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**Application Deadline:
Sept. 5, 2014**

Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. No exceptions!
(Scholarships available to UNM-Valencia Campus students only)

Required materials for all scholarships:

- Complete scholarship application
- Typed Essay (instructions on pg. 2)
- Proof of application to outside scholarship

Turn in complete application to:

UNM-Valencia Campus
Financial Aid Office
280 La Entrada
Los Lunas, NM 87031
(505) 925-8590
(505) 925-8563 FAX

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Introduction

We are pleased that you have selected the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus to further your education. This scholarship information will help you understand the numerous scholarship programs offered at UNM-Valencia Campus. In order to receive an academic scholarship, you must be officially admitted to UNM Valencia Campus and pursuing an Associate or certificate program.

How to Apply

Follow these steps to successfully apply for a scholarship at UNM-Valencia:

- Carefully review the scholarship descriptions to make sure you are eligible to apply.
- Complete the scholarship application. Make sure you fill out all the information requested and turn the application and other materials in prior to the deadline, **Sept. 5, 2014**.
- **Find and apply for one outside scholarship and write an essay about your experience.** Include how you went about finding the scholarship and information you needed to apply, the amount of the possible award, the organization that is providing the funding, etc.
- Be sure to print your application and attach it to this scholarship application.
- We have included some scholarship application tips in order to assist you. (Pages 3-4)

NOTE: Students who have already earned an associate or bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply for a scholarship. If an associate degree is earned during the duration of the scholarship, the scholarship will then be terminated. Students admitted to Main Campus are not eligible for Valencia Campus Scholarships.

Additional Information

Scholarship availability may change each academic year. It is very important to keep in close contact with the Financial Aid Office at UNM-Valencia for updated information. Remember that eligibility requirements and deadlines vary for each scholarship. A committee selects the Institutional and Foundation scholarship recipients.

Many scholarships are **Need Based**. This means you will need to make sure you have completed a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA)**. This application is available online at <http://fafsa.gov>

The Financial Aid office at UNM-Valencia Campus is available to assist you with any questions you have about being considered for a scholarship. We wish you success in your academic pursuits, and encourage you to take advantage of all the services we provide.

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Scholarships

A surprising number of students fail to see that identifying scholarships can be one of the most important parts of a successful scholarship search. There are thousands of scholarships available to students through internet searches and scholarship guides, but no one student will ever qualify for all of them. Even if one person were to qualify for all of them, most students probably would not have the time to apply for each and every one. For this reason, a well-defined scholarship search can be invaluable to students looking for some extra money to fund their education.

The best way to run a scholarship search is to find a good, reliable scholarship search engine (like fastweb.com or smexpress.com). Internet searches are free (do not ever pay a fee for scholarship searches, instead use that money towards your education), and unlike scholarship guides that simply list awards, even when they are sorted by subject matter, the internet can help you filter out awards for which you simply don't qualify. This means finding scholarships that are best suited to who you are, both as a student and as a person.

Also, be sure to meet the scholarship deadline. You may be the highest qualified student for a particular scholarship award, but if your application was submitted late, you most likely will not be considered as an eligible applicant. Know the application deadlines for each scholarship application you're filing, and turn them in on time.

Application Materials

Each scholarship has its own application. It is important to read the materials carefully and to understand what information is requested. Carefully typed applications make the best impression. Apply only for those scholarships for which you are eligible. It is highly doubtful that you will be awarded if you are not eligible for a scholarship.

Make sure to take the necessary steps to ensure your application gets where it needs to go. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet and keep it on file. If your application goes astray, you can always reproduce it quickly. Make sure your name appears on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.

It would also be a good idea to send your application with Delivery Confirmation through the United States Post Office. If our office does not have your application on file, but you can provide proof of delivery by the deadline date, we will accept your copy as received on time.

Activities and Honors

List all relevant activities and honors, but be selective. If you have more activities than can fit in the space provided do not include the ones that are not significant; the two days you spent last spring on a community clean-up day, for instance.

