

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Senator G. Romero (A)(S)(E), Senator R. Regalado (A)(S)(E)

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Executive Action:

Approved Vetoed

ASUNM President	Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of _____ 2019. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Senate Action: _____

Be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico that the (*ASUNM Advocacy Scholarship*) section be added in the ASUNM (*Law Book*):

Article I: Purpose

The ASUNM Senate hereby establishes the ASUNM Advocacy Scholarship. This scholarship will serve as an avenue for both students, as well as members of ASUNM to bring light to major issues that students encounter on campus on a daily basis, and how they themselves are working to improve it. The recipient of this scholarship will have their essay sent to the President of the University, Dean of Students, Director of Student Activities, and the members of the ASUNM Senate.

Article II: Maintenance of Funds

Section 1. Structure Allocation of Scholarship

ASUNM Government shall provide four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per year to create four (4) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships for full-time students.

Section 2. Securing Funds

The ASUNM Finance Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that these scholarship funds are provided for during each spring budget process. These scholarship funds shall be maintained in a separate scholarship account **for all ASUNM scholarships** with the Student Government Accounting Office until credited to the university accounts of the scholarship recipients.

Article III: Qualifications of Applicants

Section 1. Qualifications

The above scholarships shall be awarded by ASUNM to applicants whose campus issue essay has been selected. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, physical or learning disability, political belief, handicap, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, age, or military commitment.

Section 2. Requirements

Any student applying for the scholarship must at the time of application and award be an undergraduate or a non-degree student who has not received a baccalaureate degree. Any applicant must be a full-time student at the University of New Mexico, with at least twelve (12) completed credit hours during either the spring, summer, or fall semesters prior to application, and have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average at both the time of application and award.

Section 3. Restrictions

All ASUNM officials (elected or appointed), employees, and agents of ASUNM are prohibited from applying for and/or receiving these scholarships.

Article IV: Procedure for Awarding the Scholarships

Section 1. Procedure

Two (2) scholarships will be awarded per semester. Awarding of scholarships will be determined by the ASUNM Scholarship Committee. The funds will be distributed to recipients the same semester in which they are selected. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship once per semester.

Section 2. Advertisement

The Office of the Vice President is responsible for ensuring that the scholarships are advertised twice during the fall and spring semesters by the fourth Monday of the semester. The advertisement should contain information regarding the overall nature of the scholarship, as well as application form locations and deadlines. The Office of the Vice President is also responsible for assembling the scholarship application.

Section 3. Application Process

The applications to be used for these scholarships will be available in the ASUNM office. A seven-hundred fifty (750) word minimum essay shall be submitted with the application regarding a campus issue they face here at UNM, and explain how they themselves have worked to improve it. Applications and essays will be submitted to the ASUNM office. All submitted packets are to be collected by the committee chair by 5:00 PM on the sixth Monday of the fall and spring semester for review by the committee. The committee will have until the Monday after Fall Break in the fall semester and the Monday after Spring Break in the spring semester to review the packets and award the scholarships. The recipients will be notified in writing by the Office of the Vice President of their awarded scholarships immediately following the scholarship committee's decision.

Section 4. Committee Discretion

The **Scholarship Ce**ommittee shall have the discretion to award fewer or more scholarships in a given year based upon the applicant pool.

Section 5. Forwarding of Funds

In the event that not all of the funds for the scholarship are awarded in the fall semester, the scholarship committee may convene in the spring semester to distribute those funds. All deadlines contained herein would be translated to the spring semester, with spring break replacing any instance of fall break.

Section 6. Reversion of Funds

All funds not awarded shall be financially reverted by the Office of the Vice President into the **general fund at the end of the fiscal year** ~~scholarship line item~~ for the subsequent year's budget.