

Eligible New Mexico Schools

Central New Mexico Community College
Clovis Community College
Diné College
Doña Ana Community College (NMSU)
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell
Institute of American Indian Arts
Luna Community College
Mesalands Community College
Navajo Technical University
New Mexico Highlands University
New Mexico Junior College
New Mexico Military Institute
New Mexico State University - Las Cruces
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo
New Mexico State University - Carlsbad
New Mexico State University - Grants
New Mexico Tech
Northern New Mexico College
San Juan College
Santa Fe Community College
Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute
The University of New Mexico - Albuquerque
The University of New Mexico - Los Alamos
The University of New Mexico - Taos
The University of New Mexico - Gallup
The University of New Mexico - Valencia
Western New Mexico University



“ Because of the Opportunity Scholarship, I am one step closer to becoming a college graduate. Without this, I would not have been able to complete this semester. This scholarship can help students like myself achieve the dream of going to college. ”

— Ramon Trujillo,
Scholarship Recipient



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NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

*A scholarship for
all New Mexicans*



Created by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham in 2019, the **Opportunity Scholarship** is New Mexico's newest tuition-promise program aimed at helping students of all ages pursue college and career training, even if attending part time.



Covers up to 100% of tuition and required fees at any New Mexico public or Tribal college or university.



Students pursuing training certificates, associate, and bachelor degrees are eligible.



No application process, just enroll in an eligible college or university.



Available to students of any age, regardless of when you finished high school or attained a high school equivalency credential (HSE).



Students receiving federal grants and outside scholarships can apply those dollars to costs beyond tuition and fees, such as books, materials, etc.

Am I Eligible for Opportunity?

You are eligible to receive the Opportunity Scholarship if:

- You are a New Mexico resident.
- You are 18 or older.
- You are enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours at a public or Tribal college or university in New Mexico.
- You maintain a 2.5 GPA beginning the first semester you receive the scholarship.

How do I apply for Opportunity?

There is no application for the Opportunity Scholarship. The financial aid office at the college or university at which you enroll will apply the scholarship directly to your account if you qualify. You can reach out to the financial aid office directly to verify your eligibility.

What does the Opportunity Scholarship pay for?

The Opportunity Scholarship can be used to cover up to 100% of tuition and required fees at any New Mexico public college or university.

If you qualify for federal financial aid such as a Pell grant, you will still receive these funds, which you can use to pay for other college expenses such as books, housing, food, course materials, transportation, and child care.

Can I receive Opportunity if I lost eligibility for Lottery?

Yes, if you meet the eligibility criteria for the Opportunity Scholarship, you are eligible to receive it, even if you previously lost eligibility for the Lottery Scholarship.

 **See our full FAQ at freecollegenm.org!**

Remember to complete your **FAFSA** at fafsa.gov 

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your ticket to federal grants, scholarships, work study, and more. It opens annually on Oct. 1. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA to receive the maximum federal and state aid they may qualify for.