

University Grant Listings

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University Grants are offered to **full-time, face to face**, undergraduate students (unless otherwise specified in the grant verbiage) who are enrolled in courses offered on the campus of USW and who demonstrate eligibility for the identified award. Recipients of the University Grant are strongly encouraged to enroll in at least 14-16 hours per semester. Students must maintain the same GPA standard as is required for every individual grant eligibility throughout their enrollment at USW. Continued eligibility for awards will be reviewed annually for all student recipients; annual renewal will occur at the July Grant Committee meetings.

Total Institutional Grant awards cannot exceed \$16,000. Any student failing to meet academic requirements for grant renewal may be considered for grants with lower academic requirements.

Presidential Grant -

An annual grant of up to \$12,000 for incoming freshmen; 3.8-4.0 GPA and a 28 or above ACT score (comparable SAT). Reserved for only academic students. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with any other institutional grants.

Provost Grant -

An annual grant of up to \$10,000 for incoming freshmen; 3.6-3.79 GPA and a 25 or above ACT score (comparable SAT). Reserved for only academic students. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with any other institutional grants.

Scholar-Athlete Grant -

An annual grant of up to \$8,000 (up to \$5000 for academics-up to \$5000 for athletics) for incoming freshmen athletes; 3.5+ GPA and a 22 or above ACT score (comparable SAT). To qualify, student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Total grant package cannot exceed the \$8,000 max and cannot be awarded in conjunction with any other institutional grants.

Mustang "Athletic" Grant -

An annual athletic grant awarded through the athletic department to individual student-athletes. These are renewed at the discretion of the University Athletic Department.

Lea County & Surrounding County Grants -

Any high school senior or community college graduate in Lea County and contiguous counties, could receive up to \$5,000 per semester. The grant amount is based upon transferred GPA, with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Prospect must also be a resident commuter. Student must also maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in order to keep the grant. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with other institutional awards.

Local Matching Grant –

Any Lea County prospect receiving a local scholarship may be awarded a matching sum of up to \$6,000. To qualify, prospect must be a Lea County resident and an incoming freshmen or transfer. This grant applies only to locally awarded scholarships. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with other institutional awards.

Lea County Scholar Grants—

Universal College Grant (4-year program)

Qualified students who are admitted to USW with a 3.0-3.49 GPA will receive a \$4,000 scholarship per semester (for a maximum of four semesters). Students with a 3.5-4.0 GPA will receive a \$5,000 scholarship per semester (for a maximum of four semesters). Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Lea County residents (as determined by the address reported on their New Mexico State income tax filing) who are JC graduates (must have an associate's degree conferred by New Mexico Junior College) are eligible for the USW grant provided.
- They enroll as full time (non-residential) students at University of the Southwest immediately following graduation from the JC [students who are JC graduates in the past may be considered for the program on a space available basis and at the discretion of USW admissions].
- JC transfer minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA while completing their studies at USW.

Fast-Trak Grant (2-year program)

The Fast-Trak program Students who have a 3.0 GPA qualify to receive a \$5,000 scholarship per semester (for a maximum of three semesters).

The Fast-Trak Program is designed as a partnership between area high schools, NMJC, and USW. It is intended to recognize the value of dual credit courses taken by high school students and completion of additional credits and a degree from NMJC by offering those students an opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree at USW in as little as one year (two or three semesters). Under the Fast-Trak program, students are eligible to complete up to 60-80 hours of undergraduate credit through dual credit and direct credit awarded by NMJC. Students may then be admitted as full time students at USW to complete the remaining 40-60 hours of upper division credits. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Lea County residents (as determined by the address reported on their New Mexico State income tax filing) who are JC graduates (must have an associate's degree conferred by New Mexico Junior College) are eligible for the USW program provided:
- Students must have a minimum of 60 college credits (USW can accept a maximum of 80 but the actual number accepted will depend on evaluation by the USW admissions process). All hours must be transcribed by NMJC. Students with credits from colleges other than NMJC are not eligible for this particular program.
- They must have a minimum 3.0 GPA from the JC. Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA while completing their studies at USW.

Plus 1 Grant -

Any new, full-time, undergraduate, residential student who is a friend or relative of a current or prospective USW student may receive a grant award of \$4,000 annually. The grant recipient, or Plus 1 student, must have a high school or college transfer grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Certain restrictions apply. Please see the conditions listed below.

- Full time status is required each semester.
- Award offered for enrollment in full 16 week semester only.
- This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with any other institutional awards.
- The award recipient must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 each academic year to continue the award.
- This award is limited to residential undergraduate students only.
- Withdrawal from the University automatically cancels the grant and it cannot be renewed.
- This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with other institutional awards.

Christian School/Ministry Grant -

An annual grant of \$4,000 for new freshmen graduating from a secondary private Christian school or homeschool, or a dependent of a person engaged in full-time professional ministry. Students must complete high school requirements with a 3.0 GPA or other standardized testing scores consistent with high achievement. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with other institutional awards.

Leadership Grant -

An annual grant of \$3,000 for students who are engaged in school promotion/activities/clubs while in high school, and have maintained a 2.9 to 3.3 GPA, and a 19 or above on the ACT (comparable SAT score). This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with other institutional awards, and will be renewed annually based on annual, cumulative GPA requirements remaining consistent with the initial eligibility requirements for this award.

Donor Funded Grants -

These are managed by Financial Aid, and therefore not part of this analysis/proposal.

Legacy Scholarship -

This scholarship is for **doctorate-level students only**; a scholarship for students who graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University at least 10 years prior to the semester of application. Recipients will pay a flat-rate fee of \$5,000 to the University for one calendar year, and the recipient may take as many courses as possible up to full-time enrollment status. Annual tuition rates will be paid at the beginning of each academic year; if needed, a partial year tuition rate of \$2,500 may be charged if students meet partial-year parameter. This scholarship is only available for coursework; dissertation credits do not apply.

USW Academic Discount Program—

Recent graduate with an associate's degree qualifies for a grant of \$4,000 per semester. This grant cannot be awarded in conjunction with any other institutional grants. To qualify student must:

- Have an associate's degree compatible with USW programs.
- Open only to commuter, face to face.
- Full-time enrollment (12-18 hours), consecutive semesters. (Director will determine number of semesters).
- Enroll in and complete additional 9 hours of USW institutional requirements within established time frame.
- Maintain cumulative GPA of 3.0 at USW to remain in the program.