

#### Study New Mexico USA High School to University Scholarship Program

#### Why Study New Mexico USA?

Study New Mexico USA was established with one goal in mind; to help international students access affordable secondary (high school) and post secondary (university) education in the United States.

The only program of its kind in North America, Study New Mexico USA's High School to University Scholarship Program offers international students <u>several unique scholarships</u> to attend university in the United States at a fraction of the cost of what most international students pay to study at a tier-1 American university.

About the Study New Mexico USA Scholarships \*All scholarships are subject to students meeting the qualification criteria.



Upon successfully completing grade 12, fulfilling all graduation requirements, and receiving their high school diploma from Las Cruces Public Schools, Study New Mexico USA students attend New Mexico's top-rated universities at In-State/Resident Tuition.

University	In-State/Resident Tuition Spring 2020	Out-of-State/Non Resident Tuition Spring 2020
New Mexico State University	Semester: <b>\$3,905.00</b> Academic Year: <b>\$7,810.00</b> <i>Estimated tuition and fees for</i> <i>Bachelor's Degree:</i> <b>\$31,240.00</b>	Semester: <b>\$12,459.20</b> Academic year: <b>\$24,918.40</b> Estimated tuition and fees for Bachelor's Degree: <b>\$99,673.60</b>
University of New Mexico	Semester: <b>\$3,778.00</b> Academic Year: <b>\$7,556.00</b>	Semester: <b>\$12,459.2</b> Academic year: <b>\$23,292.00</b>

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Bachelor's Degree: \$30,224.00	Bachelor's Degree: <b>\$93,168.00</b>

\*Note: These estimates are for tuition and fees only and do not include books, meals, insurance and housing costs



Additionally, qualified students will be eligible to receive the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship that further reduces the cost of attendance at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University.

University	In-State/Resident Tuition Spring 2020	With New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship
New Mexico State University	Semester: \$3,905.00 Academic Year: \$7,810.00 Estimated tuition and fees for Bachelor's Degree: \$31,240.00	1st Semester: \$3,905.00 2nd Semester: \$0 3rd Semester: \$0 4th Semester: \$0 5th Semester: \$0 6th Semester: \$0 7th Semester: \$0 8th Semester: \$0 <i>Estimated total tuition and fees</i> <i>for Bachelor's Degree with</i> <i>Lottery Scholarship:</i> \$3,905.00
University of New Mexico	Semester: \$3,778.00 Academic Year: \$7,556.00 Estimated tuition and fees for Bachelor's Degree: \$30,224.00	1st Semester: \$3,778.00 2nd Semester: \$0 3rd Semester: \$0 4th Semester: \$0 5th Semester: \$0 6th Semester: \$0 7th Semester: \$0 8th Semester: \$0 <i>Estimated total tuition and fees</i> <i>for Bachelor's Degree with</i>

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The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship is awarded the beginning of the second semester. In order for a student to be eligible for the scholarship, he/she must pass 15 graded credit hours by the end of the first semester (12 credit hours at a 2-year institution) and earn a 2.5 GPA or greater for the first semester.

In order to renew the scholarship, students must:

- Complete 15 graded credit hours each semester (12 credit hours at a 2-year institution)
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA or greater
- Maintain consecutive enrollment

This scholarship is valid for seven semesters total (three at a 2-year institution and transferable to a 4-year university) or until a student earns a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

To summarize, the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship covers 7 semesters of tuition and fees assuming students meet the eligibility requirements. Study New Mexico USA students that receive this scholarship will only have to pay for 1 semester of tuition and fees.

FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS, STUDY NEW MEXICO USA CAN ASSIST STUDENTS IN SECURING SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COVER 96% OF UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEES COSTS.

#### **Program Options**

Program Option	Visa Type	Description	Accommodation
SNMUSA Grade 12 High School to University Scholarship Program	F1	Students attend grade 12 in one of our partner high schools. Upon completion of the academic year, and earning qualifying grades, students graduate from high school and receive their State of New Mexico high school diploma. This program is required in order to access university scholarships.	SNMUSA Guest House
SNMUSA Grade 11	J1	Students that want/need more time in the	SNMUSA

