

TITLE 5 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
CHAPTER 7 TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID
PART 17 MILITARY WAR VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP

5.7.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED).
[5.7.17.1 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.2 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 21-21E-3 NMSA 1978, authorizes the NMHED to adopt rules and procedures necessary for the administration of the military war veteran scholarship fund.
[5.7.17.2 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.3 SCOPE: The provisions of 5.7.17 NMAC apply to military war veterans as certified by the New Mexico department of veterans' services (NMDVS) that are attending a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution.
[5.7.17.3 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[5.7.17.4 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[5.7.17.5 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of 5.5.17 NMAC is to adopt procedures to implement 21-21E-3 NMSA 1978 known as the military war veteran scholarship fund; purpose; administration; disbursements.
[5.7.17.6 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Department"** means the New Mexico higher education department.
 - B. "Educational institution"** means any New Mexico public post-secondary institution.
 - C. "Military war veteran"** means a person who has been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States; who was a resident of New Mexico at the original time of entry into the armed forces or who has lived in New Mexico for 10 years or more; and who has been awarded a southwest Asia service medal, global war on terror service medal, Iraq campaign medal, Afghanistan campaign medal or any other medal issued for service in the armed forces of the United States in support of any United States military campaign or armed conflict as defined by congress or presidential executive order or any other campaign medal issued for service after August 1, 1990 in the armed forces of the United States during periods of armed conflict as defined by congress or by executive order.
 - D. "Recipient"** means a student awarded the military war veteran scholarship.
 - E. "Satisfactory academic progress"** means maintaining the required academic progress toward degree completion as determined by the institution.
 - F. "Scholarship fund"** means the military war veteran scholarship fund created in the state treasury to receive any appropriated money, grants, gifts or bequests and income from investment in the fund.
- [5.7.17.7 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.8 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY, AWARD AND DURATION:

- A.** A military war veteran must submit a scholarship application to the New Mexico department of veterans' services (NMDVS).
 - (1)** Applicant must provide a certified copy of their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing a combat campaign or service medal and an honorable discharge.
 - (2)** Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis.
 - B.** Scholarship applies to tuition costs, required student fees and books directly associated with undergraduate, master's or doctoral degree work.
 - C.** The amount of tuition to be covered by the scholarship shall not exceed the highest full time undergraduate tuition charged at an educational institution.
 - D.** Scholarship is renewable.
- [5.7.17.8 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.9 ADMINISTRATION OF MILITARY WAR VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP:

- A.** NMDVS shall determine the eligibility of the applicant and certify approved applicants.
- B.** The department shall make disbursements from the fund to reimburse post-secondary institutions for tuition, fees, and book costs incurred by the certified scholarship recipient.
 - (1)** Disbursements will be made following the receipt of an invoice from the educational institution.
 - (2)** The invoice must be accompanied by a certification issued by NMDVS. To request payment the educational institution shall invoice the department on a semester basis.
- C.** Disbursements will be made in the order that invoices and accompanying certifications are received and approved.
- D.** Awards are subject to the availability of the scholarship fund.

[5.7.17.9 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

5.7.17.10 TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship is terminated upon the occurrence of one or more of the following:

- A.** Failure to achieve satisfactory academic progress by the recipient as determined by the educational institution.
- B.** Substantial noncompliance by the scholarship recipient with the rules, regulations or procedures promulgated by the department for the military war veteran scholarship.

[5.7.17.10 NMAC - N, 11/15/2016]

HISTORY OF 5.7.17 NMAC: [RESERVED]