



## **HWC Scholarship Information Sheet: *New Applicants***

### **HISPANIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL (HWC)**

The New Mexico Hispanic Women's Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, intergenerational organization founded in 1988 to promote, support, and create opportunities for Hispanic women.

### **THE HWC SCHOLARSHIP**

The HWC Scholarship Program is established to provide academic scholarships and mentorship to Hispanic women who are residents of New Mexico. It is available to continuing college students (traditional and non-traditional). With these scholarships, the HWC envisions creating a legacy of: a) educating Hispanic women; b) moving them into professions; and c) enabling them to become valuable leaders in our community. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the strength of the applicant's personal statement and the potential to succeed based on letters of recommendation. Successful awardees will be considered for scholarship renewal. The mentoring component of the scholarship requires that each recipient meet a minimum of once a year with the designated HWC/UNM faculty mentor for academic and career advising. In addition, additional mentoring can be requested.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must be of Hispanic descent and a woman
- Applicant must be a New Mexico resident
- Applicant must be formally accepted/enrolled in either the University of New Mexico (UNM) or Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) on a part-time or full-time basis
- Preference will be given to applicants who have completed 30+ hours of college work toward a 4-year degree or who are pursuing an advanced degree or certification at UNM or CNM.

### **APPLICATION PACKET for NEW APPLICANTS**

Please include the following in your application packet (see forms provided). Incomplete applications will not be considered. *NOTE: Electronic packets will not be considered.*

**Please see this year's "HWC Scholarship Announcement 2017-2018" ([www.nmhwc.com](http://www.nmhwc.com)) for this year's forms and Postmark & Notification Dates.**

- Completed Application Form, downloaded from HWC Website (*one original*)
- Latest Unofficial Transcript(s) of all college work (*one copy*)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (*one original*) including college years to the present (*one original*)
- Typed & Detailed Personal Statement (*one original*)
- TWO Letters of Recommendation (*make two copies of provided form*)

## **APPLICATION / AWARD PROCEDURE**

Your application for the HWC Scholarship must be mailed in and *postmarked* by the date indicated on this year's **HWC Scholarship Announcement** on HWC's website. If you have questions about the receipt of your packet, please email Dr. Leila Flores-Dueñas at [lflores@unm.edu](mailto:lflores@unm.edu). The HWC Scholarship Committee will review applications and notify applicants of their award or denial on or before the date indicated in the **HWC Scholarship Announcement** for this year. Hand-delivered application packets will be accepted if received by Dr. Flores-Duenas (UNM, College of Education, Hokona Hall 211) by postmark due date.

## **SELECTION of AWARDEES**

The HWC Scholarship Committee reviews, certifies, and evaluates all applications. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award via E-mail and will be announced to the HWC Board and presented at an HWC event. All recipients will be expected to attend this free event.

## **AWARDS: General Information**

Awards will be deposited directly to the student's bursar account to cover college expenses and will be dispersed in the following manner: In FALL, 50% of award will be dispersed to the students account; In SPRING, the other 50% of the award will be dispersed. *NOTE: No funds are available in summer AND if a student graduates in fall, no funds will be disbursed for the spring semester.* Students are expected to complete their required mentoring visit with a designated HWC UNM faculty member by the end of the fall semester of the award.

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO (UNM)**

### ***Undergraduate Full-time Students at UNM***

The HWC Full-time Undergraduate Scholarship Award can total *up to* \$2,000 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a full-time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours toward a degree per semester.

### ***Undergraduate Part-time Students at UNM***

The HWC Part-time Undergraduate Scholarship Award can total *up to* \$1,000 for an academic year (a minimum of 6 credit hours toward a degree per semester).

### ***Graduate Full-time Students at UNM***

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$2,000 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a full-time graduate student (Master's or Doctoral) with a minimum of 9 credit hours/semester.

### ***Graduate Part-time Students at UNM***

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$1,000 for an academic year (Fall & Spring only) for a part-time graduate student with a minimum of 6 credit hours toward a degree per semester.

## **CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CNM)**

### ***Undergraduate Full-time Students at CNM***

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$1,000 for an academic year for a full-time student (a minimum of 12 credit hours *toward a degree* per semester).

### ***Undergraduate Part-time Students at CNM***

The HWC Full-time Scholarship award can total *up to* \$500 for an academic year for a part-time student (a minimum of 6 credit hours *toward a degree* per semester).

## **UNM or CNM**

### ***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CERTIFICATION at UNM or CNM***

The HWC Scholarship award for students enrolled in a Professional Development Licensure or Certification Program totals up to \$1,000 for an academic year. Up to \$500 will be reimbursed for classes taken from August to December (reimbursement made in January). Up to \$500 will be reimbursed for classes taken from January to May (reimbursement made in June). Note: Professional Development/Certification awardees may apply for the HWC Scholarship for a maximum period of two years.

## **HWC Membership**

Scholarship recipients are expected to become members of HWC. See website for more information. A membership form will be attached to the email detailing each awardees letter. Please refer to the HWC website for more information about the organization:

[www.nmhwc.com](http://www.nmhwc.com)

## **Checklist for Items to be Included in Application Packet for NEW APPLICANTS**

- Completed Application Form, download from HWC Website (*one original*)**
- Unofficial Transcript(s) of all college work (*one copy*)**
- Resume or Curriculum, Vitae, beginning with entering college to present (*one original*)**
- Typed, Detailed Personal Statement (*one original*)**
- Two Letters of Reference (make two copies of "HWC Reference Form" on website)**