

Financial Aid Office News

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Scholarship Application may be obtained at the Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for all featured scholarships:

August 28, 2009

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Welcome to another semester at UNM-Taos. Your Financial Aid Office is committed to providing you with the means to fund your college education. Nikki Moyer and I are here to assist in applying for financial assistance as well as to provide you with information on scholarships, loans and veterans benefits. Our office now offers more walk-in hours and is ready to assist you. Have a great semester!

Maisie R. Trujillo
Sr. Student Enrollment Associate

Walk-In Hours

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

*Walk-In hours will change after August 24, 2009

To schedule an appointment for Maisie or Nikki call 737-6200

Helen Emily (Zimmerman) & Howard Brandenburg Memorial Scholarship

"We believe, that is, you and I, that education is not an expense. We believe it is an investment."

- Lyndon B. Johnson,
October 16, 1968

The Helen Emily (Zimmerman) & Howard Brandenburg Memorial Scholarship was established by Elizabeth Z. Cottle and her family in memory of her sister, Helen Emily, in recognition of her long association with UNM and, together with her husband Howard, their commitment to Taos is to provide scholarship support for deserving

UNM-Taos students

The scholarship may be awarded to the same student in successive semesters until graduation, provided the student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate and is maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- 1) Legal resident of New Mexico and US
- 2) Enrolled in Certificate or Associate Degree at UNM-Taos
- 3) Demonstrate financial need.
- 4) 500 word Essay on professional aspirations.

See Application for additional requirements

Daniel's Opportunity Award

The Daniel's Opportunity Award was set up to support those in need as well as those students who are most-often overlooked.

Prior to his death in 2000, Bill Daniels expressed an interest in finding individuals who fit the characteristics. He wanted his foundation to locate and support "diamonds in the rough," individuals who have been

"knocked down a time or two," and those that traditional programs and systems have underserved.

Scholarship recipients must fit the "Daniels" profile. They must be promising resident students of New Mexico with demonstrated financial need whose academic performance may not have always reflected their potential but

who have the capacity to succeed in college.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- 1) Legal resident of New Mexico and US
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Visit your Library and CASA Tutor Center frequently!

Library Hours are posted at:

<http://taos.unm.edu/library>

CASA hours are posted at:

<http://taos.unm.edu/casa>

Work Study at UNM-Taos

The college Work Study program is a need-based financial aid program subsidized by the State and Federal governments.

UNM-Taos employed over 40 work study and student employees for the spring

2009 semester and over 20 during the summer.

Student Affairs, Library, Physical Plant and other departments on campus depend on Work Study students to staff their departments during and between semesters.

These students are tapping into a great resource filled with knowledge and work experience for the future.

If you are interested in joining the UNM Work Study staff, go to

www.unmjobs.unm.edu

Apply Today!

Mary Baca Olguin Scholarship

Mary Baca Olguin's life has been about helping people, loving others and sharing. For most of her life she has been a teacher, but her classrooms have often been the impoverished villages of Third World countries.

In 1957, she trained as a piece corps worker and signed on with the U.S. Agency for International

Development and was sent to Guatemala for five years and four years to Santiago de Chile.

Mary never learned the word "No". For her, everything was "Si se puede!" Her friends began to call her "Mary Can You?"

Scholarship Guidelines:

- 1) Legal resident of New Mexico and the U.S
- 2) Enrolled in a degree or certificate program in the education or social work field at UNM-Taos
- 3) Demonstrate financial need
- 4) 500 word essay on professional & personal aspirations

See Application for additional requirements

Work Study positions now available in the following department:

Student Affairs

Physical Plant

Library

IT

Title V

Child Care Center

Family Resource Center

Dept. of Instruction

Study Abroad Scholarship

The International Programs department here at UNM-Taos Offers several opportunities to travel abroad to China, Peru, Belize, Bali and India.

In 2008 they provided an exchange program with Northwest University in Xi'An China. If you are looking for an opportunity to broaden your educational experience this is it.

UNM-Taos Student Government has provided two scholarships that are now available for the following trips:

China: An inter-disciplinary course traveling to Fujian, Sichuan Provinces to study Daoist, Buddhist Holistic Healing Practice, Chinese Art/Language/ethnic culture/social and human services.

Peru: Apus, Incas and Quechuas, a Peruvian Culture Program.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- 1) Legal resident of NM and US
- 2) Enrolled in certificate or degree program
- 3) Typed essay outlining educational goals and how this program will help obtain them.

See Application for

www.unmjobs.unm.edu

The New Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

August 1, 2009

The New Post 9/11 GI Bill is the largest investment in veterans' education since World War II, covering the full cost of an undergraduate education at any public university or college in the country and

many private schools for our nation's newest generation of veterans.

In 2008, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) played a lead role in building a united front among veterans organized and

bipartisan consensus in Congress to make the Post-9/11 GI Bill a reality...

For the full story and to apply go to www.newgibill.org

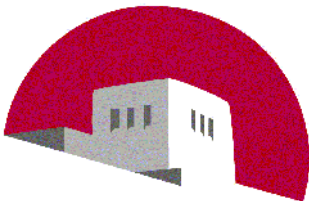
For information on the new GI Bill contact Nikki at 737-6200.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

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The UNM-Taos Financial Aid Office is committed to helping you attain your educational goals and assisting you in meeting the cost of your education at UNM-Taos. Our Financial Aid Advisors are here to answer your questions and to help you find the resources and secure the funds necessary for your educational needs.

We're on the Web!
<http://taos.unm.edu/financialaid>

Making Academic Progress

Are you making academic progress?

Most students are not aware that they must be making academic progress to continue to receive financial assistance.

Academic progress not only refers to you getting good grades but it also requires you to move forward with your academic goals. I know it can be confusing so here are some basic tips to ensure you are on the right track.

Tip 1

Must have a completion rate of 67% or better.

To determine your completion rate look at your transcripts and divide the number of earned hours by the number of attempted hours.

Tip 2

Try to avoid dropping courses. Visit your academic and financial aid advisor regularly and if you are having trouble the CASA tutor center offers fee tutoring.

Call 758-5904 for more information.

Tip 3

Cancelled classes

Classes are cancelled on the Wednesday before classes start. Make sure to check your schedule Thursday, August 21st to ensure that all your classes made.

Tip 4

Avoid taking classes that do not apply to your degree program.

You are only allowed:

40 credits for a Certificate

90 credits for an Associates degree

128 for a Bachelors degree