Read the criteria for selection carefully to understand what the reviewers are looking for. For instance, the Presidential Scholarship looks for applicants who can show "leadership experience with [an] outstanding extracurricular record," so include your volunteer and community service activities, emphasizing those in which you took a leadership role.

Most importantly, your activities should represent your varied talents and passions outside the classroom. The reviewers are trying to get a sense of who you are and what you believe in. Make sure your activities reflect that.

Letters of Recommendation

Choosing your recommenders:

These letters are extremely important. Choose your recommenders carefully. Think of the letters as an integral part of a package that will present an accurate and complete picture of you and your qualifications. Scholarships such as the Regents' Scholarship, considers not only academic achievement, but leadership ability and community service as well. While maybe one letter of recommendation should be from an academic source, at least one should address your leadership abilities and commitment to the community.

The ideal letter of recommendation:

Your letters of recommendations should come from teachers or academic advisors who are familiar not only with your academic abilities, but with your personal interests and background and how those relate to your ability to carry out the program of study you wish to pursue. If the teacher or academic advisor is familiar with your extracurricular activities and leadership abilities, s/he should also incorporate that into the letter.

The letters should address the qualifications sought. Recommenders should address only those elements of your application on which they can comment confidently.

How to ask for a letter of recommendation:

Start early. Discuss your plans with your recommenders now, before the application is even available. Let them know what you would like to study and why you want to apply for the scholarship. These discussions can help you clarify your goals and plans as well.

As soon as you have the application forms:

Applications for Incoming Freshmen Scholarships are available at your high school counselor's office, the Office of Recruitment Services and the Scholarship Office around early October, schedule a meeting with your recommender. Give your recommender a written description of the scholarship and a copy of your personal statement and proposed academic program. You may also want to provide a copy of your transcript and an autobiography or resume highlighting activities and honors. You should also give your recommenders appropriately addressed envelopes with postage, if necessary. Be sure to also give them plenty of time to write the letter; do not wait until the last minute.

You may also want to remind the recommender that it should include your full name with middle initial. You would be surprised on how many include only the first name of the student within the body of the letter.

The Personal Statement

The following section is an excerpt from the Yale University Undergraduate Career Services' publication entitled *Applying for Fellowships*.

"The personal statement presents an opportunity for you to speak about yourself. Your essay should show that you have ideas and opinions, are able to think logically, and can express yourself clearly, with economy and elegance.

Clear writing is the result of clear thinking. The first and most important task is to decide what you want to say. This is a short essay. You must be highly selective. Consider carefully what you wish to impress upon the reader. Remember the nature of your audience. It is composed of people who are probably as intelligent as you are, well educated, and vastly experienced in this work. Do not try to fool or second guess your reader; you will seem silly if you do. Do not write in a cute, coy, or gimmicky style: selection committees have heard it all already. Do show that you have thought deeply and broadly about what you have learned in your academic career and what you hope to learn next.

When you have written a first draft, start the work of refining, simplifying, and polishing. Do you say exactly what you mean? Is any section, sentence, or word superfluous, ambiguous, or awkward?

Are your verbs strong and active? Have you removed unneeded qualifiers? Are you sure that each accomplishment and interest you mention supports one of your main ideas? Do not apologize. Do not misrepresent yourself. You are writing as an adult who wishes to join the community of scholars and other professionals. You must write as a peer and potential member of such a community.

Correctness and style are vital. Neatness counts. Check and check again your spelling, the agreement of verbs and persons, syntax. Your thoroughness demonstrates that you have learned and mastered this art and that your future teachers and colleagues will not be troubled with sloppy thinking or writing.

Ask several individuals whose judgment you respect to read and criticize a draft of your essay. Possible reviewers include faculty members, writing tutors, and friends who can assess how well your essay represents you."

