



New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship

Information and FAQs

What is the New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship?

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

Eligibility Requirements

- Be an established New Mexico resident
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester at an eligible New Mexico public college or university towards a training certificate programs, an associate degree or first bachelor's degree.
- Not have exceeded 90 overall attempted credit hours or received an associate degree or 160 overall attempted credit hours for a first bachelor's degree.

Continuation Requirements

- Enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester
- Not exceed the maximum attempted credit hour timeframe
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA

FAQs

- How do I apply for the Opportunity Scholarship?**

There is no application for the scholarship. If you are an eligible student, the financial aid office will automatically award the scholarship.

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- Should I still complete my FAFSA if I am going to receive the Opportunity Scholarship?**

Yes. A FAFSA is required to determine eligibility for other state and federal aid.

- I started college but did not finish. Can I use the Opportunity Scholarship to go back a finish my degree?**

Yes. If you have less than 90 attempted credit hours, you may qualify.

- Can I use the scholarship to go to school in the summer?**

Yes. The Opportunity Scholarship can be used to cover the cost of tuition and required fees associated with courses leading to your certificate or degree taken during the summer semester. You will need to enroll in at least three hours, but no more than nine.

- What certificate programs qualify?**

Students enrolled in training certificate programs leading to careers in high-need fields including healthcare, education, STEM, and technical trades are eligible to receive the Opportunity Scholarship.

- I am not a U.S. citizen. Can I still receive this scholarship?**

New Mexico residency is required to be eligible for the New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship, but United States citizenship is not.

- What if I already receive another state scholarship?**

If you already receive another state scholarship, it will be applied first and then the Opportunity Scholarship will be applied (not to exceed the cost of tuition and required fees).

- When do I have to establish the 2.5 GPA?**

You will need to establish a 2.5 cumulative GPA starting the first semester you receive the Opportunity Scholarship and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for continuation.