

This is an amendment to 5.7.34 NMAC Section 8 effective 7/12/2022.

5.7.34.8 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- A.** A scholarship may be granted to a student who:
- (1) is a resident of New Mexico as defined in 5.7.18.9 NMAC or is eligible for the nondiscrimination waiver as defined in Subsection K of 5.7.18.10 NMAC;
 - (2) is enrolled or enrolling at least half-time at an eligible institution in a teacher preparation program that leads to an appropriate educational credential to be licensed as a teacher by the public education department including but not limited to an education major or alternative licensure certification program. The student's enrollment must be later than 120 days following high school graduation or the award of a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State of New Mexico;
 - (3) has not earned appropriate educational credentials to be licensed as a teacher by the public education department; and
 - (4) has demonstrated financial need as determined by the institution.
- B.** Institutions shall make awards first to students who meet the provisions of Subsection A of 5.7.34.8 NMAC and who:
- (1) are English language learners whose first or heritage language was not English;
 - (2) are historically underrepresented minorities in New Mexico's teaching profession; or
 - (3) have declared intent to teach in a high-need teacher position as defined by the public education department.
- C.** After scholarships have been awarded to eligible students pursuant to Subsection B of 5.7.34.8 NMAC, institutions shall make awards to students who meet the provisions of Subsection A of 5.7.34.8 NMAC [5.7.34.8 NMAC - N, 7/30/2019; A, 7/12/2022]