A final note

Remember, in any application (for a job, grant, graduate school, etc.) the powers that be want to know three things: why is it important to you, why it is right for you and why you are right for it. Your application should be built around this message. **Statement should be double spaced, 12pt font and a maximum of 2 pages.**

UNM-Valencia Academic/Financial Need**Amount:** No greater than Tuition (amount varies)**Terms:** Fall and spring semesters**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a New Mexico resident
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Enrolled at least half time (6 credit hrs or more)
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Spring award is contingent on completion of 6 credit hours from the prior Fall semester
- Complete a FAFSA in order to determine need

NM Legislative Endowment Scholarship**Amount:** \$1000**Terms:** Fall and spring semesters**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a New Mexico resident
- Enrolled at least half time
- Has demonstrated financial need
- Purpose is to encourage students with financial need to obtain a baccalaureate degree

Endowed Scholarships

We are very fortunate to have supportive donors from the community who provide scholarships to worthy individuals pursuing higher education at the UNM-Valencia Campus

Eligibility Requirements:**Cheryl Johnson:**

- First generation in your family to attend college
- Need based
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0
- May be awarded to the same student more than once

Wells Fargo:

- Returning student
- Need based
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0

Ambercare:

- General Science Major
- Returning student
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0

Virginia Casados Clark:

- Need based
- Art Student (including creative writing, visual arts, performing arts, media arts)
- Valencia County Resident
- Faculty recommendation needed

Tibo and Betty Caperton Chavez:

- In an AA or AS program
- Returning student
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0

PNM:

- First generation in your family to attend college
- Need based
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0

Sandia National Labs/Lockheed Martin:

- STEM Student
- Progress towards graduation in a STEM field or transfer to a 4-year college in a STEM field.
- Mentoring relationship to be set up with academic advisor and SNL/LM
- Need based
- Full time Status
- Minimum 3.0 GPA

Laura Morrison Farris & Robert Bruce Morrison Memorial:

- Any academic field
- Need-based
- Top scorer in overall scoring of scholarships

PNM Pre-Engineering:

- Pre-Engineering Student
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0

St. Nicholas Rural Relief:

- Must live in Torrance, Valencia or Northern Socorro Counties AND outside the 87002 and 87031 zip code
- Full-time status
- Min. GPA: 2.3 in HS or College to date
- Need not be a citizen

Nick and Lynna Blea:

- First choice is a student pursuing a degree in Construction Technology
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.5
- Need not be a citizen

NMEFCU:

- Need based
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.5
- May be awarded to the same student more than once

Bank of the West:

- Need based
- Full-time status
- Min GPA: 2.0
- Need to be a Valencia, Socorro or Torrance county resident
- Can be awarded to the same student more than once

University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus 2014-15 Scholarship Application Deadline Sept. 3, 2014

Please check semester(s) and the enrollment status for each term you plan to attend:

Fall Semester 2014 Full time (12 hrs or more) 3/4 time (9 – 11hrs) ½ time (6 – 8 hrs)

Spring Semester 2015 Full time (12 hrs or more) 3/4 time (9 – 11hrs) ½ time (6 – 8 hrs)

Important: Check all the scholarships for which you have met the minimum requirements. Refer to the scholarship informational form, provided by the Financial Aid Office, to review descriptions, minimum requirements and additional documentation required. Remember to provide **all** required documentation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Farris/Morrison Memorial Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Casados Clark Memorial Art Scholarship | |

Please print

Name _____ ID # _____
Last First MI

Address _____
City State Zip code

Phone Number () _____

State of Legal Residence _____ United States Citizen or Legal Resident Yes No

Date of birth: _____
Month Day Year

Do you have a high school diploma? Yes No
If no, do you have a GED? Yes No

Name of high school **OR** institution GED was received: _____

City State Year Received

Do you plan on receiving a bachelor's degree? Yes No
Has either of your parents graduated from college? Yes No
Have you ever attended UNM-VC before? Yes No
UNM-VC course of study _____ Degree Certificate

Please list grants/scholarships you have already been awarded for 2014-2015 _____

Please consider me for the scholarship(s) indicated. I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give consent to the scholarship committee to review my academic and financial status. I further understand that if I am selected, I am required to maintain all eligibility requirements or my scholarship will be terminated.

Signature

Date