

### **What is the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation?**

New Mexico AMP is a partnership representing the state's public two-year postsecondary institutions, including federally funded tribal colleges and the state supported four-year universities. New Mexico AMP's goal is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities receiving B.S. degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

### **What is the New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship?**

New Mexico AMP developed this scholarship to recognize the achievements of New Mexico MESA, Inc., students and to support them in their pursuit of a B.S. degree in a STEM discipline.

### **How much is the award and for how long?**

The \$800 New Mexico MESA, Inc., scholarship will be awarded fall semester 2010. The award package also includes your registration fees and meals at the annual Student Research Conference, which will be held October 1, 2010. Recipients are also encouraged to pursue additional opportunities and scholarships available through the New Mexico AMP program.

### **What are the requirements to receive and keep a New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship?**

- Students must have actively participated in NM MESA programs during their high school years, including the senior year.
- Students must demonstrate preparation for and intent to complete a B.S. degree in a SMET discipline at the time of application. High school transcripts will be evaluated, with preparation for university studies indicated by successful completion of courses such as biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics (e.g., algebra, trigonometry, and pre-calculus). Letters of recommendations from high school teachers and/or New Mexico MESA advisors will also be considered.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, as demonstrated by the most current high school transcript at the time of application (usually the transcript for the fall semester of the senior year).
- Before receiving their awards, recipients must provide proof of registration at the university indicating full-time enrollment in a STEM discipline.
- Recipients will be asked to sign a New Mexico AMP Student Agreement and Disclosure stating your commitment to major in a National Science Foundation-identified STEM discipline.

### **Who is eligible?**

Preference for the New Mexico AMP MESA Scholarship will be given to underrepresented minority students from that have actively participated in their high school's MESA program through their senior year. Particular emphasis is placed on supporting groups that historically have been underrepresented in STEM: African Americans/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Hispanic/Latinos and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. Preference will also be given to eligible students who have also attended the annual New Mexico AMP Student Research Conference as high school juniors or seniors. Recipients must be U.S. citizens or possess status as a national, refugee alien, or permanent resident alien in accordance with Section III C of Program Solicitation NSF 03-501 and must enroll full-time for the Fall 2010 semester at a participating New Mexico AMP partner institution and must declare a major in STEM.

### **What are the deadlines?**

Applications are due at the New Mexico AMP Administrative Office no later than April 23, 2010.

### **When will the money be awarded?**

- Scholarship recipients will be notified about their awards no later than **Friday, May 3, 2010. After notification, you are required to meet and sign a contract with the New Mexico AMP Scholarship Coordinator at the campus in which you are enrolled.**
- Scholarships will be processed and recipients will receive funding **after the last day to Add/Drop in mid-October 2010.**

### **How do I apply?**

Complete the attached application form. Submit it along with a 1 to 1-2 page typed, double-spaced response that addresses the following questions:

- 1) What attracted you to your intended field of study and what are your professional goals?
- 2) What is the academic pathway that you envision for yourself, and how will this particular pathway prepare you to accomplish your professional goals?
- 3) What events and individuals have been critical in influencing your academic and career decisions, and how specifically have these events and individuals shaped your decisions?

Include a copy of a current unofficial transcript from your last graded semester in high school and 1-2 letters of recommendation from your high school teachers and/or New Mexico MESA advisors. Mail your complete application packet to:

New Mexico MESA, Inc. Scholarship Committee New Mexico  
Alliance for Minority Participation  
New Mexico State University  
P.O. Box 30001, MSC 3CE  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003-8001

If you have any questions, please call/email the New Mexico AMP office at:  
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