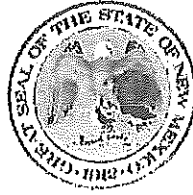


# NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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May 16, 2018

Dear Presidents and Directors:

This letter serves as your official notification, as required by state law, of the expected level of Lottery Scholarship funding for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. The Higher Education Department bases the calculation of Lottery Scholarship tuition support on historical and projected revenue estimates from the New Mexico Lottery Authority. Enrollment projections for 2018-19 have been provided to the Department's Financial Aid Division by each higher education institution in the state.

Pursuant to Laws 2018, Chapter 70 (Senate Bill 140), the Department has calculated a scaled, tuition-decoupled award based on projected enrollment and revenues into the fund. The legislation directs that semester tuition awards be based upon the amounts of \$1,500 for research sector institutions; \$1,020 for comprehensive universities; and \$380 for community colleges, scaled proportionately based upon enrollment and projected revenues. In addition, the Legislature appropriated an additional \$4 million to the Lottery Tuition Fund for expenditure in 2018-19.

The Department's calculation of tuition support maximizes the award to students while preserving the fund's ability to meet its monthly obligations without default or delay. Institutions will be reimbursed at the following per-student, per-semester award levels:

- \$2294 for the research sector;
- \$1560 for the comprehensive 4-year sector; and
- \$581 for the community college sector.

If tuition is lower than this amount, the per-student award will be set at the full tuition level of that particular institution. This tuition award is effective for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or other staff at the Higher Education Department should you have any questions about this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Damron".

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Cabinet Secretary