

Education Works Program (EWP) Fact Sheet

1. What is the EWP?

The EWP is a state funded program that provides up to 24 months of cash assistance for needy families so that they may participate in higher education and obtain a degree. This program was created in December 2000 for participants to advance and focus on education rather than on meeting work requirements in the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program.

2. Funding

- ▶ State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017, \$1,372,000 appropriated from the State General Fund
- ▶ Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007, EWP does not count toward TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) due to the change in the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) requirement that participants receiving state funded MOE cash assistance must be included in the work participation rate calculations.

3. Program Eligibility Requirements and Elements

Non-Financial Eligibility Criteria	Financial Eligibility Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of New Mexico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,500 or less in liquid resources, such as a bank account ○ \$2,000 or less in non-liquid resources, such as real property
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-Time Undergraduate or Graduate Student/Parent with a minimum 2.0 GPA 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families with Dependent Children 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Number 	

2016 - 2017 Monthly Cash Assistance Standards

Household Size	85% Federal Poverty Guidelines Poverty Gross Limit for Cash	Standard of Need	Budgetary Adjustment Amount, Effective July 1, 2015, 7.5 Percent Reduction	Standard of Need with Budgetary Adjustment Amount
1	\$ 842	\$266	-\$ 22	\$244
2	\$1,135	\$357	-\$ 30	\$327
3	\$1,428	\$447	-\$ 38	\$409
4	\$1,721	\$539	-\$ 46	\$493
5	\$2,015	\$630	-\$ 54	\$576
6	\$2,308	\$721	-\$ 62	\$659
7	\$2,602	\$812	-\$ 69	\$743
8	\$2,897	\$922	-\$ 79	\$843
For each additional member add:				
	+\$295	+\$ 91	+\$8	+ \$83
Deductions			Clothing Allowance	
Dependent Care: For Dependent under age 2 = \$200 For Dependent 2 and over = \$175		Work Incentive ♦ Earned Income Disregard Single Person = \$125 and ½ remainder Two Person = \$225 and ½ remainder	Eligible school age children receive a \$100 clothing allowance in January and/or August (subject to availability of funding).	

Geographical Region	Slots
Northwest Region 1 McKinley, Cibola, San Juan, Valencia,	28
Northeast Region 2 Sandoval, Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Harding	99
Central Region 3 Bernalillo, Tarrant	184
Southeast Region 4 Chavez, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt,	36
Southwest Region 5 Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, Socorro, Lincoln , Otero	103
<i>Total Statewide Slots Available</i>	450

4. Participant Levels and Expenditures

SFY	Average Monthly Households	Total Expenditures
2017 YTD*	114	\$131,333
2016	188	\$805,552
2015	226	\$873,346
2014	264	\$1,078,399
2013	326	\$1,270,589
2012	284	\$1,194,606
2011	352	\$1,654,458
2010	378	\$1,902,466
2009	545	\$2,575,903
2008	371	\$1,685,449
2007	372	\$1,520,162
2006	414	\$1,745,888

*As of October 2016.

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