hours in a secondary field of study.

## **MID-TERM EXAMS (MIDTERMS)**

During the middle of each semester, instructors may give mid-term exams that test students on the material covered during the first half of the semester. Some classes have only two tests, a midterm and a final.

## **NON-CREDIT COURSES**

These are classes or courses that do not meet the requirements for a certificate of a degree at a given institution. Non-credit courses may serve one of several purposes: to explore new fields of study, increase proficiency in a particular profession, develop potential or enrich life experiences through cultural and/or recreational studies.

## **OPEN-DOOR INSTITUTION**

Open-door institutions are usually public two-year junior/community colleges. The term open-door refers to an admission policy that states that anyone who is 18 years of age or older, whether or not a high school graduate, can be admitted to that college.

## **PREREQUISITE COURSES**

A prerequisite course is a course taken in preparation for another course. For example, Accounting 1 is a prerequisite for Accounting 2.

## **PRIVATE/PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

Private and public institutions differ primarily in terms of their source of financial support. Public institutions receive funding from the state or other governmental entities and are administered by public boards. Private institutions rely on income from private donations, or from religious or other organizations and student tuition. Private institutions are governed by a board of trustees.

## **SYLLABUS**

An outline of the important information about a course. Written by the professor or instructor, it usually includes important dates, assignments, expectations and policies specific to that course. Some are quite lengthy.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Books required of students enrolled in college classes. Professors notify students which books they must purchase (and sometimes additional, optional textbooks) at the beginning of each semester/class. Students can purchase new or used textbooks, or rent textbooks.

## **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

Some students attend more than one institution during their college career. When they move or transfer from one college to another, they also transfer accumulated credit hours from the former institution to the new one. The new institution determines which courses will apply toward graduation requirements.

## **TUITION**

Tuition is the amount paid for each credit hour of enrollment. Tuition does not include the cost of books, fees, or room and board. Tuition charges vary from college to college and are dependent on such factors as resident or out-of-state status, level of classes enrolled in (lower, upper or graduate division), and whether the institution is publicly or privately financed.

## **UNDERGRADUATE**

An undergraduate is a student who is pursuing either a one-, two-, or four-year degree.

## **UNIVERSITY**

A university is composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional colleges and offers degrees in each.

# MY NOTES





COLLEGE  
READY

CAREER  
BOUND

# GEAR UP NEW MEXICO

NM HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

