

## NM SUPPORTS. YOU TO BECOME A TEACHER

If you are ready to pursue a career in education, New Mexico has many state and federal funding supports in place to help you become a teacher.

The **first step is to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at Fafsa.gov**. FAFSA is used for federal grants, scholarships, work study and more. It opens annually on Oct. 1. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA to receive the maximum federal and state aid for which they may qualify. Some funding may not be based on financial need, but may still use the FAFSA. Plan ahead for application deadlines.

Which Funding Source Is Right For You?

### *FULL SCHOLARSHIPS*

#### **New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship**

- Purpose:** For eligible New Mexico Residents pursuing career training certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees at NM public colleges and universities.
- Amount:** 100% Tuition and Fees
- Detail:** For one undergraduate degree only. Can be combined with some federal aid such as a Pell Grant. There is no application. The financial aid office at your school will work with you to award the scholarship.
- Contact:** UNM Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.unm.edu/>

#### **NM Legislative Lottery Scholarship**

- Purpose:** For New Mexico high school graduates and New Mexico GED recipients to enroll full time and complete a 2-year degree within four terms or a 4-year degree within eight terms. Not awarded based on financial need.
- Amount:** Tuition paid
- Detail:** For Undergraduates only.
- Contact:** UNM Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.unm.edu/>

### *ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDING*

#### **Teacher Preparation Affordability Scholarship (TPA)**

- Purpose:** Increase number of teachers in designated high-need teacher positions in New Mexico by funding students enrolled in educator preparation

programs

**Amount:** Up to \$6000 per year

**Detail:** Funding only for “unmet financial need” as determined by FAFSA Application. As of Spring 2022, the TPA scholarship is now housed in the UNM Financial Aid Office and there is no longer an application process. Rather, students who meet all eligibility requirements as listed on UNM’s Financial Aid site, have unmet need, and if funds are available, will automatically receive funds.

**Contact:** UNM Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.unm.edu/>

## **TEACH Grant**

**Purpose:** Funding for future teachers who intend to teach in areas of high need in public or private elementary or secondary schools that serve students from low-income families.

**Amount:** Up to \$4000 per year

**Detail:** Must agree to teach in a high-need subject area in a high-need school for a minimum of 4 years. High need subjects include: Math, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education, Special Education, Teach as a Reading Specialist, Another Field documented as high need by the Federal Government, State government or local education agency and approved by the Department. Can be undergraduate or graduate work.

**Contact:** UNM Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.unm.edu/>

## **District Partner Teacher Residency (DPTR)**

**Purpose:** Current programs eligible for participation include: Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Special Education

**Amount:** \$35,000 stipend for 1 full year of clinical preparation

**Detail:** Must: a) be a current Undergraduate teacher candidate  
b) apply to a District Partner Teacher Residency  
c) complete a full year of clinical preparation  
d) agree to teach in your district for another 3 years

**Contact:** Visit the UNM College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS) DPTR website and complete the application.

[COEHS District Partner Teacher Residencies \(DPTR\) | UNM College of Education & Human Sciences](#)

*FOR GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS*

## Albuquerque Teacher Residency Partnership (ATRP)

- Purpose:** Residency pathway to improve the preparation and retention of effective, diverse teachers for high-need schools.
- Amount:** Annual stipend to support studies, off-set tuition costs and assist with cost-of-living expenses. The stipend is considered taxable income.
- Detail:** Elementary and Secondary Teacher Residents work with and receive intensive mentoring from APS classroom teachers in a co-teaching partnership. Candidates may complete their Master's Degree. As of Spring 2022, the ATRP program has been incorporated into the COEHS District Partners Teacher Residency Program (DPTR).
- Contact:** Visit the UNM College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS) DPTR website and complete the application.  
[COEHS District Partner Teacher Residencies \(DPTR\) | UNM College of Education & Human Sciences](#)

## Special Education Teacher Training (SETT)

- Purpose:** Collaboration between APS, CNM and ATF to provide a supported alternative licensure pathway to attract and retain high quality special education teachers in APS.
- Amount:** Level-1 APS salary with full benefits plus assistance in applying for grants/scholarships to pay for special education licensure and TESOL endorsement coursework.
- Detail:** Must hold a Bachelor's Degree. Co-teach with an experienced teacher during their first semester of teaching while taking academic coursework for PreK–12 special education licensure. After co-teaching in the fall, teacher candidates will teach in their own classroom with continued mentorship, coaching, and support during the first two years of teaching. Guaranteed employment with successful completion of the program.
- Contact:** CNM at <https://www.cnm.edu/programs-of-study/programs-a-z/alternative-teacher-licensure/special-education-teacher-training-sett>

## New Mexico Workforce Connection

- Purpose:** For Graduate level students on licensure pathway in Elementary & Secondary Education
- Amount:** Tuition, fees, testing fees, books, etc. based on financial need
- Detail:** For Graduate Licensure students in Elementary & Secondary Education only. Must be financially eligible
- Contact:** Call Workforce Connection at 505-843-1907 to meet with a case worker to determine your eligibility.

*FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS PURSUING TEACHING  
LICENSURE:*

**Grow Your Own Teachers Scholarship (GYOT)**

- Purpose:** State-funded scholarship that supports Educational Assistants as they complete teacher preparation programs that result in NM teaching licensure.
- Amount:** Up to \$3000 per year
- Detail:** Must have been an Educational Assistant in NM for a minimum of 2 years. **As of spring 2022, there are no funds available at this time.**
- Contact:** UNM Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.unm.edu/>

**Nusenda Scholarship**

- Purpose:** Funding for APS Educational Assistants pursuing teaching licensure
- Amount:** Funding Varies
- Detail:** Must have been an Educational Assistant in NM for a minimum of 2 years. Application opens January 2022. Application deadline March 4 2022.
- Contact:** APS Education Foundation  
[Nusenda Credit Union Educational Scholarship for APS Educational Assistants — Albuquerque Public Schools](#)

**ALREADY A TEACHER . . .**

**Teacher Loan Repayment Program**

- Purpose:** Increase the number of teachers in designated high-need positions in public schools.
- Amount:** Loan and interest repayment
- Detail:** Provides for repayment of principal and reasonable interest accrued on loans from the federal government for teacher education purposes. ***The application will not open until June 1 and will close promptly on August 1, 2022.*** Must be currently teaching in one of the following:
- Bilingual with an endorsement
  - ECE or SPED with an endorsement
  - Science, technology, engineering, math, or CTE with an endorsement

- Teaching in a school with 40% or more students receiving free/reduced lunch.
- Licensed NM teacher having taught at least 3 years in NM.
- US citizen and NM resident for 12 consecutive months.
- Preference given to graduates of NM public post-secondary institutions.
- Minority teachers filling high need positions are given preference.

**Contact:** <https://hed.state.nm.us/financial-aid/loan-repayment-programs/teacher>

Email: [fin.aid@state.nm.us](mailto:fin.aid@state.nm.us)

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