

ces main campus of NMSU. Some scholarships may be funded in part by the New Mexico Lottery Success Scholarship beginning the second semester.

**Home School Students**—for financial aid eligibility contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Services.

**President's Associates Honors Scholarship: Tuition and Fees plus \$1,750/Semester**—NMSU scholarship application and brief essay required. Students applying for this scholarship must apply, meet scholarship criteria, and be admitted to NMSU by March 1, 2006. High School Requirements: 3.75 High School GPA and an ACT composite of 28 (SAT 1240) or 3.5 HS GPA and an ACT composite of 30 (SAT 1320). Renewable 1st semester: 3.5 GPA and completion of 14 graded credits (freshman year). Thereafter: 3.5 cumulative GPA and 12 graded credits each semester.

**New Mexico Scholars Scholarship: Tuition and Fees and Book Stipend**—Qualifying family income, if one student in college, \$30,000 AGI or less. If two students in college, \$40,000 AGI or less. High School Requirements: 25 ACT (1130 SAT) or top 5% of high school class. Renewable: 3.0 GPA and completion of 12 graded credits each semester.

**NMSU Crimson Academic Scholarship: Tuition and Fees plus \$250/Semester**—High School Requirements: 24 ACT (1090 SAT) and 3.75 GPA or 26 ACT (1170 SAT). Renewable: 3.4 GPA and completion of 12 graded credits at the end of the first semester. Thereafter, renewable based on a 3.5 cumulative GPA and completion of 12 graded credits per semester.

**Regents Scholarship: Tuition and Fees**—High School Requirements: 23 ACT (1050 SAT) and 3.5 GPA or 3.75 GPA. Renewable: 3.0 cumulative GPA and 12 graded credits each semester.

**Opportunity Scholarship: One Semester (non-renewable)**

**\$1,000 Award**—High School Requirements: 21 ACT (970 SAT) or 3.0 GPA.

**Out-of-State Scholarship: Reduction to In-State Tuition and Fees Plus \$100/Semester**—Non-NM Residents. High School Requirements: 23 ACT (1050 SAT) and 3.5 GPA or 26 ACT (1170 SAT) and 3.0 GPA. Renewable: 3.25 GPA and completion of 14 graded credits each semester. Scholarship is competitive and number of awards granted is limited.

#### Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require that financial aid recipients meet certain academic standards to be eligible for federal financial aid. To ensure that financial aid recipients are making satisfactory academic progress, academic transcripts are reviewed at the end of each term to determine eligibility for the next term. All terms of attendance are reviewed, including periods in which the student did not receive financial aid. All transfer work is taken into account when satisfactory progress is reviewed.

- **Qualitative Progress:** Undergraduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (a C average). Graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (a B average). Grade point values are: A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, F = 0. Grades of I, CR, RR, PR, NC, W, AU are not calculated in the GPA.
- **Completion Rate:** Students must complete a minimum of 67 percent of all course work (registered credit hours) attempted at NMSU. Any course with a grade of withdraw (W), incomplete (I), repeats (RR), failure (F), audit (AU), or no credit (NC) is not considered completed course work. Repeated courses are included in the calculation.
- **Maximum Time Frame:** Students must complete their program within 150 percent of the credit hours required by the program. Students who have reached the maximum allowable time will be suspended from receiving financial aid. Developmental/remedial hours are excluded from this calculation. Total attempted hours including repeated courses and transfer course work are included in the student's maximum time frame calculation.

#### Financial Aid Suspension

Students are suspended from receiving financial aid if they do not meet satisfactory academic progress standards. Students on financial aid suspension will not receive any form of federal or state financial aid (grants, loans, work study). Financial aid eligibility is reinstated when all standards of satisfactory progress are met.

#### The Appeals Process

Students suspended from financial aid may appeal the suspension if there are mitigating circumstances affecting their progress. Students who would like to appeal the suspension must submit an appeal form, available at <http://fa.nmsu.edu>, and all required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Aid. A committee will review the appeal and may grant reinstatement

of financial aid based on mitigating circumstances that directly contributed to deficient academic performance. Appeals are usually evaluated on a term-by-term basis.

## HOUSING and RESIDENTIAL LIFE

### Housing and Residential Life

Living on campus can help ease the transition to college and help students meet new and diverse individuals. As campus residents, students are part of the campus community and have more opportunities to join clubs, attend campus events, be closer to classes, the Activity Center, the library, and many other campus resources. While campus living is not required, the university strongly encourages students to take advantage of the many opportunities available through campus residency. For more information about housing options, and to get a housing application, visit our web site at [www.nmsu.edu/~housing](http://www.nmsu.edu/~housing).

