



2024 NMCEL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must be academically strong with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
2. The applicant should be a well-rounded student participating in diversified activities in both school and community.
3. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a public high school in the state of New Mexico, without regard to race, ethnicity, or gender.
4. Applications must be mailed to Bobbie Gutierrez, NMCEL Scholarship Committee Chair (bj.gutierrez@nmreca.org) and cc to: Belinda Sanchez at NMCEL (belinda@nmcel.org) no later than **Friday, April 12, 2024**.
5. The selection committee will consist of three-five members from the NMCEL/NMSSA Executive Boards.
6. The committee shall be facilitated by the NMCEL Board Member Scholarship Committee Chair,
7. The applicants will be rated on the Application Form, References, and Written Essay. The **application form** services as the **Cover Page** for the packet.
8. The Scholarship Selection Committee will interview the top five finalists on Friday, May 3, 2024 via ZOOM.
9. Recipients of the scholarship will be notified in writing no later than **Friday, May 10, 2024**. All other applicants will be notified by mail, not later than **Friday, May 17, 2024**.
10. The recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student in a college or university of their choice, in the fall of the school year after graduation.
11. Three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000.00 will be awarded to the successful applicants at the annual Awards Luncheon at the NMCEL Conference the week of July 15, 2024. Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM.
12. The scholarship will be payable to the students in three payments, one for the Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and one the following Fall Semester, after proof of enrollment is submitted to the NMCEL office for the second Fall Semester.
13. The scholarship will be forfeited if the student does not begin college or university classes during the fall semester after graduation or leaves after the first semester.