



Education Works Program Fact Sheet

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 family members may participate in higher education and obtain a degree. This program was created in December 2000 so that participants could focus on education rather than meeting work requirements in the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program.

2. Funding

- ▶ \$1,372,000 State General Fund for SFY 15.
- ▶ Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2007, EWP has not counted 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 Elements

Non-Financial Eligibility	Financial Eligibility
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
U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant	
Full-Time Undergraduate or Graduate Student/Parent with a minimum 2.0 GPA	
Families with Dependent Children	
Social Security Number	

2014 - 2015 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	\$ 827	\$266	-\$ 39	\$227
2	\$1,114	\$357	-\$ 53	\$304
3	\$1,403	\$447	-\$ 67	\$380
4	\$1,690	\$539	-\$ 80	\$459
5	\$1,977	\$630	-\$ 94	\$536
6	\$2,265	\$721	-\$108	\$613
7	\$2,553	\$812	-\$121	\$691
8	\$2,840	\$922	-\$138	\$784
For each additional member add:				
	+\$288	+\$ 91	-\$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 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, Torrance	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
2015 YTD*	202	\$200,611
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 November 2014.

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