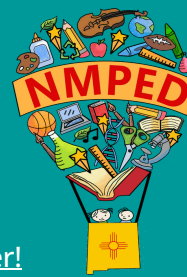


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## CTE Champion: Cuba Independent Schools

Cuba Independent School District is situated in a remote area of New Mexico where the economy is heavily influenced by industries like oil, and there is a high demand for skilled workers such as welders and construction workers.

The district recognized an opportunity to prepare its students for a successful future after high school by introducing new Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that align with the needs of the local workforce.

CTE courses are designed for students in seventh through twelfth grades. As a graduation requirement, students complete capstone projects in fifth, eighth, and twelfth grades that help them learn about different career possibilities. Starting in elementary school, students choose a career path that interests them. Teachers then follow up with them in middle school, and by the time they reach high school, at age 14, they can choose an internship that aligns with their chosen pathway. *(Cont. on Pg. 2)*



## NBC Features Future Focused Education's X3 Program

Two students from Early College Academy, Sam King and Shifa Qudrat, are new interns with Future Focused Education's X3 program and were recently highlighted on a NBC National News segment about paid internships.

X3 is a program that offers paid internships with local employers for high school and early college-age students. Interns earn a stipend and build professional connections that offer future opportunities and mentorship.

Shifa works twelve hours a week at a hospital and gets real world clinical experience, such as learning how to triage patients and getting to work with providers.

Sam works as a mechanic intern and in just a month and a half has excelled with professional tools. He feels confident in his career path.

Check out the NBC feature [here](#).



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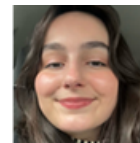
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## Team CCRB Profile

Mira Misleh  
Communications Coordinator

Mira Misleh, originally from Kentucky and now residing in New Mexico, has established herself as a communications and digital marketing specialist with a robust background in retail, sales, and customer service, complemented by a Bachelor of Arts in Art Studio from the University of New Mexico. Her career trajectory is marked by a seamless integration of her passion for mixed media art into her professional endeavors, enhancing her digital marketing strategies with creative visual storytelling. Mira's diverse experiences have equipped her with exceptional skills in audience engagement, leveraging both traditional and digital platforms to foster meaningful connections. This unique blend of artistic talent and digital acumen underscores her ability to adapt and thrive in the dynamic landscape of CCRB communications.

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Please contact any member of our [CCRB Staff](#) for questions about CTE programs, Career Technical Education funding, graduation requirements, CTSOs, dual credit, work-based learning, or with any questions or concerns you may have about programs in your region.



## CTE Champion (Cont.)

Students who participate in the internship program are required to commit to a full school year to gain valuable work experience and determine if their chosen field is the right fit for them. Every Monday, transportation is provided to take them to their job site. They are compensated with funds provided by Cuba. This internship program is an outstanding opportunity for students to gain practical experience in their field while also networking with other students and industry professionals. Additionally, it gives them a jump start on their resumes.

CTE courses use project-based learning, which is a fun and effective way to learn that also benefits the local community. Projects are comprehensive and allow students to earn credits in multiple subjects. Students in construction, automotive, and welding programs recently built a light display that resembled Albuquerque's River of Lights. The display incorporated Navajo language and cultural imagery such as a loom, horses, drums, and more, and was put on display for the community. This project allowed students to incorporate several subjects, including Math, English, and Navajo Language & Culture. Students also recently took the initiative to build a proper ticket booth for football games, and they are excited to use it for the first time this fall.



Cuba CTE students can also attain credentials and certifications in many different areas, including welding, carpentry, automotive EPA certifications, OSHA safety, and American Heart Association CPR and first aid. The district is constantly expanding and adding new certification opportunities.

Teacher recruitment and retention are critical for the success of any CTE program. Cuba has found that hiring teachers from outside of the community leads to high turnover because of the remoteness of the area. The district has found more success in looking locally for people with real-world experience, helping them obtain their CTE licenses while being able to pay them for teaching. These individuals are often alumni, have lived in the area their whole lives, and are very young and eager to teach. The district offers them plenty of support and opportunities for professional development.

