



1. What is the Education Works Program (EWP)?

The Education Works Program (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 so that participants could 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

- ▶ \$1,400,000 State General Fund for SFY 12, a decrease of \$600,000 from two years ago.
- ▶ Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2007 EWP has not counted toward TANF 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 Elements

Non-Financial Eligibility	Financial Eligibility
<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 • 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"> • U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant 	
<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 	

2011 Monthly Cash Assistance Standards

Household Size	85% FPG Poverty Gross Limit for Cash	Standard of Need	Budgetary Adjustment Amount, Effective January 1, 2011 15 Percent Reduction	Standard of Need with Budgetary Adjustment Amount
1	\$ 772	\$266	-\$ 39	\$227
2	\$1,042	\$357	-\$ 53	\$304
3	\$1,313	\$447	-\$ 67	\$380
4	\$1,584	\$539	-\$ 80	\$459
5	\$1,854	\$630	-\$ 94	\$539
6	\$2,125	\$721	-\$108	\$613
7	\$2,395	\$812	-\$121	\$619
8	\$2,666	\$922	-\$138	\$784
For each additional member add:				
	+\$270	+\$ 90	-\$14	+ \$77
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 received a \$50 clothing allowance in August 2011. The January 2012 disbursement has been suspended.	



Geographical Region	Slots
Northwest Region 1 McKinley, Cibola, San Juan, Sandoval, Valencia, Union	67
Northeast Region 2 Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Harding	65
Central Region 3 Bernalillo	169
Southeast Region 4 Chavez, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt,	33
Southwest Region 5 Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, Socorro, Lincoln , Otero	97
<i>Total Statewide Slots Available</i>	431

4. Participant Levels and Expenditures

SFY	Average Monthly Households	Total Expenditures
2012 YTD	262	\$563,358
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
2005	443	\$1,861,924

* December 2011.

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