



NOYCE Scholars Program Northern New Mexico College



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THE NOYCE NSF SCHOLARS PROGRAM is funded by the National Science Foundation for the purpose of recruiting students pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) degrees, and Career Changers who hold a BS in a STEM Field, to teach science or math in grades 7–12.

By encouraging talented STEM students and professionals to pursue teaching careers in secondary schools, this program responds to the critical need for teachers of STEM subjects in grades 7–12 and will increase the number of teachers with comprehensive knowledge of STEM content. The scholarship amount is \$12,000/year.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out and sign all three sections of this Application document:



__ Page 1. Personal Information Form; __ Page 2. Assurance Form; and __ Page 3. Robert Noyce Agreement

Use the **CHECKLISTS** below to gather all the required documents to complete your Application Packet.

Submit your complete Application Packet to Pablo Gonzales, Room 206 in the Teacher Education Center.

QUESTIONS? Contact Pablo Gonzales at pablo@nnmc.edu or 505.747.2225

APPLICATION CHECKLIST for STEM UNDERGRADUATES:

- Transcript GPA of 3.0 and minimum grade of C in science and math courses.
- A plan of study approved by academic advisor.
- Must have attained at least junior status in a bachelor's degree program to receive scholarship.
- Three letters of recommendation, one from a STEM professor.
- Completion of FAFSA.
- 500 word essay about interest in teaching science or math at the middle or high school level.
- If accepted, recipients must fill out paperwork associated with a background check.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST for CAREER CHANGERS ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM(ALP):

- Bachelor's degree in a STEM field.
- Transcript GPA of 3.0 and and minimum grade of C in science and math courses.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Completion of FAFSA.
- 500 word essay about interest in teaching science or math at the middle- or high-school level.
- If accepted, recipients must fill out paperwork associated with a background check.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

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| NAME | SSN | SCHOOL ID |
| ADDRESS | CITY | STATE ZIP |
| HOME PHONE () | CELL () | WORK () |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME | PHONE () | |
| APPLICANT SIGNATURE | DATE | |

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2. ASSURANCE FORM:

The Northern New Mexico College Noyce NSF Scholars Program requirements were reviewed and explained to me by the NOYCE Coordinator. I fully understand and will abide by the requirements during my participation in the program and understand the following stipulations for acceptance and continuation in the program.

ALL NOYCE SCHOLARS WILL:

- Attend all required seminars throughout their academic career.
- Enroll in and complete all Alternative Licensure Program (ALP)/Secondary Education for Teacher Education courses.
- Participate in Summer Intern programs and classroom experiences up to 4 hours per week.
- Teach in a middle or high school, two years for every year of support, with mentorship provided by Northern's College of Education.
- Prior to student teaching, take and pass the three New Mexico Teacher Assessment (NMTA) exams required by the New Mexico State Public Education Department:
 - New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Basic Skills
 - New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Competency (Secondary)
 - New Mexico Content Knowledge Assessment—for the first endorsement on the license, i.e. Math or Science.
- Upon acceptance into the NOYCE Scholars Program, complete the "New Mexico Application for Fingerprinting and Background Check," and provide a copy of the "Background Clearance" *before* the end of the first semester of NOYCE funding.
- Assure that when applying for initial licensure with the New Mexico Public Education Department, a criminal background check will show no reason for license denial.
- Provide an email account to the Teacher Education Department and Admissions Office, and notify them immediately of any change in status of the program, mailing address, phone number or email address.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF NOYCE REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

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3. ROBERT NOYCE SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT:

- General:** NOYCE Scholarships are available only to students who are majoring in a STEM field and have attained at least junior status in a baccalaureate-degree program or to professionals with a Bachelor's degree in a STEM field.
- Selection:** Individuals are selected primarily on the basis of academic merit and/or professional achievement, with consideration given to financial need.
- Amount:** The scholarship to be awarded shall be \$12,000 per year. Full-time students may receive annual scholarships through the completion of a baccalaureate degree, not to exceed a maximum of 2 years. Part-time students may receive scholarships that are prorated according to enrollment status, not to exceed 4 years of scholarship support. Participants enrolled in an Alternative Licensure Program (ALP) for Secondary Education may receive scholarships not to exceed 2 years of scholarship support.
- Service Obligation:** Scholarship recipients are required to complete, within 4 years of graduation from a baccalaureate degree program or ALP Program for Secondary Education for which the scholarship was awarded, 2 years of service as a math or science teacher in a high-need local educational agency for each full year of scholarship support, with a maximum service requirement of 4 years.
- Conditions of Support:** Scholarship/stipend recipients must accept the terms as set in this document, agree to provide annual certification of employment and up-to-date contact information, and establish that if any of the obligations of this agreement are not met, the scholarship/stipend must be repaid in whole or part, as determined by the Director.
If a recipient:
 - fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing, as determined by the Director;
 - is dismissed by an educational institution for disciplinary reasons;
 - withdraws from the program for which the award was made before completion;
 - declares that he or she does not intend to fulfill the service obligation;
 - or fails to complete the service obligation; such individual shall be liable to repay all or part of the award, and may have his/her transcripts withheld, as determined by the Director.
- Program Evaluation:** Recipients will be asked to participate in evaluation activities and/or interviews and focus groups during the period of the scholarship year and during the service period in order to determine how effectively the Noyce program is meeting its goals of increasing the number of highly-qualified STEM teachers in high-need schools in the U.S. Participation in such research is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw or refuse to answer specific questions in an interview or on a questionnaire at any time without penalty or loss of scholarship funding.

I understand and agree to the conditions of the Noyce Scholarship award as presented in this document.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

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