

University of New Mexico Rural Student Project

THE PROGRAM

The Rural Student Project (RSP) was established to identify, recruit, and support students from rural New Mexico communities at the University of New Mexico. RSP will provide a financial stipend for rural students during one academic year to assist them in achieving their educational goals while also helping them create roots in the Albuquerque and UNM community. As an RSP scholar, you will have the opportunity, along with other scholars, to volunteer in Albuquerque, gain experience outside the academic realm, meet community members, and make an impact in your new hometown.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students must have graduated from a rural high school or must have resided in a rural community in New Mexico. The Rural Student Project is looking for students whose hometown population is lower than 50,000 people or students who come from a subdivision community of an urban area with a population no larger than 2,500 people. If you have any question on this please contact us.

Student must have filed a FASFA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and demonstrate a financial need. Additionally, the applicant must be admitted and enrolled full-time (min. 15 credit hours) at the University of New Mexico.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Scholars agree to participate in the Rural Student Project for one academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). During this year scholars will attend one orientation, two workshops, and perform **30 hours of community service per semester** with a Rural Student Project partner, La Plazita Institute. La Plazita engages New Mexico's youth, elders and communities in a comprehensive and culturally responsive approach based on the philosophy of *La Cultura Cura* or culture heals.

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

- Supplemental Financial Assistance (\$1000/semester)
- Gaining Community Engagement Experience
- Cultivate a Sense of Community

If you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to apply for the Rural Student Project please submit your application for consideration by **May 19th, 2017**.

For more information please contact the UNM CAMP by phone (505) 277-5492 or by email at rsproject@unm.edu.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Future RSP Student:

Below is a list of the information you will need in order to process your application. Please submit completed application by **May 19, 2017, incomplete application will not be considered.** Applications received after this date may be considered, but preference will be given to qualified applicants who submit their applications by the deadline.

Garden hours vary from semester to semester but RSP holds hours continuously on the following days;

Saturday (8am -12pm)

Sundays (3pm -7pm)

If you are chosen to be an RSP scholar you must commit to attending one of those two weekend days consistently and weekday times to be determined during the orientation by the RSP scholars and coordinator.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact the UNM Rural Student Project at (505) 277-5492 or send an e-mail to rsproject@unm.edu.

Rural Student Project application:

Please complete the following information on the RSP application

- General Information
- Birth Date
- Address/Phone
- College Preparation

Please also include the following with your RSP application

- Personal Statement (Maximum 1000 Words)
 - State your goals (educational and career goals)
 - Mention at least one obstacle that you have overcome in your life
 - Address your or your family's rural experience
 - Tell us how this scholarship would help you with your educational goals
- One Professional Recommendation Letter:
You may use the recommendation form provided or send a letter on a separate sheet
- A copy of your 2017-2018 FAFSA SAR (Student Aid Report)- which may be obtained through <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
 - **Or** copy of your UNM financial award (LoboWeb)

Please submit your application by:

MAIL:

**Rural Student Project
College Assistance Migrant Program
MSC06 3840
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131**

IN PERSON:

UNM CAMP Office in
Mesa Vista Hall, 3rd floor
Room 3044

OR BY FAX OR EMAIL:

FAX: (505) 277-2182
Email : rsproject@unm.edu

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ UNM Student ID Number: _____

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

The University of New Mexico is required by Federal law to request this information for statistical reporting purposes. Your response is voluntary.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino/a? Yes No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

 American Indian or Alaska Native Tribal affiliation(s): _____ Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White

ELIGIBILITY & EDUCATION INFORMATION

Student must have graduated from a rural high school or must have resided in a rural community in New Mexico within a year of applying to this scholarship. The Community cannot exceed a population of 50,000 people, or must be from a sub community of no more than 2,500 residents. If you have any question on this please contact us.

Hometown: _____ Population: _____

Name of High School: _____ Date of High School Graduation: _____

Name of GED Program: _____ Date of GED completion: _____

Major at UNM: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

UNM Cumulative GPA: _____

Have you applied for 2016-2017 Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)? Yes NoAre you a First Generation college student? Yes No

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMNT

I certify that all of the information above is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. You have my consent to release my official transcripts and UNM records to the Rural Student Project. I understand that this information will only be used to determine my eligibility for the UNM Rural student project. I also understand that my picture might be taken during events related to the RSP and that these pictures may be used for publicity materials.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

This student has applied to participate in the **University of New Mexico Rural Student Project**. An employer, mentor, counselor or other appropriate university staff must complete the information requested below before the application can be considered. Please fill in the form, adding any appropriate comments. The evaluation below will assist in the determination of the student's potential to succeed in a four-year academic degree program. Once completed, please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope, or you may mail the form to UNM Rural Student Project · MSC06 3840 · 1 University of New Mexico · Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, Fax it to (505) 277-2182 or email it to rsproject@unm.edu . Please make sure you address your document ATTN: Rural Student Project/CAMP

Student's Name: _____ **Student's GPA:** _____

In what capacity have you known the student? (Check all that apply)

Teacher Counselor Coach Mentor Supervisor Other (Please specify) _____

For how long have you known the student? _____

Please rate the student in the following areas, mark the column that describes the students ability:

	Strong	Good	Average	Weak	Very Weak
ACADEMIC PREPARATION					
Study Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PERSONAL QUALITIES					
Ability to handle adversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determination/Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm to attend college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use this section to elaborate on the applicant's abilities, please use a separate sheet of paper if the space is not sufficient

Please elaborate on qualities, intangibles & values the student will bring to UNM and the Rural Student Project.

In your opinion, what is the likelihood of this student graduating with his or her intended degree?

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Print Name: _____ Name of School or Agency: _____