Exchange Program		United States to improve English proficiency adapt to the U.S. academic system should select this program. Students in the Exchange Program will have more opportunity to select desired courses than the students in the grade 12 program. Most students that participate in the grade 11 Exchange Program will return the following year and participate in the grade 12 High School to University Scholarship Program.	Host family
SNMUSA Dual Credit Program	J1 Grade 11 F1 Grade 12	Students that participate in both the Grade 11 Exchange Program and the Grade 12 High School to University Scholarship Program and want to earn college/university credit concurrently with high school study, can select this program. This program is designed for students that want to get a head start on university/college credits.	Host family (Grade 11) Guest house (Grade 12)
2+2 Program	F1	For students that have completed high school and wish to save additional money, Study New Mexico USA can help program alumni apply for the 2+2 Program. This program combines two years of study at one of New Mexico's community colleges with 2 years at a university. The tuition and fees are considerably lower at the community college than at the university, thus another opportunity to save money.	On or off-campus accommodation

## **Program Support and Services**

With over two decades experience working with international students, Study New Mexico USA and its team of authorized student support staff worldwide are prepared to assist students and their families from departure to completion. Our program support and services include:

Extensive pre-departure service from our Global Student Support Team:

- Comprehensive program advising;
- Application preparation;
- Personalized visa interview preparation;
- And, where established, comprehensive English language instruction and TOEFL/IELTS preparation.

In the United States, our US-based Administrative Team facilitates:

- High School admission;
- Issuance of form I-20 to apply for the F-1 student visa;
- Issuance of form DS2019 to apply for the J-1 student visa;
- Host families or Guest Houses with two meals per day;
- Transportation from the airport to student accommodation;
- Comprehensive arrival orientation and welcome events;
- International health insurance;
- Local and regional excursions;
- University advising and admissions support.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Grade Level	Students must have completed 10th grade of high school to be eligible for the grade 11 Exchange program, or 11th grade of high school to be eligible for the grade 12 High School to University Scholarship Program
GPA	2.75 (US grading system) minimum GPA
English Proficiency	TOEFL: 500 paper-based or 61 internet-based IELTS: 6.0

#### Cost

Grade 12 High School to University Scholarship Program	\$28,000 plus \$400 for the academic year lunch plan
Grade 11 Exchange Program	\$22,000 plus, \$400 for the academic year lunch plan
SNMUSA Dual Credit Program	Grade 11: \$22,000 plus, \$400 for the academic year lunch plan Grade 12: \$30,000 plus \$400 for the academic year lunch plan

## **Application Deadline**

June 1st for Fall semester start (August)

#### **About Our High Schools**

Las Cruces is home to (4) division 1, comprehensive four-year secondary schools, each with strong STEM and language arts programs and all producing excellent and award-winning students.

- Las Cruces High School (est. 1918/2,300 students)
- Mayfield High School (est. 1965/2,348 students)
- Onate High School (est. 1988/1600 students)
- Centennial High School (est. 2012/1,381 students)

#### **AP Courses**

There are currently 38 AP courses offered within our 4 partner high schools including calculus, chemistry, history, psychology and Spanish.

#### **Honors Courses**

Las Cruces Public Schools offers honors courses in both mathematics and English language arts.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Las Cruces Public Schools offers hundreds of extra curricular activities. From athletics to a variety of career-track, social, cultural, arts and music clubs, there is an extracurricular activity to satisfy every student's interests.

#### **About Our Universities**

New Mexico is home to 8 public and 8 private colleges and universities. Study New Mexico USA works closely with the state's two Carnegie 1 research institutions; the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. Both universities are Tier-1 comprehensive institutions granting degrees at the Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate level. UNM and NMSU have top-ranked programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) as well as strong Business and Computer Science programs; just to name a few.

#### The University of New Mexico (UNM) https://www.unm.edu

UNM is a place where cutting-edge research and creative endeavors flourish. UNM research injects millions of dollars into New Mexico's economy, funds new advancements in healthcare, and augments teaching – giving students valuable hands-on training in state-of-the art laboratories.

#### **Rankings:**

\$50 million in scholarships awarded each year
Top 15 Nationwide Nuclear Engineering
302 Engineering Patents issued since 1999
#3 Nationwide Rural Medicine
#4 University International Arrival Experience in the USA
#6 Overall University International Academic Experience in the USA
#7 Nationwide Nursing-Midwifery
20:1 Student-Faculty Ratio
Top 21% Best Global Schools

39% Of Classes Have Less Than 20 Students
#48 Fine Arts in the USA
#85 Physics in the USA
#196 Best University in the World
UNM is home for 1,500 international students and scholars

## New Mexico State University (NMSU) https://www.nmsu.edu

NMSU is New Mexico's land-grant institution, a comprehensive research institution of higher education dedicated to teaching, research, and service at the undergraduate and graduate levels. NMSU is a NASA Space Grant College, a Hispanic-serving institution and is home to the very first Honors College in New Mexico. We have been recognized as a top tier university on the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges for 2016 National Universities rankings.

