

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or department) will hold a public rulemaking hearing on July 26, 2019. The hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed rulemaking adopting a new rule **5.7.35 NMAC GROW YOUR OWN TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**.

**Purpose:**

The department proposes adoption of new rule 5.7.35 NMAC. The new proposed rule establishes regulations and procedures for the Grow Your Own Teachers Scholarship Program created by H.B.20, 54th Leg., 1st Sess. (N.M. 2019). The purpose of the program is to encourage educational assistants employed at public schools in New Mexico to complete a public education department approved teacher preparation program at a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution or a tribal college by providing for professional leave and scholarship awards.

**Summary of proposed rule:**

The department proposes to adopt a new rule which establishes regulations and procedures for the Grow Your Own Teachers Scholarship Program. The proposed rule includes a section which details student eligibility and the procedure for selection of award recipients. The proposed rule also includes a section which establishes maximum award amounts and the maximum duration of the scholarship. In addition, the proposed rule provides procedures for administration of the program by New Mexico public post-secondary educational institutions or tribal colleges, the department and public schools. Lastly, the proposed rule provides criteria for termination of the scholarship.

**Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments:** The proposed rule is available at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100. The proposed rule is also posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/> under the "Events" section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us or (505)476-8411.

A public hearing will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at NMHED on July 26, 2019. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may appear and testify. **Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us. Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2019.** Please note that any written comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Chapter 230, Laws of 2019.

Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact (505) 476-8411 or email HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.