Cuba ISD has created an impressive example of what dedication to career technical education can look like at the secondary level, and how it can support the goal of setting students up for success after high school. To find out more about the district, visit their website [here](#).

## Region IV ACTE Conference

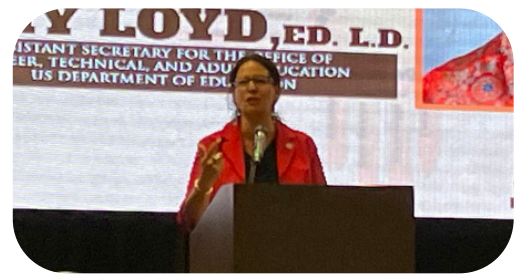


The Region IV ACTE Conference was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 17-19, 2024. Career technical educators and professionals from six states—Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico—came together to network, share CTE strategies and best practices, and recognize excellence in the region's programs and educators.

Members of the College and Career Readiness Bureau were excited to attend on Thursday and Friday and participate in informative breakout sessions. Presentations in breakout sessions included using career exploration to prepare middle school students for CTE programs, preparing students for successful careers in tech, outcomes of project-based learning, how industry partnerships can have a positive impact on students, and many more.

Two members from the CCRB also held informative and successful breakout sessions. Denise Ojeda, Education Administrator, and Dr. Elvira Bitsoi presented on fostering career success for Native American students through the implementation of culturally relevant curriculums. Rebecca Galves, Data Coordinator, presented on Perkins V State Determined Performance Levels (SDPLs) and Performance Indicators, what this data tells us, and targets for the coming year.

During this year's conference, the Be Pro Be Proud mobile workshop was parked outside the hotel. This immersive experience offers several hands-on virtual reality job simulators, including welding, truck driving, and excavator operation. It also provides information about potential salaries and education requirements for each profession. This initiative is a great opportunity for students to explore a skilled job career pathway. The truck tours around the state and aims to attract the next generation of professionals to join the skilled workforce.



The conference concluded with an inspiring keynote session by Dr. Amy Loyd, Ed. L.D., Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education. An awards ceremony was also held to recognize the region's excellent administrators, educators, counselors, and other professionals. It was a moving experience to connect and collaborate with such hardworking and passionate individuals who share the goal of implementing well-developed and effective career technical education to ensure the success of our nation's future workforce. The next Region IV ACTE conference is expected to be held April 23-25, 2025 in Oklahoma City, OK.





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Career Exploration is not a one-time event. By helping more students discover their potential, we see powerful outcomes in their education. Focused on the intersection between education and workforce, **P2C Career Explorer** takes a unique approach to career preparation from grades 6–12.

The **P2C Labor Market Navigator (LMN)** delivers essential labor market data for your region and delivers trends to enable effective and informed decision-making for any educator. Designed to take the complicated and make it easy, the LMN platform provides essential insights into high-value careers and job market trends at a regional level, allowing educators to fine-tune their resources and seamlessly partner with workforce boards to meet the needs of their students and community.

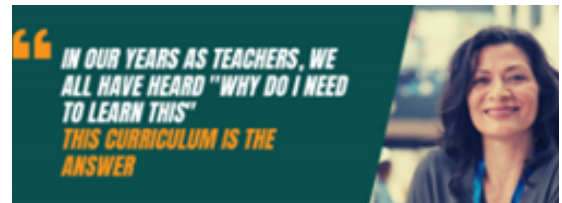


### Unlocking Futures: Why Every School Must Embrace Career-Connected Learning

A clarion call from the White House to state houses and communities is rising – calls for an urgent and long-overdue shift in educational practice and focus from “college for all” to “Career-Connected Learning.”

