Scholarship Guide for Transfer & Branch Transition Students

General Guidance

- **FAFSA:** Complete by January 31 to maximize eligibility for federal, state, and institutional aid. Deadlines may vary—check UNM Financial Aid's website for the current priority date. https://finaid.unm.edu/
- **Scholarship Deadlines:** Deadlines vary by source; many spring deadlines are for awards in the next academic year.
- **Scholarship Applications:** Review scholarship eligibility criteria, required application documents & deadline (if applicable), and scholarship maintenance requirements carefully—students are responsible for meeting them.
- **Advisor Check-ins:** Meet regularly with your advisor, who often receives updates on scholarship opportunities from various departments and programs. Appointments with resource center advisors and academic advisors can be scheduled via studenthub.unm.edu.

UNM Departments/Programs to Explore

1. Scholarship Office - http://scholarships.unm.edu/
   - Transfer & Branch Transition Scholarships – Students must apply to UNM-ABQ by **May 1** for fall semesters and **December 1** for spring semesters to be considered.
   - Lottery & Opportunity – https://scholarship.unm.edu/Resources/lottery-scholarships.html & https://scholarships.unm.edu/Resources/opportunity-scholarship.html
     NM residents who attended another NM institution since Fall 2022 must have that institution submit the NM Scholarship Transfer Transcript (NMSTT - https://scholarship.unm.edu/documents/transfer-to-unm.pdf) to UNM Financial Aid to be considered for state scholarships. All final grades must be posted before the form can be completed. Branch transition students do NOT need to submit this form.
   - General Scholarships – No application. Selection is based on admission file, registrar records, and information submitted on the FAFSA.
   - External Scholarships - http://scholarship.unm.edu/Resources/scholarship-websites.html
2. National & International Scholarships and Fellowships (NISF) - http://nisf.unm.edu/
   - NISF provides links to nationally competitive scholarships and includes links to scholarships available on campus.
3. Alumni Relations Office - https://tinyurl.com/alumscholarship
   - Scholarship applications are usually available early March and due late April.
4. Parent Association - https://parent.unm.edu/parent-family-association/scholarship.html
   - Scholarship application cycle typically starts in February
5. El Centro de la Raza - https://elcentro.unm.edu/services-tab/copy-scholarships.html
   - El Centro offers information on their own scholarship(s) and other scholarship websites/opportunities.
6. American Indian Student Services (AISS) - https://aiss.unm.edu
   - AISS provides a directory for UNM, private, and tribal scholarships. Additionally, AISS offers a scholarship for the upcoming academic year that typically opens in mid-April and is due on May 15th.
7. African American Student Services (Afro) - https://afro.unm.edu/services/scholarships.html
   - AASS provides information on scholarships as well as conference assistance funding.
8. Women's Resource Center (WRC) - https://women.unm.edu/services/sabrina-scholarship.html
   - WRC offers the Sabrina Single Parents Scholarship, which has an annual March deadline.
9. Veteran & Military Resource Center (VMRC) - https://vrc.unm.edu/tuition-and-aid/scholarships-.html
   - If you are a veteran, military member, and/or dependent, check out the VMRC website for financial resources available to you!
10. Education Abroad and National Exchange Office - http://studyabroad.unm.edu/
    - If you plan to study abroad, click on the Getting Started navigation tab, and select the Funding & Scholarships option to view scholarship opportunities.
11. College/School (Degree-Granting Unit)
    - Check with your college/school's website and/or academic advisor inquire about college/school scholarships.
12. Department
    - Check with your individual department to see if they offer scholarships for students in your field of study.

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