

New Mexico School Boards Association 2020 Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of the NMSBA Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher educational 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 every NMSBA member board can participate in the program except those boards whose nominations were approved in 2018. Therefore, the following boards are **not eligible to participate in 2020 Scholarship Program**:

RI-Bloomfield, Dulce, Central, **RII**-Cuba, Mesa Vista, Santa Fe, **RIII**-Clayton, Mora, Santa Rosa, **RIV**-Belen, Magdalena, Moriarty, **RV**-Melrose, Portales, Texico, **RVI**-Carlsbad, Hagerman, Jal, **RVII**-Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, Las Cruces, **RVIII**-Cobre, Quemado, Silver.

Nominations

Each eligible NMSBA Board of Education may nominate one graduating senior planning to enroll in a postsecondary educational 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 JPG format

Nomination Deadline

Deadline for receipt of each Board's nomination electronically is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2020.

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. Region officers may opt to allow another region to review and select recipients to ensure objectivity.

Selection of Recipients

The Region Selection Committees will review and consider nominations received from each region and make selections based on the following criteria:

- ★ Demonstrated Leadership
- ★ Academic Performance
- ★ Community Involvement
- ★ Extra Curricular Activities

Number of Scholarships and Amounts

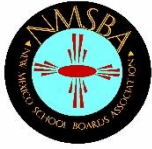
The number and dollar amount of scholarship awards per year is determined by the availability of funds and may vary from year to year. For 2020 three scholarships per region will be awarded for a total of 24 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Annual NMSBA School Law Conference Luncheon which will be held Friday, May 29, 2020 in Albuquerque.

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.



New Mexico School Boards Association 2020 Scholarship Program Timeline

March 2, 2020	Scholarship guidelines, nomination forms and timeline are emailed to all school board members & superintendents.
March 2-April 17, 2020 (7 Weeks)	School boards consider and select nominees and prepare scholarship nomination forms.
<u>April 17, 2020</u>	<u>Deadline for receipt of scholarship nomination forms from eligible school boards.</u>
April 24, 2020	Deadline for NMSBA staff to forward scholarship nominations to Region Selection Committees for review and consideration.
April 24-May 15, 2020 (3 weeks)	Regional Selection Committees review scholarship nominations based on established criteria. (Leadership, Academics, Community Involvement, Activities)
<u>May 15, 2020</u>	<u>Deadline for Region Committees to select scholarship recipients.</u>
May 20, 2020	NMSBA staff prepares Scholarship Announcement Draft Press Release.
May 28, 2020	Scholarship Announcement is presented to NMSBA Board of Directors for concurrence.
<u>May 29, 2020</u>	<u>Scholarship recipients are announced at the NMSBA School Law Conference and press release is issued</u>
June-July, 2020	Scholarship awards are presented to recipients by region officers or the nominating school board at a special or regular meeting.