

Arts & Sciences Scholarship Guidelines- updated March 2024

- All Arts & Sciences Scholarships with the exception of A&S success grants and the general Arts & Sciences scholarship, are endowed accounts that originate from the UNM Foundation.
- Official correspondence is sent to UNM email accounts and all questions/inquiries are to be routed to the Arts & Sciences Scholarship email asawards@unm.edu.
- Eligibility includes the following:
 - Declared Arts & Sciences Major
 - Enrollment is set at full-time status with a few exceptions. Medical exceptions are accepted through ARC (Accessibility Resources Center).
 - Financial Aid Criteria:
 - EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) is required for need based endowments.
 - UNM Financial aid information will suffice will merit-based scholarships
- The application period is in the spring semester (March-April) and aligns with the UNM Financial Aid Office's timeline for distributing the next academic year award information.
- All application material has to be submitted through infoready and the link will be made available once the application period is live on the website.
- Additional criteria for scholarship applications includes the following items:
 - Students are expected to submit UNM financial aid information, which requires the FAFSA or state aid link to be completed prior to applying for the A&S scholarships.
 - NM State financial aid pertains to students with an international status and often cannot complete a FAFSA. Please discuss these options with the UNM Financial Aid Office.
 - UNM Financial Aid award info needed for the scholarship applications in infoready can be found by following these steps:
 - Go To myunm.edu
 - Log in with your UNM Net ID and password
 - Click the Student Life Tab
 - Click on the red "Enter Lobo Web" button
 - Click on Financial Aid Tab
 - Click on AWARD INFO MENU
 - Click on AWARD PACKAGE FOR AID YEAR (The following

academic year- corresponding with the current application period in infoready).

- Select the current academic year from the SELECT AID YEAR list (click submit)
 - Click on AWARD OVERVIEW (the need calculation and cost of attendance is available here).
- Letter(s) of recommendation from faculty members familiar with your academic performance. Typically, one letter is required for most endowments.
 - Exceptions:
 - Frank O. and Sadie M. Lane Scholarship- requires two letters of recommendation from faculty members only
 - Late Bloomer Scholarship- requires a letter of recommendation from a current or former employer.
 - Letters of recommendation are only accepted from the following groups:
 - faculty members or lecturers at UNM or other higher education institutions. ***GA/TA/RA letters, advisors, internship directors etc, are accepted as an additional letter, only after a letter from a faculty member is obtained.*
 - The Dean's designee, the Associate Dean for Student Success, will oversee the scholarship selection process and direct the scholarship committee.
 - Once selected for a scholarship, students will be notified through their UNM email.

A&S Scholars can expect the following, once selected for a scholarship.

- If selected for an A&S scholarship, students will maintain satisfactory academic performance as defined under the guidelines of the UNM Scholarship Office.
- Students will maintain the course load expected of them, depending on the endowment agreement, unless a sufficient explanation is submitted to the scholarship coordinator, which may include health/accessibility issues that require a doctor's note and/or explanation from the UNM Accessibility Resource Center.
- Once selected, A&S scholars will receive their funding for an entire academic year. This means the awards are divided between the fall and spring semesters unless otherwise stated.
 - **Exception: Frank O. & Sadie M. Lane Endowed Scholarship.** If scholars plan to graduate earlier (fall semester), they should contact the

scholarship coordinator to inform them of their updated graduation date.

- Scholarships are for undergraduate students seeking their first BA/BS degree. (Students seeking a 2nd BA/BS degree will not be considered).
- A&S General (Endowed) Scholarships are not offered for summer session unless otherwise noted. Exceptions would be the A&S Summer Success Grant, the C.T. French Scholarship and Chester French Stewart and Diana Stewart Scholarship (depending on available funding in each account).

- Students are expected to submit a thank you letter for the Academic Year endowments, to asthankyou@unm.edu no later than May 31 every academic year. Award forms will not be submitted to the financial aid office until thank you letters have been received. *Summer endowment thank you letters must be submitted by the last week of May.*

- Scholarships are renewable based on the student's academic progress *and* fund availability in the scholarship account. General policy has been to renew an award for up to 4 semesters unless otherwise stated. Not every scholarship is renewable; details will be included in the original award letter.

As stated on the scholarship form at time of application, the student grants permission to the College of Arts & Sciences to review their academic records in accordance with the UNM Scholarship Office. GPA and grade checks are reviewed periodically to ensure students are complying with maintaining satisfactory

