

Spring 2008 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 with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Graduate students must be enrolled in 9 or more credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- New Students must be enrolled as regular status students
- All students must demonstrate financial need *
- Priority will be given to students who are returning participants from the Peer Mentor Program, FAIS Summer Program, and those who participate in American Indian Program and/or its student organizations/activities
- Must be enrolled in a federally recognized American Indian Tribe

Application Process:

Pick up an application at the American Indian Program office in Garcia Annex, Room 136 or go online and download the application at www.nmsu.edu/~aip. **Deadline to apply: Friday, January 25, 2008, 5:00pm**

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) Type on paper a statement of your demonstrated financial need
- 3) Type on paper a statement of participation (or planned participation) in the American Indian Program and/or its student organizations/activities, Peer Mentor Program or FAIS Program.
- 4) Submit a copy of your previous semester grades (*not required for new students*)
- 5) Submit a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- 6) Submit a signed Tribal Information Sheet (*download this sheet at <http://fa.nmsu.edu/forms.html>.*)

Note: If the number of qualified applicants exceeds available scholarship funds, awards will be determined by the submission date of the completed application package. Awards will be pro-rated based on the number of students enrolled. The amount of award will be subject to the availability of funding and the number of applicants.

If you have questions or need more information regarding this scholarship, please feel free to call the American Indian Program at 505-646-4207 or via e-mail: 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
\$4,452	Tuition & Fees	\$14,492
\$7,342	Room & Board	\$7,342
\$2,040	Personal Expenses	\$2,040
\$918	Books & Supplies	\$918
\$1,538	Transportation	\$1,538
\$16,280	TOTAL	\$26,330

Tuition and fees shown are approximate rates for 2007-2008. 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 2007-2008

Main Office Phone #: 505-646-4105/5005

Toll Free Phone #: 1-877-278-8586

E-mail: finaid@nmsu.edu

School Code: 002657

Scholarship Office Phone #: 505-646-4597

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(Tribal Scholarship Liaison)

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Please type or print

BANNER ID# _____ Today's Date _____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Local Phone _____ Cell Phone (Optional) _____

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 _____ Social Security # _____

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

Cumulative GPA: _____ Semester GPA: _____

Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Comments: _____