[P2C News & Blog](#)

Pathway2Careers Curriculum is available to all New Mexico schools at no cost. [Click here to learn more](#)



The Careers2Communities (C2C) program is designed to increase all New Mexico students' college and career readiness, ensuring that those students traditionally underrepresented in higher education and the workplace can equitably achieve high-value careers.

C2C is a collaborative effort led by New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED), funded by the Expanding Access to Well-Rounded Courses Demonstration Grants Program, and is free for all New Mexico students and teachers.

The College and Career Readiness Bureau is joined by several partners in the Careers2Communities program, including [NS4Ed](#), [MC2](#) and [High Plains REC](#). [Learn more here.](#)

[Get Started Here](#)

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# What's Happening with AP?



**Advanced Placement (AP)**® is a program of the College Board. Students in AP courses do college-level work in high school classes. At the end of the year, students can take the corresponding AP exam. When students earn a score of 3 or higher on a 5-point scale, they may qualify for college credit.

**AP Classes:** There are 38 different AP courses taught by high school teachers on high school campuses (or online) during the regular school day. Some schools may have pre-requisites for students who wish to enroll in AP classes, or requirements for teachers interested in teaching AP classes. Some schools offer students weighted GPA scores for AP classes, but the course work itself does not qualify for college credit.

## NM AP Canvas Resource Center

[Click Here to Enroll in the AP CANVAS Resource Center](#)

This course aims to provide resources and professional learning to support New Mexico Advanced Placement programs. To access the course resources and professional learning, this course has enabled open enrollment. Students can self-enroll in the course once you share this with them.

## AP Exams

AP exam scores of 3, 4, or 5 guarantee college credit in public colleges and universities in New Mexico. Many higher education institutions in other states and worldwide also grant college credit for AP exams.

AP exams take place in May. They are scored on a scale from 1 to 5, last for two to three hours, and consist of both multiple-choice and written questions. The courses are designed to prepare students to succeed on the exam, but students may take an AP exam without completing the course. Most students take the AP exam at their high school campus.

AP exams require a fee\*, but some schools cover the cost. The College Board offers a reduced fee for students whose households qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and the New Mexico Public Education Department pays a portion of the exam fee. For more information, see the [Fee Reduction Program](#).

\*Additional fees apply to AP Capstone, canceled exams, and exams requested after the ordering deadline.

**Benefits of Taking an AP Course:** Although students can expect that AP classes are more rigorous than regular high school classes in the same subject, they are worth the effort for those willing to try. Besides potentially earning college credit, just a few of the many reasons to take AP are:

- AP classes provide a challenging and engaging environment where students get a taste of college work, boost college skills, and increase their confidence.
- AP students are more likely to be accepted by the college of their choice.

[Read more about the benefits](#)

## Students who take AP courses



perform at a level and pace that better prepares them for college



are more likely to complete college in four years



tend to take on more leadership roles





## Advanced Placement Summer Institutes

[Click Here to Register](#)



### JUNE 3-6, 2024

#### (VIRTUAL)

AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
AP US History  
AP Human Geography  
AP Psychology  
AP World History: Modern  
AP Precalculus  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Spanish Literature and Culture

### JUNE 10-13, 2024

#### (IN-PERSON ALBUQUERQUE, NM)

AP African American Studies  
AP Biology  
AP Calculus AB/BC  
AP Chemistry  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based

AP Precalculus  
AP Research (Capstone)  
AP Seminar (Capstone)  
AP Seminar: English 10  
AP Spanish Language and Culture  
AP US Government and Politics

\*APSI Sessions subject to change based on availability of funds

## Pre-AP Readiness Workshops

The New Mexico Public Education Department is thrilled to offer Pre-AP Readiness Workshops to our esteemed New Mexico educators as part of our summer professional learning options. These sessions introduce 6-12 grade teachers to the design and pedagogy of the Pre-AP program. The best part is that they're entirely free!

