

What is the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation?

New Mexico AMP is a partnership representing the state's public two-year postsecondary institutions, including federally funded tribal colleges and the state-supported four-year universities. New Mexico AMP's goal is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities receiving B.S. degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

What is the New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship?

New Mexico AMP developed this scholarship to recognize the achievements of New Mexico MESA, Inc., students and to support them in their pursuit of a B.S. degree in a STEM discipline.

How much is the award and for how long?

The \$800 New Mexico MESA, Inc., scholarship will be awarded fall semester 2009. The award package also includes your registration fees and meals at the annual Student Research Conference, which will be held October 2, 2009. Recipients are also encouraged to pursue additional opportunities and scholarships available through the New Mexico AMP program.

What are the requirements to receive and keep a New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship?

- Students must have actively participated in NM MESA programs during their high school years, with specific emphasis during their senior year.
- Students must demonstrate intent to complete a B.S. degree in a SMET discipline at the time of application. High school transcripts will be evaluated to help assess intent. Letters of recommendations (optional) from high school teachers and/or New Mexico MESA advisors will also be considered.
- Before receiving their awards, recipients must provide proof of registration at the university indicating full-time enrollment in a STEM discipline.
- All recipients must be willing to sign an agreement to major in an NSF-identified STEM discipline.
- Students are highly encouraged to enroll in SMET 101, Introduction to Science, Math, Engineering, and Technology (where course is available).

Who is eligible?

Preference for the New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship will be given to underrepresented minority students from that have actively participated in their high school's MESA program through their senior year. Particular emphasis is placed on supporting groups that historically have been underrepresented in STEM: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Hispanic Americans and Native Pacific Islanders. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or possess status as a national, refugee alien, or permanent resident alien in accordance with Section III C of Program Solicitation NSF 03-501 and must enroll full-time for the Fall 2009 semester at a participating New Mexico AMP partner institution and must declare a major in STEM.

What are the deadlines?

Applications are due at the New Mexico AMP Administrative Office no later than **Friday, April 24, 2009.**

When will the money be awarded?

- Scholarship recipients will be notified about their awards no later than **Friday, May 1, 2009. After notification, you are required to meet and sign a contract with the New Mexico AMP Scholarship Coordinator at the campus in which you are enrolled.**
- Scholarships will be processed and recipients will receive funding **after the last day to Add/Drop in mid-October 2009.**

How do I apply?

Complete the attached application form. Submit it along with a 1 to 1-1/2 page typed, double-spaced essay that addresses the following questions. Please do not address the questions sequentially, but consider them collectively as the starting point for your essay:

What are your professional goals and how do you intend to pursue them? If you are interested in a particular field of study, what attracted you to this field? Did you discover this interest on your own, or did you receive counseling or mentorship from a teacher or other individual? (If so, please describe.)

Include a copy of a current unofficial transcript from your last semester in high school. Mail your complete application packet to:

**New Mexico MESA, Inc. Scholarship Committee
New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation
MSC-3AMP
New Mexico State University
P.O. Box 30001,
Engineering Complex I, Room 109
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003-8001**

If you have any questions, please call/email the New Mexico AMP office at (575) 646 -1847/ amp@nmsu.edu fax: (575) 646-2960