BILL #14S

2020 SPRING SESSION

Legislative Action:

1st Reading: 4/8/2020
2nd Reading: 4/15/2020
3rd Reading: ______

Executive Action:
☑ Approved  ☑ Vetoed

[Signature]
ASUNM President

20 April 2020
Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of ______ 2020. 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 Emergency Scholarship) section be added in the ASUNM (Law Book):

Article I: Purpose

The ASUNM Senate hereby establishes the ASUNM Emergency Scholarship. This scholarship will serve as an avenue for students to come to ASUNM and request money when unforeseen circumstances occur that impact their ability to obtain higher education. Students will request this scholarship in the form of a short application process, address the issue they are facing and how this scholarship will assist them.

Article II: Maintenance of Funds

Section 1. Allocation of Scholarship

The ASUNM Government shall provide five-thousand dollars ($5,000) per year to create twenty (20) two-hundred and fifty-dollar ($250) scholarships for undergraduate 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 titled ASUNM Emergency Scholarship with the Student Government Accounting Office until distributed through the students’ bursar's account.

Article III: Qualifications of Applicants

Section 1. Qualifications
The above scholarships shall be awarded by ASUNM to applicants whose packet 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, 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 student at the University of New Mexico, with at least six (6) completed credit hours during either the spring, summer, or fall semesters prior to application. A student studying abroad with the intention of returning to UNM within one (1) year shall be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Section 3. Restrictions
All ASUNM officials (elected or appointed), employees, and agents of ASUNM are permitted to apply for and/or receive these scholarships. In the event that the student is a member of the Scholarship Committee, they are permitted to abstain from reviewing their application.

Article IV: Procedure for Awarding the Scholarships

Section 1. Procedure
Scholarships will be awarded on a case-by-case basis. 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. The funds will be distributed through the students’ bursar's account by SGAO. 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 three (3) times during the fall and three (3) times during the spring semesters. The advertisement should contain information regarding the overall nature of the scholarship, as well as application form locations and deadlines. In the event that all scholarships have been awarded before the end of the semester, the Office of the Vice President is responsible for ensuring that the scholarship is advertised as closed until the following year.
Section 3. Application Process

The Office of the Vice President is responsible for assembling the scholarship application. The applications to be used for these scholarships will be available in the ASUNM office. A five-hundred (500) word minimum essay shall be submitted with the application regarding an unforeseen circumstance that impacts their ability to obtain higher education and explain how this money can help them in continuing to have access to higher education. Applications and essays will be submitted to the ASUNM office. All submitted packets are to be collected by the Vice President and distributed to the Scholarship Committee, ensuring applicant names are not included. The committee will have up to five (5) days 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 Committee shall have the discretion to award fewer or more scholarships in a given year based upon the applicant pool or available funds.

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.

Section 6. Reversion of Funds

All funds not awarded shall have the balance be forwarded into the next fiscal year. Funds shall continue to be forwarded until the ASUNM Emergency Scholarship account reaches or exceeds a balance of fifteen-thousand dollars ($15,000)