- **June 17, 2024 - 8:30 am-3:30 pm - Virtual**
  - Pre-AP English: From Sentence to Synthesis
  - Developing and Using Models to Construct Scientific Knowledge
- **June 18, 2024 - 8:30 am-3:30 pm - Virtual**
  - Pre-AP Social Studies: Fostering Disciplinary Skills
- **June 19, 2024 - 8:30 am-3:30 pm - Virtual**
  - Developing Mathematical Knowledge within a Learner-Centered Classroom

[Click here](#) to register on the NM AP website. Learn more about these workshops by [clicking here](#).

For information on implementing a complete Pre-AP program, [click here](#).

[More AP Links & Resources](#)

Contact [melissa.delarentis@ped.nm.gov](mailto:melissa.delarentis@ped.nm.gov) or (505) 490-3512 for more information on AP.



# Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Students who participate in CTSOs demonstrate higher levels of academic engagement and motivation, civic engagement, career self-efficacy, and employability skills than other students.
- According to the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education, participating in leadership and professional development activities in a CTSO raises students' educational aspirations.
- Students who participate in school organizations in 10th grade have higher grade point averages and are more likely to be enrolled in college at 21 than other students.

## Event Calendars

- [New Mexico BPA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico DECA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico FCCLA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico FFA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico HOSA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico SkillsUSA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico TSA Calendar](#)
- [New Mexico Ed Rising Calendar](#)



## SkillsUSA Job Skill Demonstration Open

On April 11-13, 2024, the New Mexico SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) took place at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque. The dynamic event was attended by over 1,000 people, including supportive employers, industry partners, and many enthusiastic career and technical education students who were eager to exhibit their skills and professionalism.



Five team members from the College and Career Readiness Bureau were thrilled to join the excitement on Thursday, April 11 as judges for the Job Skill Demonstration Open, where 16 high school students and six college/postsecondary students presented their diverse and unique job skills. CCRB judges were impressed by a wide range of presentations, including proper handling of golf clubs and archery bows, elevated techniques for tying a tie, and understanding the difference between business formal and business casual dress codes.

Demonstrations were scored and evaluated based on overall effectiveness and proficiency in presentation, organization, and professionalism. Each demonstration was required to last no longer than seven minutes, as well as align with the SkillsUSA framework, which is separated into three categories: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. The goal of this framework is to “empower students to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American Citizens (SkillsUSANM.org).” Finalists from both secondary and postsecondary groups will advance to the national competition in Atlanta, GA in June. *(Cont. on pg. 6)*



The Job Skill Demonstration Open was representative of the importance of equipping our future generations with tools for success within a wide range of career pathways. By showcasing their skills, participants highlighted the immense value of investing in career and technical education for New Mexico students. It was truly inspiring to witness the professionalism, creativity, dedication, and finely tuned technical skills of our state's future workforce.

SkillsUSA is one of eight Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) in New Mexico. These organizations give students hands-on, real-world experience in addition to what they learn in their classrooms. They also offer opportunities to develop leadership skills, network with other students and industry partners, and compete in events. Students engaged in career technical education activities supported by CTSOs are more likely to have higher levels of academic engagement, civic engagement, and employability skills. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you can get involved.

## Early College High School (ECHS)

**Early college high schools** offer tuition-free programs that integrate college education into high school. Students can earn a high school diploma and an associate degree or industry credential. These schools provide rigorous academic and career education, emphasizing support for underrepresented groups. Their programs offer work-based learning aligned with New Mexico's economic sectors and a CTE sequence leading to industry-recognized credentials.

