



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MPA PROGRAM - *continued*

### PART III: WORK EXPERIENCE

Please attach a resume which lists, at a minimum, the last four positions you have held in the public or not-for-profit sectors (if applicable), providing the name of the organization, your position title, dates employed, and brief description of duties.

### PART IV: WRITING SAMPLES

Attach the following written documents to this application:

1. **Personal Statement.** Prepare an essay on your background, employment history and other experiences, career goals, and expectations concerning the MPA program (*3-5 typed pages*).
2. **Substantive Writing Sample.** Provide a second writing sample. It may be 1) an undergraduate paper if it is less than two years old, 2) a report or long memorandum from work, or 3) an 8 -10 page paper on a topic of your choice relating to a public policy issue or a public management concern.

### PART V: LETTERS OF REFERENCE

You must provide a minimum of three (3) letters, at least two of which are from academicians familiar with your scholastic aptitude. Alternatively, if it has been more than five years since you have been in school, provide at least four (4) letters from those individuals who can judge your work skills and abilities. List the names and addresses of the individuals of whom you have requested to fill out the enclosed reference forms. These forms should be mailed directly to the Department of Government.

### PART VI: FINANCIAL AID

Please check any financial aid sources that you plan on seeking:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Assistantship in the Department of Government
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Assistantship in the Department of Criminal Justice (only an option for MPA-MCJ students)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donald C. Rider Scholarship (contact the MPA Director for an application form)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Kious Scholarship (contact the MPA Director for an application form)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roque M.Lujan Scholarship (contact the MPA Director for an application form)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Internship (Contact the MPA Director for information on position availability)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loans (contact the NMSU Financial Aid Office)

Please indicate the **Semester** and **Year** you would like to enter the MPA program:

- 20\_\_ Fall
- 20\_\_ Spring
- 20\_\_ Summer I
- 20\_\_ Summer II

Please note that to be eligible for a graduate assistantship and some internships, a student must be admitted to regular status prior to appointment.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date