

Fall 2009 American Indian Program Scholarship Requirements

Priority will be given to those with DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED.

~ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED AT THE NMSU – LAS CRUCES CAMPUS~

Eligibility Criteria:

- Undergraduate students must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at NMSU – Las Cruces with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Graduate students must be enrolled in 9 or more credit hours at NMSU – Las Cruces with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- New Students must be enrolled as full-time, regular status students
- All students must demonstrate financial need *
- Priority will be given to students who are returning participants of the Peer Mentor Program, FAIS Summer Program, and those who participate in the American Indian Program and/or its student organizations/activities
- Must be enrolled in a federally recognized American Indian Pueblo/Tribe/Nation

Application Process:

Pick up an application at the American Indian Program office in Garcia Annex, Room 136 or go on-line and download the application at www.nmsu.edu/~aip/. **Deadline to apply: Friday, September 04, 2009, 5:00 pm.**

Please turn in completed packages all at once. Incomplete packages will not be considered or accepted for funding.

Completed application packages must include the following contents:

- 1) Submit your current semester registration document (*Banner print outs are acceptable*)
- 2) Submit your financial aid budget to demonstrate your financial need, which can be found on and printed from your MyNMSU Financial Aid tab.
- 3) Submit a typed statement of your participation (or planned participation) in the American Indian Program and/or its student organizations/activities, Peer Mentor Program, etc.
Statements that have been previously used to apply for the AIP Scholarship will not be accepted. New statements are required. Your statement must be between 250 and 500 words. Submitting a previously used statement will disqualify you from consideration for the scholarship.
- 4) Submit a copy of your previous semester grades (*transfer students use previous institution semester grades and first time freshmen use your high school transcript*)
- 5) Submit a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or proof of tribal enrollment

Note: If the number of qualified applicants exceeds available scholarship funds, awards will be determined by the submission date of the completed application package and your statement. The amount of award will be subject to the availability of funding and the number of eligible applicants with financial need.

If you have questions or need more information regarding this scholarship, feel free to call the American Indian Program at: 575-646-4207 or contact us via E-mail at: amerind@nmsu.edu.

* See Attachment A. "Determining Eligibility for Need-Based Aid"

Attachment A

“Determining Eligibility for Need-Based Aid”

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Services established a budget based on projections of what it will cost you to attend New Mexico State University for a year. Your resources will be subtracted from your budget. The amount of money that is not covered by your own resources is your need, sometimes referred to as your eligibility. In other words,

$$\text{BUDGET} - \text{RESOURCES} = \text{ELIGIBILITY (NEED)}$$

Many factors go into figuring a student's resources when determining eligibility. Some elements in the calculation are the student's savings, wage earnings and other sources of support (such as scholarships and veteran's benefits), the income and assets of the student's family, the number of family members and the number who are currently in college.

Many students receive a combination of different types of aid rather than just one kind. You may be given work-study, grant and loan money for the same year. If you qualify for multiple types of aid, your financial aid advisor at NMSU will assemble an aid package.

Sample Two-Semester NMSU Budget for Financial Aid Purposes

	Resident	Non-Resident
\$4,586	Tuition & Fees	\$14,606
\$7,562	Room & Board	\$7,562
\$2,040	Personal Expenses	\$2,040
\$998	Books & Supplies	\$998
\$1,621	Transportation	\$1,621
\$16,807	TOTAL	\$26,827

Tuition and fees shown are approximate rates for 2008-2009. Expenses can vary greatly depending on individual situations. Room and board expenses shown are based on a weighted average of both on and off-campus costs.

NMSU Financial Aid Advisor contact information for school year 2008-2009

Main Office Phone #: 575-646-4105
Toll Free Phone #: 1-877-278-8586

E-mail: finaid@nmsu.edu School Code: 002657
Scholarship Office Phone #: 575-646-4597

Contacts for students whose last name begins with...

A – El	Jamie Lopez	575-646-6119	jyharris@nmsu.edu
Elj – Loo	Marlene Melendez	575-646-6118	melendem@nmsu.edu
Loq – Rig	Jill Hall	575 646-7379	jihall@nmsu.edu
Rih – Z	Daniel Estrada (Tribal Scholarship Liaison)	575-646-4105	estradad@nmsu.edu
Window Advisor	Marilyn L. Nero	575-646-2040	mlnero@nmsu.edu

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Please type or print

BANNER ID #: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Campus/Local Address: _____
(Street/PO Box/Residence Hall) (City) (State) (Zip)

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ 2nd Email (Optional): _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ CIB#: _____

Number of hours enrolled: _____ Major(s): _____ Minor: _____

Class standing: Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior () Graduate ()

What types of financial aid are you receiving? **Please specify amounts in appropriate blanks down below.**
(If you are not sure about the amounts, please contact your Financial Aid Advisor. Contact information is located on Attachment A)

Tribal scholarship: _____ LEAP: _____

PELL: _____ SEOG: _____

Perkins Loan: _____ Work Study: _____

Other(s): _____ NM Lottery: _____

If and when this application is approved, I shall accept and abide by the conditions of the AIP eligibility requirements and will be bound by the responsibility and consequences thereof and give permission to AIP and the NMSU Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarship Services to review my academic transcript and financial aid package. In addition, the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the NMSU Financial Aid office may or may not reduce other amounts of financial aid that I am receiving as a result of this scholarship award. I agree that AIP may use my name and/or picture in publicizing scholarship awards.

Signature: _____

Banner ID #: _____

FOR AIP OFFICE USE ONLY (Do not write below this line.)

Cumulative GPA: _____ Semester GPA: _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____