### NM ECHS Resource Center



Explore ECHS



Design Principles of ECHS



Educator Portal



Research on ECHS



NM Career Pathways

**NS4ed's Early College Toolkit** provides a comprehensive review of early college high schools from a national and state perspective. It outlines past practices and current approaches to early college high school models and terminology. The toolkit also offers state-specific procedures for developing an early college high school and information on state-based partnerships within the New Mexico Early College High School system. Included in [this Toolkit](#):

- History and Purpose of Early College High Schools
- The Language of Early College High Schools
- How Well Early College High Schools are Doing Nationwide
- Best Practices Nationwide
- New Mexico's Early College High Schools
- Beginning an Early College High School in New Mexico
- Business and Community Partnerships
- College and University Community Partnerships
- New Mexico – The Podcasts



- **North Bullitt High School first in Kentucky learning through virtual reality program** *Alexis Mathews, WLKY* - North Bullitt High School is using virtual reality in the classroom and it's the only school in Kentucky doing so using the interactive learning platform Prisms VR tech. The VR learning experience is an innovative approach to reshaping education and improving student outcomes.
- **United Township Highschool Fire Science Program prepares students for the future** *Joushua Blount, KWQC* - The Fire Science Program at United Township High School in East Moline is teaching students around the Quad City area the skills they need to help them land jobs as firefighters in the future. Chad Jacobs, the Fire Science Program Instructor, said students get the full experience with their two-level course about firefighting and emergency medical services.
- **Career and technical education - a future with confidence** *Scott Spurgeon, Arizona Capitol Times* - Students who pursue career and technical education schooling receive credentials for entry-level positions in rapidly growing industries. In Arizona, CTE program completers can fill employment gaps in key industries, including aerospace, bioscience, health care, IT security, and manufacturing.
- **Operation Education: Why lease? Why not Clay? Questions about county career hub answered** *Kristin Bien, WSBT* - St. Joseph County in Indiana will be getting a Career Hub. The South Bend School Board recently approved a location for the Career and Technical Education facility. The hub will be founded by South Bend Community School Corporation but schools and districts throughout the county can send their students for specialized training and education.
- **Licking Heights in Ohio earns a \$2.2 million grant for technical career prep program** *Pataskala Standard, Newark Advocate* - This month, the district received a \$2.2 million Career Technical Education Equipment Grant from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Licking Heights was one of 56 school districts to receive this grant across the state of Ohio, and ranked in the top 20 districts for most money awarded.
- **Many in Gen Z ditch colleges for trade schools. Meet the 'toolbelt generation'** *Windsor Johnston, NPR* - Many younger people are seeing skilled trades as a pathway to financial stability and job satisfaction, especially with the rising demand for manual labor and the reduced vulnerability to automation compared to white-collar jobs.
- **Alabama lawmakers propose 'Workforce Pathways Diploma' for career-centered education** *Gracie Johnson, ABC* - State lawmakers want to create a new way to get a high school diploma. It would be called the Workforce Pathways Diploma. Under the proposed legislation, students could earn credits by completing career and technical education courses to prepare for employment right out of high school.
- **Houston Schools to Require CTE Starting in 2024-2025** *Megan Menchaca, Houston Chronicle* - Houston Independent School District will roll out career and technical education programs over four years, starting with entrepreneurship, networking systems, distribution and logistics, and health informatics.
- **US Cabinet official tours Sacramento County high school** *Lindsay Weber, KCRA* - Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra visited Rio Americano High School on Monday, touring facilities geared toward healthcare education.





# Events & Resources



- **May 7:** Language & Culture Division Equity Council Regional Session. [Registration required](#)
- **May 14:** Office of Special Education Stakeholder Engagement Meeting - Ruidoso/Zoom | [Register](#)
- **May 22:** Deadline to [submit proposals](#) for Dept. of Health, OSAH, NMPED, and Safe & Healthy Schools Head to Toe Conference
- **May 24:** NM Talent Pool [Submission](#) Deadline
- **May 24:** AP Summer Institute registration deadline | [Register here](#)
- **May 29:** AIR webinar: End of Year FII Reporting - 3:30–4:30 p.m. Register [here](#)
- **June 5:** NMACTE Socials - 4:00pm [Zoom](#)
- **June 26:** AIR webinar: End of Fiscal Year Closeout and Celebration - 3:30–4:30 p.m. Register [here](#)
- **June 29–July 3:** [FCCLA National Leadership Conference](#)

**2024–2025 Leadership Development Program Applications Now Open**  
The Priority Schools Bureau is pleased to release the **2024–2025 Leadership Development Program applications** for school and teacher leaders. Learn more about each program before applying [here](#).

