

**CHILDREN OF DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS, NATIONAL GUARD AND
STATE POLICE GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The New Mexico Aid to Children of Deceased Military and State Police Personnel will waive tuition for students who meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Student must be a resident of New Mexico, must be between 16 and 26, and must have exhausted all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational benefits.
2. Student must have completed high school at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school, graduated from a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or received a high school equivalency credential while maintaining residency in New Mexico.
3. Student must provide a high school diploma and transcript that demonstrates a minimum of a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or provide proof of successful completion of their GED.
4. Student must be a child of a deceased veteran, deceased national guard member or deceased member of the state police officer. (Veterans had to Enlist into Active duty, Separate or had been current resident of New Mexico at the time of passing. National Guard Members who were killed during training or had been called to active duty by the Governor of New Mexico. Members of the State Police who were killed on duty).
5. Student must enroll full-time at a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution* in New Mexico within sixteen months of graduation or receipt of a high equivalency credential and maintain continuous full-time enrollment. First time enrollment within the sixteen-month period following graduation must be at an approved New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution*.
6. If the student enrolls full-time at any out of state institution or private in-state institution the student shall forfeit eligibility.
7. Student must enroll in and earn 12 credit hours per semester at an approved New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution*.
8. Student must maintain a 2.5 or greater cumulative grade point average (GPA) each semester of enrollment.
9. Student must submit a timely application with all supporting documentation.

How To Apply:

Student shall complete DVS form 6 (Application for Scholarship for Children of Deceased Military and State Police Personnel). Initial application will also require:

1. A nomination from: the Department of Veterans' Services for children of deceased veterans, the Adjunct General for children of deceased national guard members, or the New Mexico state police board for children of deceased New Mexico state police members.
2. A copy of High School Diploma or High School equivalency credential.
3. A High School transcript.
4. Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary educational institution.
5. Verifiable estimate of educational costs to include matriculate fees, board and room, books and supplies.
6. A copy of DD form 1300 (Casualty Report).
7. A copy of VA Award/Decision Letter, and/or verification from the New Mexico State Police: P.O. Box 1628 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1628, (505) 827-9161.
8. Any other documentation necessary to determine eligibility.

Reapplications will require:

1. Proof of continued enrollment in a post-secondary educational institution.
2. Transcript that demonstrates a minimum of a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
3. Verifiable estimate of educational costs to include matricular fees, board and room, books and supplies and;
4. Any other documentation necessary to determine eligibility.

When to Apply:

Students must submit their initial application by June 1 for the following school year. Renewal applications need to be submitted upon completion of each semester with a copy of the previous semester's transcript.

Where to Apply:

[www.http://nmdvs.org](http://nmdvs.org) or by contacting any of our field office locations throughout the state.

How to Obtain a Nomination from NMDVS:

Check the appropriate box on the application form and NMDVS will verify necessary information to establish the nomination.

***List of Approved New Mexico Public Postsecondary Institutions**

- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- New Mexico State University (Main and all Branch Campuses)
- University of New Mexico (Main and all Branch Campuses)
- Eastern New Mexico University (Main and all Branch Campuses)
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Western New Mexico University
- Central New Mexico Community College
- Clovis Community College
- Luna Community College
- Mesalands Community College
- New Mexico Junior College
- San Juan College
- Santa Fe Community College
- Northern New Mexico Community College

Mail or walk-in applications welcome (walk-in applications are processed while you wait):

**New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services
407 Gallstee St, Rm#134
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2641
Phone: 1-866-433-8387
or
vet.benefits@dvs.nm.gov**

PENALTY NOTICE: The Department may cancel this application or any benefit therefrom that was issued if material statements or information in the application or supporting documents are false or fraudulent. A penalty resulting from fraud may subject a person to criminal prosecution and relating fines and penalties.