

Proposed New **ARP** (updates/revises content in conjunction with revision to RPM 2.44)

2.44 Associated Students of New Mexico State University (“ASNMSU”)^{v030819-3}

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PART 2: LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who meet the criteria below and who are either: (a) elected to ASNMSU student senate in a campus-wide, student body election, (b) elected by their respective college councils as a semester-long appointee to fill a vacant ASNMSU student senate position or (c) appointed to serve as the student regent on the NMSU Board of Regents are eligible each semester to receive a financial award amounting to at least 75 percent of the dollar value of an academic semester in-state tuition and fees scholarship. This financial award is subject to the conditions and processes governing all financial aid awards administered by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services.

A. Criteria for Initial and Continuing Award of Leadership Scholarship:

1. Undergraduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 and, in the semester previous to taking office, have successfully completed 15 or more graded credits with at least a 2.5 grade point average.
2. Graduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least a 3.5 and have, in the semester previous to taking office, successfully completed 9 or more credits.
3. Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled in at least 15 credits and graduate students in at least 9 credits to remain eligible for existing and future awards.

B. Criteria for Renewal Award of Leadership Scholarship:

1. Undergraduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5, have successfully completed 15 credit hours the previous semester, and be currently enrolled in at least 15 credits.
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- C. Removal from Office: Removal from the office for cause pursuant to the Law Book, prior to completion of the semester, voids any award made for that semester and holds the student liable for repayment of the amount awarded.

PART 3: ASNMSU FUNDS

The following applies to clarify the permissible uses of ASNMSU funds.

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- B. Deposits: Funds will be deposited to the endowment fund each semester through an allocation of required fees. The amount allocated each year will be determined through the required fee approval process, with a minimum annual allocation of \$25,000.
- C. Endowment Management: The ASNMSU Endowment will be a permanently treated endowed fund of the NMSU Foundation, Inc. The principal shall be invested and reinvested in a common investment trust fund for endowments in accordance with the investment policies of the Foundation. The principal shall remain permanently invested and must not be withdrawn without approval from the Board of Regents. Income earned from the ASNMSU Endowment shall annually be transferred to the ASNMSU account in the student account business office according to NMSU Foundation operational protocols.
- D. Withdrawals: Subject to Section E. below, the ASNMSU senate, by a simple majority, may withdraw funds from the ASNMSU Account to allocate funds to chartered student organizations and to NMSU course participants to assist with related expenses (e.g. competitions representing NMSU) for the benefit of students. This shall be done through the normal appropriations process.
- E. Transfers: The ASNMSU senate, by a 3/4 vote, may transfer money out of the ASNMSU Account to the Activity Surplus Account or the Major Expense Fund, providing the July 1 balance of the ASNMSU Account remains at a minimum of \$20,000. An amount no greater than the July 1 balance minus \$20,000 can be transferred. This shall be done through normal appropriation methods.

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