

UNM Alumni Association 2012-2013 Scholarship FAQs

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013
DUE DATE: February 29, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.

1. What if I am planning to graduate in the fall? Do I still qualify for the scholarship(s)?

NO. It is a requirement that the student be enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) for both the spring and fall semesters. Unfortunately if you are scheduled to graduate during the fall semester, you will not qualify for the scholarship(s).

2. Are the scholarships open to transfer students from CNM or other institutions?

YES. As long as a student has completed 24 credit hours at another institution and will be considered a sophomore (or above) upon enrollment at UNM, you will qualify for the scholarships.

3. Can international students apply for the scholarship(s)?

Yes.

4. If applying for more than one scholarship, do I need to submit multiple personal statements?

NO. One statement is fine. However, please note that if the scholarships require different criteria (i.e. academic achievement, community service and/or financial need) please make sure to indicate how you meet each requirement in your personal statement.

5. How do I prove I meet the "financial need" requirement?

It must be clearly stated in the personal statement provided with the application. A brief description of your personal situation, how you are paying for school, what type of financial assistance you receive (if any) and how this scholarship can help you to pay for school-related expenses.

6. I am a senior in high school entering UNM in the fall. Can I apply for a scholarship(s)?

NO. Unfortunately incoming freshmen at UNM cannot qualify for a scholarship through the Alumni Association until they are sophomores or above. We encourage all incoming freshmen to contact the UNM Scholarship Office website at <http://scholarship.unm.edu/> for information on additional scholarship opportunities.

7. What type of resume should be included in the packet?

You may fill out our Resume Form, or use a general resume for job applications. However, if applying for a scholarship that requires "community service," indicate your volunteer/civic engagement activities in your resume. The selection committee looks very closely at your personal statement, so concentrate more on that than your resume.

8. Is there a form that should be used for letters of recommendation?

YES. We have a Recommendation Form available for download. There are specific instructions included in the Recommendation Form that MUST be followed.

9. Do the scholarships require an official transcript?

NO. A copy of your unofficial transcript is fine. You can get a copy of your unofficial transcript by logging on to your LoboWeb (my.unm.edu) account and printing out the transcript on your financial aid page, or you may go to the Records and Registration Office in person to request and/or pick up your unofficial transcript. Photo identification is required when ordering and picking up transcripts in person.

10. I have applied for a Master's program at UNM for the fall semester and have not received a response as to whether or not I was accepted into the program. Am I eligible to apply for the graduate scholarship(s)?

YES. It is important to indicate that you are waiting for an acceptance letter from the graduate school/program in your statement. In order to release the funds to a recipient's account, all eligibility must be met and is reviewed prior to funds being disbursed into a student's account. Therefore, if you do not get accepted into the program, the scholarship money will go to the alternate.

11. Can my scholarship application be e-mailed?

YES. Please scan in all the materials into a PDF format, and e-mail the scholarship applications to: Roberta Ricci (abqricci@unm.edu),
SUBJECT LINE: Scholarship / Your Name

Otherwise, please hand-deliver the completed application to Hodgin Hall, or mail to: Alumni Relations Office, ATTN: Roberta Ricci, 1 University of New Mexico, MSC01 1160, Albuquerque, N.M. 87131-0001

NOTE: Letters of Recommendation have specific delivery instructions noted on the Recommendation Form.

12. When will the decision be made?

BY APRIL 30, 2012. The Alumni Association's Awards Committee will meet in March to review and select the scholarship recipients for the following academic school year. ALL scholarship applicants will be notified by the end of April as to whether or not they received a scholarship.

13. I am a scholarship recipient and have not seen the funds posted to my account. When are the funds distributed?

BY AUGUST 20, 2012. Funds for all scholarships should be posted to your account on the first day of classes. Funds will be distributed in equal amounts for both the fall and spring semesters. If you have not received your funds on the first day of the fall/spring semester, please notify Roberta Ricci (505) 277-9085 or abqricci@unm.edu immediately.

14. Questions?

Please contact Roberta Ricci at (505) 277-9085 or abqricci@unm.edu.