

Welcome Class of 2026!

Financial Aid 101



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Agenda

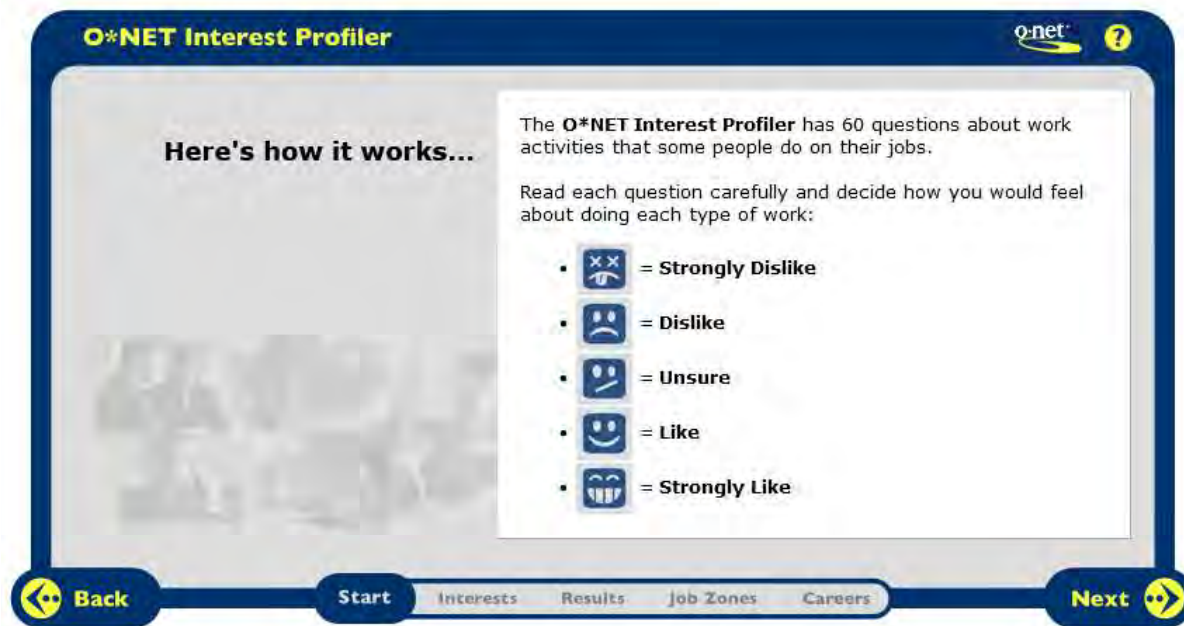
- Researching Interest, Careers & Schools
- Federal and State Financial Aid
- FSA ID and the FAFSA
- Register for NMEAF \$500 FAFSA Scholarship



Know your interest



— MY NEXT MOVE



<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

Interest inventories are questionnaires that ask you to rate your interest in a wide variety of activities.



Researching Careers



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

FEATURED OCCUPATION



Bakers

Bakers mix ingredients according to recipes in order to make breads, pastries, and other baked goods.

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Summary

Quick Facts: Bakers	
2024 Median Pay ?	\$36,650 per year \$17.62 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	No formal educational credential
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Number of Jobs, 2024 ?	249,100
Job Outlook, 2024-34 ?	6% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2024-34 ?	14,000



BROWSE OCCUPATIONS

Highest Paying

Fastest Growing
(Projected)

Most New Jobs
(Projected)

Field of Degree



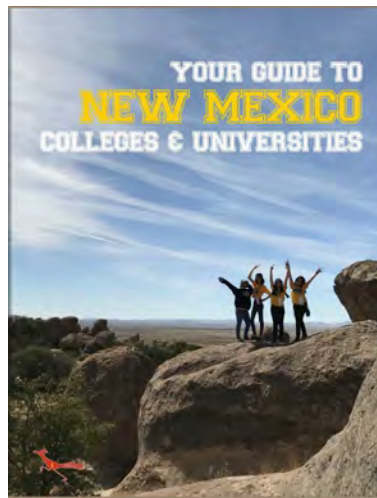
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Researching Colleges and Trade Schools



COLLEGE SCORECARD



NM Public Colleges and Universities

<https://hed.state.nm.us/nm-college-guide/>



Filter By County

Bernalillo

Filter By Program Type

Associate Degrees



<https://www.reachhighernm.com/#schools-grid>

What is Financial Aid



Types of Federal Aid:

- **Grants & Scholarships AKA Gift Aid**
 - money that does not need to be paid back
- **Borrowed**
 - student loans
- **Earned**
 - Work-Study
 - Financial Aid Office determines eligibility

Source: <https://www.mos.com/blog/what-is-financial-aid/>

NM State Aid

Need Help?

Contact us at 1-800-279-9777

FIN.AID@HED.NM.GOV



NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

New Mexico's
most inclusive scholarship for
degrees and workforce training!