**New Mexico Literacy Institute Summer Reading Program**  
Free to NM students, the summer program intends to improve literacy outcomes for all students participating, measure reading progress, and build confidence in literacy skills that will support students' academic achievement. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**High-Quality Professional Learning Marketplace List**  
The PED is providing the **High-Quality Professional Learning (HQPL) Marketplace List** as a guide and tool for teachers, schools, and districts to identify professional learning provider programs that support orientation and on-going implementation of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM).

- Also check out:
- [E-Blasts from the PED + Subscribe](#)
  - [Weekly Storytime | Subscribe here.](#)
  - [PED RFPS, RFIS and RFAS](#)
  - [Advance CTE - New Mexico State Profile](#)

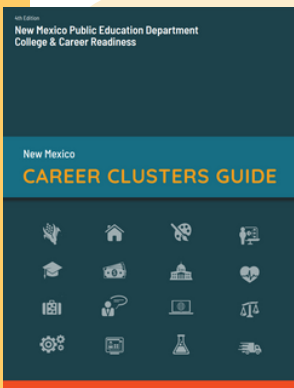


Junior Achievement provides activities, guides, thought leadership and lots of additional resources to support learning.

[Schools and Parents Begin Here](#)

## [Explore Financial Literacy Programs from eDynamic Learning](#)

eDynamic Learning is proud to offer comprehensive solutions designed to equip students with the critical financial literacy skills they need for success.



**New Mexico Career Clusters Guide**  
The updated (4th Edition) of the Career Cluster Guide is now available [via PDF](#) and hardcopies will be available later this year. To pre-order hardcopies [click here](#).

## **New Mexico ACTE Online Learning Center for CTE Professionals**



CTE Learn's suite of free professional development resources, [linked here](#), are designed to support CTE professionals beyond the offered fee-based credit courses. CTE Learn also offers a student-centric resource, [CareerPrepped](#), to support your students' career development.

[What is CTE? \(ACTE\)](#)

## **Opportunities for Educators**



- **Teaching resources**, including lesson plans, a powerful curriculum management system loaded with ready-to-use materials, a broad array of ethics education resources, videos, programs of study, and more.
- **Professional development**, such as an annual conference, live and recorded webinars, and in-person custom training.
- **Assessment**, including A\*S\*K Certifications, digital badging, end-of-course, and end-of-program exams.
- **High School of Business™** is a project-based program with accelerated courses and college credit options.
- **Student organization** support for advisors of DECA, FBLA, and BPA.
- **Business engagement** efforts to ensure that your students learn skills and knowledge in line with labor market needs.
- **Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative** offers [free ethics education resources](#) at the middle school, high school, and community college/postsecondary levels in schools nationwide through the support of the Daniels Fund, a foundation in Denver, CO, supporting principle-based ethics.

# Scholarships & More



- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Student Loan Relief Forms](#)
- [Loan-For-Service Programs](#)
- [Loan Repayment Programs](#)
- [New Mexico 529 Education Savings Plan](#)
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- [Fire Fighters and Peace Officers Survivors Scholarship](#)
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- [Grow Your Own Teachers](#)
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- [Teacher Preparation Affordability Scholarship Program](#)
- [Wartime & Vietnam Veterans Scholarship](#)
- [Work Study Program](#)

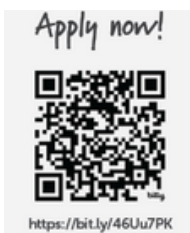


## [Horatio Alger Association Career and Technical Education Scholarship](#)

The Horatio Alger Association is awarding 500 scholarships of \$2,500 to pursue career or technical education. Students and adult learners, ages 18–35, should apply by June 15, 2024. [Learn more here.](#)

