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## HWC Scholarship Information Sheet: New Applicants

### HISPANIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL (HWC)

The New Mexico Hispanic Women's Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, intergenerational organization founded in 1988 to promote, support, and create opportunities for Hispanic women.

### THE HWC SCHOLARSHIP

The HWC Scholarship Program is established to provide academic scholarships and mentorship to Hispanic women who are residents of New Mexico. It is available to continuing college students (traditional and non-traditional). With these scholarships, the HWC envisions creating a legacy of: a) educating Hispanic women; b) moving them into professions; and c) enabling them to become valuable leaders in our community. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the strength of the applicant's personal statement and the potential to succeed based on letters of recommendation.

Successful awardees will be considered for scholarship renewal, as long as the scholarship recipient is *responsive* to mentoring.

The mentoring component of the scholarship requires that each recipient meet a minimum of once a year with the designated HWC/UNM faculty mentor for academic and career advising.

Additional mentoring can be requested.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be of Hispanic descent and a woman
- Applicant must be a New Mexico resident
- Applicant must be formally accepted/enrolled in either the University of New Mexico (UNM) or Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) on a part-time or full-time basis
- Preference will be given to applicants who have completed 60+ hours of college work toward a 4-year degree or who are pursuing an advanced degree or certification at UNM or CNM.

### APPLICATION PACKET for NEW APPLICANTS

Please include the following in your application packet (see fillable forms provided). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please see this year's "HWC Scholarship Announcement" ([www.nmhwc.com](http://www.nmhwc.com)) for this year's forms and Due Dates.

- Completed Application Form, downloaded from HWC Website
- Latest Unofficial Transcript(s) of all college work
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae including college years to the present
- Typed & Detailed Personal Statement
- TWO Reference Forms/Letters using the HWC REFERENCE FORM (recommenders fill in the form and email to [hispanicwomenscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hispanicwomenscouncil@gmail.com))

## APPLICATION / AWARD PROCEDURE

Your application for the HWC Scholarship must be emailed in by the date indicated on this year's **HWC Scholarship Announcement** on HWC's website. If you have questions about the receipt of your packet, please email Dr. Leila Flores-Dueñas at [lflores@unm.edu](mailto:lflores@unm.edu). The HWC Scholarship Committee will review applications and notify applicants of their award or denial on or before the date indicated in the **HWC Scholarship Announcement** for this year.

## SELECTION of AWARDEES

The HWC Scholarship Committee reviews, certifies, and evaluates all applications. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award via E-mail and will be announced to the HWC Board and presented at an HWC event. All recipients are expected to attend the HWC Meet & Greet free event.

## AWARDS: General Information (Please read carefully)

Awards will be deposited directly to the student's bursar account to cover college expenses and will be dispersed in the following manner:

**FALL** – 50% of the award will be dispersed to the students account;

**SPRING** – 50% of the award will be dispersed as long as the student has been mentored in FALL.

**NOTE:** Because early fall is a busy time for faculty, every effort on the student's part (at least two times) to contact the mentor must be made after Sept. 1.

**NOTE:** No funds are available in summer AND if a student graduates in fall, no funds will be disbursed for the spring semester.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO (UNM)

### *Undergraduate Full-time Students at UNM*

The HWC Full-time Undergraduate Scholarship Award can total *up to* \$1,600 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a full-time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours toward a degree per semester.

### *Undergraduate Part-time Students at UNM*

The HWC Part-time Undergraduate Scholarship Award can total *up to* \$1000 for an academic year (a minimum of 6 credit hours toward a degree per semester).

### *Graduate Full-time Students at UNM*

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$1,800 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a full-time graduate student (Master's or Doctoral) with a minimum of 9 credit hours/semester.

### *Graduate Part-time Students at UNM*

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$1,200 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a part-time graduate student with a minimum of 6 credit hours toward a degree per semester.

## CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CNM)

### *Undergraduate Full-time Students at CNM*

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$800 for an academic year for a full-time student (a minimum of 12 credit hours *toward a degree* per semester).

### *Undergraduate Part-time Students at CNM*

The HWC Part-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$500 for an academic year for a part-time student (a minimum of 6 credit hours *toward a degree* per semester).

#### **UNM or CNM**

##### ***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CERTIFICATION at UNM or CNM***

The HWC Scholarship award for students enrolled in a Professional Development Licensure or Certification Program can total up to \$1,000 for an academic year. Or up to \$500 will be reimbursed for classes taken from August to December. Or up to \$500 will be reimbursed for classes taken from January to May. Note: Professional Development/Certification awardees may apply for the HWC Scholarship for a maximum period of two years.

#### **HWC Membership**

Scholarship recipients are expected to become members of HWC. See website for more information. A membership form will be attached to the email detailing each awardees letter. Please refer to the HWC website for more information about the organization: [www.nmhwc.com](http://www.nmhwc.com)

#### **Checklist for Items to be Included in Application Packet for NEW APPLICANTS**

- Completed Application Form, download from HWC Website (*one original*)
- Unofficial Transcript(s) of all college work (*one copy*)
- Resume or Curriculum, Vitae, beginning with entering college to present (*one original*)
- Typed, Detailed Personal Statement (*one original*)
- Two Letters of Reference (make two copies of "HWC Reference Form" on website)