

Important Senior Information: College Student Aid & Scholarships

Federal Student Aid: FAFSA

If you have not started your FAFSA, create a pin here: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

You will need a pin and your parent will need a pin, each with a unique email

If you are ready to start or continue your FAFSA, go to this site: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Select "Start a new FAFSA" to begin the process or "Login" if you just need to continue

Be sure that you are completing the FAFSA for the 2017-18 school year

You do not need current tax info – you will be using 2015 taxes

Link your FAFSA to DATA using this code: 320069

Link your FAFSA to any colleges you want to apply to by searching the site.

I suggest all US citizens complete the FAFSA, even if you don't think you will qualify for federal aid.

For some scholarships you must apply and be denied prior to being eligible for additional money.

For FAFSA help and financial aid support, see: <http://nmknowledge4college.org/>

State Scholarships

Bridge Scholarship: covers tuition for the first semester of college, likely available fall semester only.

CNM - apply by May 1, attend an orientation over the summer, and register for full time classes (12 credits at CNM). Bridge will cover all tuition for the first semester.

UNM – get accepted by Dec 1st with an ACT score of 23. Bridge will be \$1500 towards tuition. If a student does not have a 23 ACT or if they apply late they can still be eligible for the Success Scholarship which is \$1000 towards tuition. The money is dispersed on a first come first served basis. Students must attend full time (15 credits).

Other public NM schools accept Bridge, check the scholarship page of your college's website for details.

Lottery Scholarships – covers full tuition at most public NM colleges if the student attends full time and earned a 2.5 or above the previous semester. The scholarship is available for 8 semesters (4 years). Students must attend college the fall semester after graduation in order to be eligible. Students who take time off before attending college lose this scholarship forever.

****All students who graduate from a NM school are eligible for the Bridge and Lottery scholarships, regardless of citizenship. See Ms Reeder if you or someone you know needs more information.**

Other Scholarships

Abqfoundation.org – search this site for available scholarships for a variety of colleges

<https://www.cnm.edu/depts/financial-aid/scholarships> - be sure you have completed your CNM Beginning Freshman application already.

Always check that you are completing scholarship & registration info for the 2017-18 school year!