**Residence Halls.** NMSU offers four different residence halls for first-year students to choose from. First-year students will receive priority assignment into Garcia Hall, or the New Freshman Residence Hall opening for the Fall of 2006. If space is available, freshman students may be assigned to Monagle Hall or Rhodes-Garrett-Hamiel. The semester housing cost includes all utilities, local phone service, cable TV, and high-speed data connectivity.

**Campus Apartments.** Campus apartments offer students more than just affordable housing, campus apartments offer a unique college atmosphere where neighbors share similar goals (such as graduating) and together form an academic community unlike any found off campus. Available for sophomores to graduate students, on-campus apartments have the benefits of on-site staff, prompt maintenance, and amenities such as a computer lab and laundromat. Apartments are fully furnished and the semester's charge includes all utilities, local phone service, cable TV, and high-speed data connectivity.

**Student Family Housing.** Student family housing is available for students who are married and/or have dependents living with them. Two-story townhouse apartments and single-story houses include two bedrooms, a bath, kitchen and living room. Four-bedroom apartments include four bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen and living room. All units are unfurnished except for the stove and refrigerator. Washing machine hook-ups are provided in the two-bedroom units and townhouses only. The monthly rent includes all utilities, local phone service, cable TV, and high-speed data connectivity. Some pets are allowed in parts of Student Family Housing.

### Availability of Units for Students with Disabilities

There are a limited number of specially equipped residence hall rooms, Vista del Monte apartments, and family housing units available to students with disabilities (including students who use wheelchairs) who wish to reside in campus housing. These are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Specific needs or requirements (i.e., roll-in showers, special door openers, etc.) should be discussed with the Department of Housing and Residential Life on an individual basis prior to submitting an application.

### Dining

It is mandatory for freshmen who live in campus housing to participate in the meal plan. The meal plans range from unlimited meals to 150 meals a semester. Continuing and commuter students will find different meal plans that suit their lifestyle. All meal plans come with flex points that can be used at other campus dining locations. One flex point is worth one dollar. A dining contract runs for the whole academic year and charges are applied to a student's university account every semester. For more information visit the web site <http://www.nmsu.edu/~dining>. You can obtain a Dining Application from the ID Card Services office or the Housing and Residential Life Department.

### Other Food Service Options

In addition to the meal membership program, food service is available at various locations throughout the campus by using cash, the NMSU Money\$Card or, in some areas, the flex points included with the meal membership package. Food service location hours vary. More information can be obtained by contacting the ID Card Office 505-646-4835 or <http://www.nmsu.edu/~idsvs>.

### Application Procedures and Acceptance Policy

The university reserves the right to refuse to give a housing assignment to any student. Examples of reasons for refusal include, but are not limited to, individuals who have criminal histories, individuals who have behavioral problems which may, in the opinion of the university, negatively impact the group-living environment, individuals who have been previously evicted from campus housing, or individuals who have poor rental histories.

The university will assign accommodations subject to the space available. The university will not guarantee assignments to a particular building, nor will it guarantee types of accommodations, specific rooms or apartments, roommates, or single rooms.

The university reserves the right to change or cancel assignments in the interest of order, health, safety, or discipline with appropriate written notice.

Completed applications for housing and dining services\* should be submitted as early as possible, preferably one regular semester in advance. Single student housing and meal plan applications require a prepayment at the time of application. Submission of a housing and dining application indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions of the applicable agreement. The Director of Housing and Residential Life is responsible for administration of the housing agreement. The ID Card manager is responsible for the administration of the Dining Contract.

All housing areas require at least part-time enrollment during the regular academic year. Continuing housing residents are not required to enroll during summer sessions.

Completed applications for Student Family Housing\*\* should be submitted at least 6 to 8 months in advance. Family Housing occupants are assigned based on the date of application. Family Housing occupancy is month-to-month, with thirty (30) days' notice required to vacate.

\*Application procedures for current on-campus residents may differ from those stated above.

\*\*Certain qualifications apply for single student apartment and family housing occupancy. Consult the main Housing Office for details.

