



NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026 Scholarship Program Guidelines

Mission Statement

The mission of the New Mexico Gas Company, Inc. (NMGC) Native American Scholarship Program (NASP) is to provide financial assistance that will support post-secondary education among Native American students. NMGC’s scholarship opportunities are afforded to Native American students residing in New Mexico who have demonstrated motivation in pursuit of higher education.

NASP Committee

The New Mexico Gas Company, Native American Scholarship Program committee has the responsibility for receiving and reviewing the applications and awarding the scholarships.

	First-Time Application	Renewal Application
Annual Awards	Twenty (20) initial or renewal scholarships of \$3,000.00 each will be awarded. Participants may apply annually to renew a previously awarded scholarship. The number of new scholarships each year will be dependent on the number of renewed scholarships awarded.	Twenty (20) initial or renewal scholarships of \$3,000.00 each will be awarded. Participants may apply annually to renew a previously awarded scholarship.
Application Deadlines	Applications for scholarships will be accepted beginning March 30, 2026. All applications will be submitted using the website provided by NMGC-NASP. The application deadline is at the close of business on May 1, 2026. All applicants will be notified of the award decisions in late June 2026. Presentation of the awards will be made by the NASP Committee at the Native American Scholarship Program Awards Banquet.	
Eligible Individuals	To be eligible for an award, the student must be a Native American resident of the State of New Mexico, an enrolled member of a New Mexico Pueblo, Tribe, or Nation and a graduate or expected graduate, of a New Mexico high school, or have obtained a GED from the State of New Mexico. Students currently pursuing post-secondary education at a university, college or trade school, or are pursuing a technical training program are eligible. Tribal enrollment status in a New Mexico Pueblo, Tribe or Nation will be verified by the applicant's respective tribal government enrollment department.	
Enrollment Status	Both full-time and part-time students are eligible and may be enrolled in the field of study of their choice.	
Eligibility Criteria	High school students applying for a scholarship must graduate or have obtained a GED certificate from the State of New Mexico. All information contained in the application will be considered during the selection process.	Post-secondary education students electing to apply for renewal of their scholarship may be asked to provide proof of enrollment for the following academic semester or period of training to be eligible for renewal. An award recipient may submit up to three (3) consecutive renewal applications.

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Award Recipient Responsibilities	Award recipients will be encouraged to report their scholastic status to the NMGC-NASP at nasp@nmgco.com periodically throughout the course of the academic year.	Post-secondary education students electing to apply for renewal of their scholarships will be required to submit a renewal application and include an essay outlining the students' progress during the year. Award recipients will be encouraged to report their scholastic status to their tribal education department periodically throughout the course of the academic year. A representative of the Education Department will verify by phone or email that the student is in good standing at the school or training program.
Payment of Awards	Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipient in the form of a check to be used for expenses incurred allowing the individual to attend school. Scholarship checks will be awarded during the annual awards banquet (Details to be confirmed). All recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the awards banquet however, if a recipient is not present at the banquet, the check will be mailed to the address provided on the application.	
Program Funding	This program will be funded by NMGC on an annual basis. NMGC reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate the program at its discretion.	
Program Advertising	By applying for this scholarship, the applicant acknowledges that should the applicant be selected to receive a scholarship, NMGC retains the right to publish in various media, recipient's name and photographic likeness. Such publication may include posting or publishing on NMGC's website or social media. By applying for this scholarship, applicant is providing consent for such use.	