

Department of Government
College of Arts & Sciences
New Mexico State University

Scholarships Available for 2025-26

Deadline for Applications: 11.59 pm on March 17, 2025

All applications must be submitted through Scholar Dollars at <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>

Students who have not submitted their applications through Scholar Dollars will not be considered for these scholarships. Decisions will be made by April 11, 2025. Award recipients and family members are invited to attend the Department of Government's annual awards reception at the end of the Spring 2025 semester (Friday April 25, 12.00-2.00 pm, Breland 179).

You are invited to apply for the following scholarships through Scholar Dollars. Please note the eligibility criteria for each scholarship and be sure to answer the questions in Scholar Dollars regarding **financial need, on-campus and off-campus activities, details for both kinds of activities, leadership, personal statement, and educational & career goals**. If you have trouble finding these questions, please contact: Cody Womack, Academic Success Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences. Email: cwomack@nmsu.edu
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1. Nick Franklin Endowment Govt Fund (for Kreitzer Scholarships) (4016)

Undergraduates only. Two awards are made from this Fund: Kreitzer Government Scholarship and the Kreitzer Law & Society Scholarship. These two scholarships are awarded annually in recognition of outstanding academic performance and commitment to public service of undergraduate majors in Government and Law and Society. They are named after Dr. Don Kreitzer (1925-2012), Professor Emeritus, who taught American politics and public law in the Department of Government between 1961 and 1986. The first scholarships were awarded in April 2000.

Kreitzer Government Scholarship

Awarded to a junior or senior (declared) Government major, in good academic standing, with at least a 3.25 GPA, and a demonstrated record of commitment to public service. Restricted to students planning to graduate after Summer 2024.

Kreitzer Law and Society Scholarship

Awarded to a junior or senior (declared) Law and Society supplemental major, in good academic standing, with at least a 3.25 GPA, and a demonstrated record of commitment to public service. Restricted to students planning to graduate after Summer 2024.

2. Roque M. Lujan Scholarship for the Study of Government and Public Administration (4020)

This scholarship is awarded annually to a new or continuing graduate student enrolled in one of the Department's two graduate programs in recognition of superior academic performance and a demonstrated commitment to public service. Supported through an endowed fund established by the Roque M. Lujan family and generous gifts from Mr. Angel Saenz, this scholarship is awarded each year to a promising student pursuing a Master of Arts in Government or a Master of Public Administration

degree. Recipients must have at least one semester remaining in graduate studies and must have a graduate GPA of at least a 3.25 or an undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.5 (for incoming students).

3. Nick Franklin Endowed Scholarship in Public Policy (4422)

Graduate Students only are eligible to apply this year (Spring 2025):

**Please note that this scholarship alternates yearly between graduate and undergraduate majors in the Department of Government. Undergraduate students with a declared BA major in Political Science and who meet the rest of the same criteria listed below will be eligible to apply in Spring 2026 for an award in 2026-27 academic year.*

- Declared major in the BA Government program
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3
- Must show consistent progress towards academic excellence
- Must exhibit a commitment to public service such as successful internships, student government, and international study as evidenced by statements of high school and college activities, educational goals, and other submissions within the scholarship application.

4. Govt Department General (4014)

Criteria open to all undergraduate and graduate students (BA, MA and MPA)

5. Hendrickson Family Scholarship (4677)

- Open to undergraduate or graduate students
- MUST have a declared major in Government
- MUST have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
- Preference shall be given to a student who is enrolled in the Conroy Honors Program at NMSU

6. Jose and Joan Uranga Endowed Scholarship in Law (4292)

- Undergraduate students only
- Demonstrated financial need as determined by official FAFSA results
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Junior or Senior at time of award
- Preference for student interested in the role of law in the American political system as evidenced by taking at least two law courses offered by the Government Department
- Preference for a student intending to pursue a law degree as indicated on the education and career goals section within the standard application

7. Louis Vega Experiential Learning Endowed Scholarship (4732)

- Open to graduate and undergraduate students
- Declared major in Government or Public Administration
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by official FAFSA results
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Applicants must seek to participate in research, service learning, internships, study abroad or other experiential learning opportunities to promote understanding of the inter-relationships

between government, business and civil society, as evidenced by a statement of educational and career goals and other student-supplied information on the scholarship application.

8. Robert and Toshiko Nosbisch Scholarship (4889)

- Must be a junior, senior, or graduate student
- Declared major in Government, Political Science, or Public Administration
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Full-time student in good standing with the University
- Graduate students must have passed three graduate-level courses in government to be eligible
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate how they help those less fortunate and have an interest in foreign policy or international relations as evidenced by the completion of the educational and career goals question in the Scholar Dollars application

9. Robert and Toshiko Nosbisch Hardship Award (4889)

- Must be a junior or senior level student
- Must have a declared major in Government or Political Science
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Must be a full-time student in good standing with the University
- Purpose of this award is to assist students facing unexpected hardships or emergency expenses, not including financial aid towards tuition and/or fees. Students must show determination in their studies and have an interest in foreign policy or international relations.

Further information: Felica Ehret at fehret@nmsu.edu , or 575-646-4935