- All NM High School Graduates or GED recipients are eligible for tuition based scholarships
- you will have to show proof of HS Graduation or GED to the Institution you attend
 - Trade and Certificate programs are eligible for NM Opportunity Scholarship
 - Gift Aid- Does not need to be paid back



NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP

The country's first tuition-free
college scholarship program!



NM Lottery Scholarship



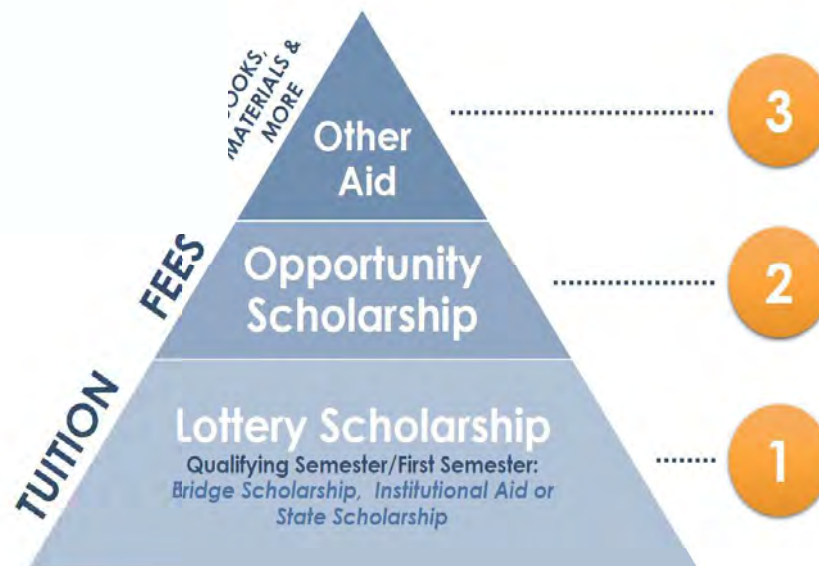
To qualify for the Lottery Scholarship, you will need to:

- Enroll full-time at a New Mexico public college or university within 16 months of high school graduation or completion of a high school equivalency or home school certificate. Full-time means:

- 15 credit hours at a four-year university
- 12 credit hours at a community college

- Achieve and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).

- Maintain enrollment requirements



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School Year

State of Residence

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[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

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www.studentaid.gov

Pell Grant
Up to \$7,395



Before you Apply

Create your FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is a **username** and **password** that is required to log in and access all Federal Student Aid websites, including the FAFSA

A screenshot of the 'Log In' form on the Federal Student Aid website. It features a text input field labeled 'Email, Phone, or Username' and a blue 'Continue' button below it. A link for 'Forgot email, phone, or username?' is positioned above the button.

Create an Account

A screenshot of the 'Create an Account' page on the Federal Student Aid website. It includes a 'Get Started' button, a link for 'Already have an account? Log In', and a list of requirements for creating an account. To the right is an illustration of a person riding a bicycle under a tree. A 'Hit Need help?' button is at the bottom right.

Contributors will need to log in with **their own FSA ID** to provide their information. To **invite a contributor** to your FAFSA form, you'll need to enter their email address so they can receive the invitation.

Which contributor (Parent) do I invite?

Who is My Parent Tool?-should be used before the FAFSA is started to determine which parent(s) will need to be contributors on the FAFSA -

<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA® form?

A student may need to ask their parent(s) to provide information on their FAFSA form based on the student's **dependency status**.

This tool helps determine which parent(s) should participate in a student's **FAFSA form**.



To begin using the tool, enter the first name of the student's legal parent(s).

This helps us provide clear direction on which parent(s) should participate in the student's FAFSA form.

Who is considered a legal parent?

First Name (Parent 1)

First Name (Parent 2)

☐ The student has only one legal parent.

