New Mexico School Boards Association
2025 Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose
The purpose of the NMSBA Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education and career/technical education goals for students who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, academic achievement, community involvement and extra-curricular activity participation during high school.

Eligible Nominations
In order to maximize participation in the program all NMSBA member boards can participate in the program. However, priority will be given to boards whose nominees did not receive a scholarship in the previous year. The following boards nominations received awards in 2024:

Region I-Bloomfield, Farmington, Zuni; **Region II**-Espanola, Mesa Vista, Penasco; **Region III**-Des Mones, Mora, Raton; **Region IV**-Grants, Los Lunas, Rio Rancho; **Region V**-Floyd, Portales, San Jon; **Region VI-**Dexter, Lake Arthur, Lovington; **Region VII**-Corona, Ruidoso, Tularosa; **Region VIII**-Quemado, Reserve, Silver.

Nominations
Each eligible NMSBA Board of Education may nominate one graduating senior planning to enroll in a postsecondary education or career/technical education institution.

Nomination Forms
Nominations must be submitted in electronic form by participating Boards of Education and must include the following:
1. Completed Scholarship Nomination Form in PDF format.
2. Color photo of nominee suitable for use in press announcements in JPEG format.

Nomination Deadline
The deadline for receipt of each Board's nomination electronically is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2025.

Region Selection Committees
The Region Officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary) from each of NMSBA's eight regions will serve as the scholarship selection committee for the region.

Selection of Recipients
The Region Selection Committees will review and consider nominations received from each region and make selections for students going on to higher education or career/technical education based on the following criteria:
- ★ Demonstrated Leadership
- ★ Academic Performance
- ★ Community Involvement
- ★ Extra-Curricular Activities

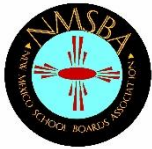## Number of Scholarships and Amounts
The number and dollar amount of scholarship awards per year is determined by the availability of funds and may vary from year to year. **For 2025 three scholarships per region will be awarded for a total of 24 scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each.**

Presentation of Scholarship Awards
Scholarship awards will be announced at the Annual NMSBA School Law Conference Luncheon which will be held Friday, June 6, 2025.

Use of Funds
Scholarship funds will be provided to the student and may be utilized by recipients to pay tuition, fees, books, or other education related expenses.

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March 3, 2025	Scholarship guidelines, nomination forms and timeline are emailed to all school board members & superintendents.
March 3-April 11, 2025 (6 Weeks)	School boards consider and select nominees and prepare scholarship nomination forms.
April 11, 2025	Deadline for receipt of scholarship nomination forms from eligible school boards.
April 18, 2025	Deadline for NMSBA staff to forward scholarship nominations to Region Officers for review and consideration.
April 18-May 9, 2025 (3 weeks)	Regional Officers review scholarship nominations based on established criteria. (Leadership, Academics, Community Involvement, Activities)
May 9, 2025	Deadline for Region Officers to select Scholarship Recipients.
May 29, 2025	Deadline for NMSBA staff to forward Scholarship Recipients to NMSBA Board of Directors for review.
June 5, 2025	NMSBA Board of Directors officially concurs with Scholarship Recipients
June 6, 2025	Scholarship Recipients are announced at the NMSBA School Law Conference and press release is issued.
June- 2025	Scholarship Awards are mailed to recipients or presented to recipients by Region Officers or Nominating School Board at a special or regular meeting.