### The Money\$Card

The NMSU Money\$Card, a feature of your I.D. card, is a prepaid declining balance account. It is available for students, faculty, and staff who wish to avoid carrying cash for food, vending, laundry at residence halls, convenience stores, copies at the Corbett Center Copy Center, and bookstore purchases. This program is available through the I.D. Card Office and can be purchased in varying amounts over \$25.

### NMSU ID Card

The NMSU I.D. card serves as the primary source of student identification for the campus. The I.D. card, with an appropriate activity sticker, serves to admit students to athletic functions of NMSU. It also provides for use of certain student services and allows for check cashing privileges. The I.D. card serves as a membership card for meals, the Money\$Card, and as a key in some residential buildings.

### Student Special Care Policy

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, NMSU may, on occasion, require that students receive a particular type of care or treatment (i.e., emergency medical attention, live-in attendants, or vaccinations) as a condition of continued enrollment or eligibility to reside in university-operated housing. When this care or treatment is required by the cognizant university administrator, the student will be obligated to assume any financial responsibility associated with the treatment.

Furthermore, the university may, on occasion, contact a student's parents, legal guardian, or spouse in cases of extreme emergency, or where a possibility of imminent harm exists. This will occur only when, in the judgment of the appropriate official, the best interests of the student and the university will be served.

When practical, the university will notify the student, in writing, of the university's intention to undertake the steps authorized by this policy. This decision may be appealed by the student to the Vice President for Student Services within 24 hours of notification. The appeal should be in writing and clearly state the reasons why the student objects to the proposed action. The vice president will review the facts in the case and convey the decision to all parties within 48 hours. The vice president's decision shall be final.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### Campus Activities

The Department of Campus Activities promotes student leadership development opportunities through its various programs which include student organizations, the Union Program Council, Greek Life, and National Student Exchange. Additional opportunities include the Leader Certification Program and the Co-curricular Transcript Program. This office also coordinates activities and events through the Activity Request Form process, administers the University Sales and Solicitation Policy, is responsible for the *Student Handbook*, and serves as liaison to the InterFaith Council.

### Corbett Center Student Union

Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) serves as the center for campus life providing programs and services for students and other members of the University community. A place to study, relax, meet with student groups, work or play, CCSU offers students, faculty, and staff a variety of services and activities. The union is the home to several administrative offices, student programming/activities, ASNMSU, the student radio station and student newspaper.

Services offered by CCSU include meeting rooms, auditorium, multiple dining facilities (both retail and residential), bookstore, a café with game room and computer lab, study areas, copy center, post office and a convenience store. For more information call (505) 646-4805 or visit the web site at <http://ccsu.nmsu.edu/>.

### Counseling Center

The Counseling Center provides students and the campus with a variety of services including individual and group counseling, career exploration, outreach programs, and consultation. We assist students with issues such as relationship conflicts, depression, anxiety, stress management, and self-esteem concerns. All services are strictly confidential and are free. The Counseling Center is located in Garcia Annex Room 100, and is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and other times as needed. The Counseling Center is staffed by professional counselors and psychologists and is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

The Career Exploration Center, located on the northeast corner of Garcia Annex adjacent to the Counseling Center, provides students with assistance in career choice and selecting an appropriate area of study. An excellent library is available for reference use and check out. For more information check our web site at [www.nmsu.edu/~counsel/](http://www.nmsu.edu/~counsel/).

WAVE: Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education is comprised of the Choices program that provides campus organizations, classes and other groups with information concerning the decisions that surround drinking alcohol and the VIP (Violence Intervention Program) that delivers presentations on sexual assault and violence prevention.

### New Student Programs

New Student Registration programs are offered in April, June, and January. Aggie Welcome Week, a program that acquaints incoming students with campus life at NMSU, is scheduled for the week before the fall semester begins. For information on our programs for new students, please contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (505) 646-1055 or [nsinfo@nmsu.edu](mailto:nsinfo@nmsu.edu).

### DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance Education (DE) at NMSU is defined as the formal education process of delivering instruction so that students physically remote from the campus of program origin and/or instructor may participate. Students who live a significant distance away from the main campus or have scheduling conflicts due to family or work obligations often find distance education as the best solution to educational advancement. The NMSU Office of Distance Education is here to serve these students.

### Distance Education Delivery

Distance education undergraduate degree programs at NMSU are delivered using both technology and face-to-face instruction at off-site locations such as NMSU branch campuses. Degrees are listed below according to their primary delivery method. For complete information, please visit the Office of Distance Education web site at <http://distance.nmsu.edu/>.