Continue



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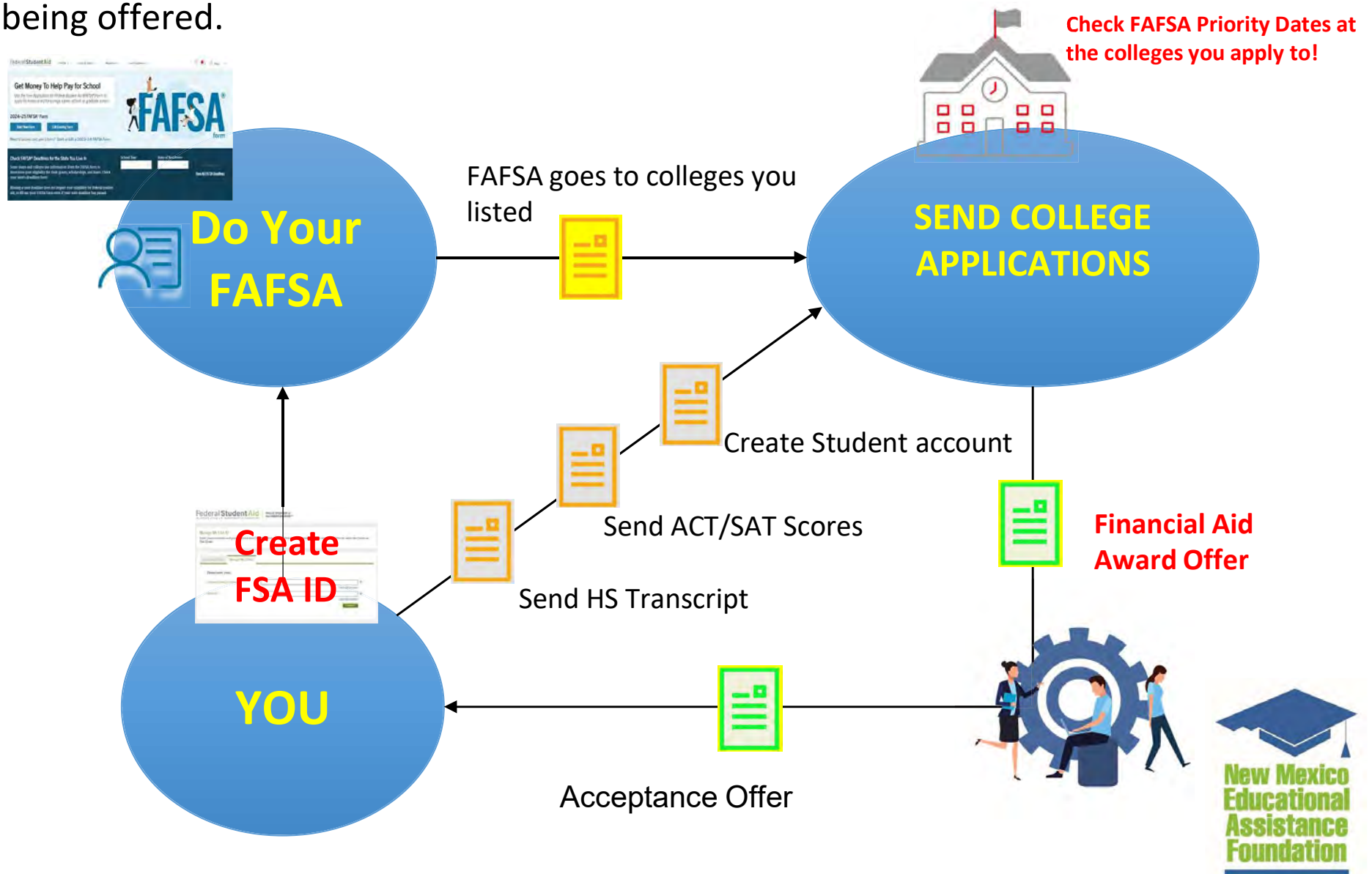
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College Applications – Award offers

Financial aid award offers outline the details of the financial aid package you are being offered.



Researching Scholarships

<https://www.nmeaf.org/plan-pay-for-college/scholarships/>



Tip - Never pay to apply!
Eligibility and Deadlines!

Local businesses, banks, **non-profit organizations** & churches, Parent's employers, etc.



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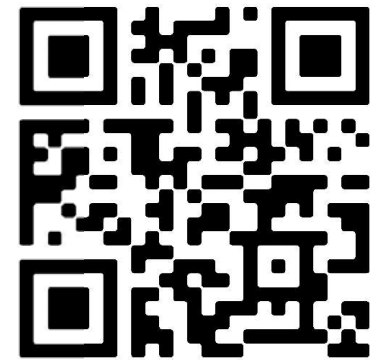


Your **high school counselor** is one of your best resources for scholarships searches.

\$500 FAFSA Scholarships

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High school seniors *can register to*
win \$500 Scholarships



<https://www.nmeaf.org/FAFSA-Scholarship>

LOCAL NM HELP



<https://qrco.de/bf9O82>

The process is free and easy. Every Monday from 3-6PM, students and/or parents can log in to our virtual help session, Money Mondays. At Money Mondays, we have professionals from the local universities and other volunteers there to help you complete the FAFSA or simply answer questions about continuing your education.

FAFSA Money Mondays Virtual Workshops

 **NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA?**

Students/ Parents can attend virtual sessions for **FREE HELP** from professionals who know the FAFSA.

3pm to 6pm

October 6	October 20	October 27	November 3
November 10	November 17	December 1	December 8
December 15	January 12	January 26	February 2
February 9	February 23	March 2	March 9
March 16	March 23	March 30	April 13
April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11

 Join our virtual sessions by scanning the QR Code or go to:
<https://qrco.de/bgEgdj>

Rise Up
To Your Potential



Questions?

Questions by email: Outreach@nmeaf.org