

This is an amendment to 5.7.34 NMAC Section 8 effective 2/27/2024.

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) has demonstrated financial need as determined by the institution;
 - (3) is enrolled or enrolling at an eligible institution; and
 - (4) is:
 - (a) a licensed teacher enrolled or enrolling at an eligible institution in a graduate program in education or a degree related to their teaching specialty; or
 - (b) an individual who has not earned appropriate educational credentials to be licensed as a teacher by the public education department and enrolled in a teacher preparation program that leads to an appropriate educational credential to be licensed as a teacher by the public education department, including to an education major or alternative licensure certification program, [re] at any time later than 120 days following high school graduation or the award of a high school equivalency credential recognized by the state of New Mexico.
- 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; A, 8/15/2023; A, 2/27/2024]