 **New Mexico School Boards Association**

**Scholarship Program Guidelines**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the NMSBA Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher educational goals for students who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, academic achievement and citizenship during high school.

**Eligible Nominees**

A nominee for the NMSBA Scholarship Program must be a graduating senior from an NMSBA member public school district and must be planning to enroll in a postsecondary educational institution.

**Nominations**

Each NMSBA Board of Education is eligible to nominate one graduating senior for scholarship consideration.

**Nomination Forms**

Nominations must be submitted in electronic form by participating Boards of Education and must include the following:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Color photo of nominee suitable for copying

**Nomination Deadline**

Deadline for receipt of each Board’s nomination is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2017

**Regional Selection Committees**

The Region Officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary) from each of NMSBA’s eight regions will serve as the selection committee for the region.

**Selection of Recipients**

The Regional Selection Committee will review and consider each nomination received from their region and make selections based on the following criteria:

* Demonstrated Leadership
* Academic Performance
* Community Involvement
* Extra Curricular Activities

**Number of Scholarships and Amounts**

The number and dollar amount of scholarship awards per year will be determined by the availability of funds and may vary from year to year. In 2017 NMSBA plans to award 8-$1,000 scholarships, 1 per region.

**Presentation of Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Annual NMSBA School Law Conference Luncheon which will be held Friday, June 9, 2017 at the Hotel Albuquerque.

**Use of Funds**

Scholarship funds may be utilized to pay tuition, fees, books, or other education related expenses.