## [MobilizeGreen / US Fish & Wildlife Service Fellowships in New Mexico](#)

Paid maintenance, habitat management, and conservation opportunities in Mora and Las Cruces. [Click here to learn more.](#)



[The Veterans of Foreign Wars](#) organization is presenting the following opportunities for students and teachers:

- **[Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition](#):** Open to U.S. students in grades **9–12**, students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" **\$35,000** grand prize. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.
- **[Patriot's Pen Patriotic Written Essay Competition](#):** Open to U.S. students in grades **6–9**, students compete by writing essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "My Voice in America's Democracy?" **\$5,000** grand prize. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.
- **[Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award](#):** Includes \$1,000 Smart/Maher awards for each of the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses, \$1,000 award for each, winning teacher's school, commemorative plaques and an all-expense-paid trip to the VFW National Convention. The deadline to submit is **Oct. 31, 2024**.

## [NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD SCHOLARSHIP](#)

The NM PED National Board Scholarship is available to teachers. Through funding appropriated annually by the NM Legislature, the New Mexico Public Education Department is able to award up to \$500,000 in grants to eligible teachers who are seeking certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

A teacher is eligible to apply if:

- They are a resident of New Mexico (J1, J2, and H1B visa holders are not eligible); and
- They hold a valid level 2 or level 3A NM teaching license; and
- They are a full-time teacher of record at a New Mexico public school in the 2023–24 school year; and
- They submit a letter of reference from their current principal.

The Department will prioritize awards for candidates seeking initial certification in high needs areas, however a small amount may be set aside to support teachers who are in the process of renewing their certification.

Application window: Monday, April 15, through Friday, June 28.

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**\$21.8 Million**  
Unclaimed Federal Financial Aid in NM

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## [Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest](#)

Students ages **11–18** are encouraged to enter this contest as an opportunity to explore environmental issues through art-making and creative communication. Cash awards **up to \$1000**. The deadline to submit is **June 10, 2024**. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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- CTE Region: K
- Initiatives: Advanced Placement, Expanding Computing Education Pathways (ECEP), Innovation Zones
- Career Cluster: Information Technology

- Initiatives: Work-Based Learning, Summer Enrichment Internship Program, Near Peer Tutoring Program, Innovation Zones

- CTE Region: C
- Initiatives: Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Methods of Administration (MOA)
- Non-Trad Students, Special Population Groups
- CTSO: Educators Rising

- CTE Region: D
- Initiatives: Near Peer Tutoring, Strengthening Data Use in Postsecondary CTE, Governor's Climate Taskforce
- Programs of Study: Film, Outdoor Recreation
- Career Cluster: Arts, A/V Technology and Communications

- CTE Region: G
- Initiatives: Work Based Learning, Graduation Coursework Requirements, Graduation Course Waivers, Innovation Zones, CTSOs

- CTE Region: D
- Initiatives: Innovation Zones
- CTSO: HOSA

- CTE Region: J
- Initiatives: Dual Credit, Innovation Zones, Students Experiencing Homelessness

- CTE Region: I
- Initiatives: Counselors, Innovation Zones

- CTE Region: E
- Initiatives: Career Technical Leadership Project (CTLP)

- Initiatives: Work Based Learning, Internships

- Initiatives: CTE Corner Newsletter, Career Cluster Guide

- Initiatives: Certifications, Next Gen Funded-Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), Innovation Zones, Skilled Trades
- Programs of Study: Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation
- CTSO: SkillsUSA

- CTE Regions: B
- Initiatives: Early College High Schools, Innovation Zones
- Programs of Study: Marketing, Sales & Service
- CTSO: DECA

- CTE Regions: A
- Initiatives: International Baccalaureate
- CTSO: FCCLA

- Initiatives: Innovation Zones

- CTE Regions: H
- Initiatives: Careers2Community, Innovation Zones