#### **Rankings:**

#1 In The Nation Among Peers for Science and Engineering Funding
#2 Nationally for Research and Improving Lives
Ranked Among the Top 2% of Global Institutions
Online Programs Among Nation's Best
One of 50 Most Underrated Universities in the US
Ranked in Top 12 Percent for Improving Students Social Mobility
Consistently Listed Among America's Top Colleges
New Mexico State University is home to 1,200 international students and scholars

#### **Student Testimonials**

# How has Study New Mexico's High School to University Pathway Scholarship Program changed your life?

As the first student on the program I feel proud of myself. Throughout the year of being a high school senior in Las Cruces High School there are big changes in me. Everyone, especially my American family here, can tell that I have been changed a lot throughout a year.

#### What has surprised you the most about life in the United States?

Day by day I had to step out of my comfort-zone to immerse myself in American life. America led me to recognize myself and the things I needed to fix. In Vietnam, it was such so safe for me that I just have to speak my own language, live with my family and friends and have the most convenient environment without worrying about anything. However, when I came to the U.S. it forced me to get out of my comfort-zone.

#### What do you like most about attending high school in the United States?

We are free to choose what to learn depending on what we like to be in the future. From that point, American students can learn deeply to their interests. Studying here makes my brain feel flexible. I am

no longer follow the main old style of solving a math problem, I feel free to say what I think and feel free to follow my own style.

## What is your plan next year? What advice would you give students and their families back home about studying in the U.S.?

Last year my goal was to be an Aggie, a New Mexico State University student, and now I made it! Currently, my next goals are to have good grades at college and to be involved in some organizations within the University which would make my Freshman year more meaningful. If I have the chance, another goal is to travel as much as I can at least around New Mexico.

Being a student in this Program I can see a lot of advantages in the future. For example, getting here and receiving a U.S. High School Diploma which allowed me to apply to any University in the U.S.

Secondly, having one year to become familiar with life in the U.S. and being able to study with native English-speaking students helped me improve my English really fast.

Forcing myself to do something is tough but extremely good for me to immerse in American life. So, I highly recommend people back home now is the time to start your journey.

Thảo Lê Study New Mexico USA Alumni Current New Mexico State University Undergraduate Student

#### What do you like best about living in Las Cruces?

Mostly about the living cost! It is really affordable for a freshman like me. Besides, Las Cruces' people are so friendly by always having their smiles on the face. I also love the multi-cultural environment here. There are the native American, the Mexican, our Asian, etc,... and they all help each other out regardless of different races.

#### What would you like students and families in Vietnam to know about NMSU and New Mexico?

I want my friends and families in Vietnam to know that studying here is really comfortable and I don't have to suffer from any stresses. New Mexico in general and Las Cruces to be specific, is a small and peaceful city to concentrate on studying. The weather and the scenery somehow look similar to my hometown Dalat. Furthermore, NMSU is a safe and hospitable university and you just need to feel free to ask for help!

Nguyễn Cát Lan New Mexico State University Undergraduate Student

What do you like best about New Mexico State University?

The campus is really beautiful. Students and staffs are friendly

#### What do you like best about living in Las Cruces?

The cost of living is very affordable

## What would you like students and families in Vietnam to know about NMSU and New Mexico?

The tuition fee suits our ability and you can study in a professional environment

Thảo Hà New Mexico State University Undergraduate Student

## What do you like best about New Mexico State University?

I think NMSU has a high qualified teachers team who are very friendly and enthusiastic. It also has a lot of things such as labs, studying rooms, and other modern facilities as well to help you out in doing the assignment, and studying. Studying in NMSU also is a perfect place to make international relationships. By walking in main campus' area, you can hear people are talking in many languages such as English, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic, and of course Vietnamese.

## What do you like best about living in Las Cruces?

Living in Las Cruces provides me a chance to improve myself, and it makes me healthier by walking to school. People in Las Cruces also are very friendly and hospitality, which makes it easier for me to overcome culture shock

## What would you like students and families in Vietnam to know about NMSU and New Mexico?

To begin with, the first 2 years tuition fees of NMSU are really affordable. Secondly, my major is International Business, and its college of Business reached top 15% in Worldwide, according to New & World report's national universities rankings and considered are as one of the best colleges by Washington Monthly.

If I have a chance, I'll tell both of my family and friends that the living expense in NM is much cheaper than other states of the US. I can rent a fancy apartment for only below \$500/m. I can buy a lot of stuff too.

## Danh Đặng

New Mexico State University Undergraduate Student