

# New Mexico Writers Scholarship Committee

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The New Mexico Writers Annual Dinner celebrates writers and the writing craft in New Mexico. Each year one or more scholarships are awarded to aspiring local writers.

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For more information on the annual dinner visit our website at

[www.nmwriters.org](http://www.nmwriters.org)

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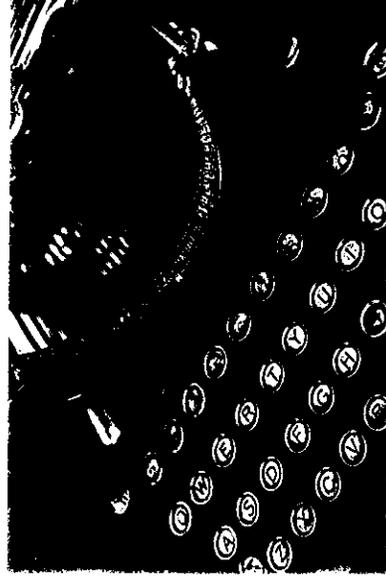
# Celebrating the Literary Arts

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# Land of Enchantment

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Offering scholarships to  
aspiring New Mexico  
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# New Mexico Writers

New Mexico Writers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing new authors throughout New Mexico, a state steeped in vibrant literary traditions. Our mission is to encourage voices that reflect the true diversity of our state.

- We empower writers by providing contact with professionals in the craft
- We facilitate collaboration with government agencies, schools and other entities to increase contact between the state's literary community and aspiring writers
- We award one or more scholarships each year to aspiring New Mexico writers
- We celebrate New Mexico writers of all genres from all parts of the state at an annual New Mexico Writers Dinner held each spring



# New Mexico Writers Scholarship Program

Our members, who include many well-known writers, have established a scholarship program designed to support aspiring New Mexico authors in all their literary endeavors. The program is designed to reach all populations and geographic areas of the state, particularly those in lesser served communities. One or more scholarships will be awarded each year.

**Who should apply:** All New Mexico writers are welcome to apply. We encourage applicants working in a variety of genres, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, journalism, play writing and screenwriting.

**How can the award be used:** Recipients may use the grants to support their work as needed, including tuition for a writing-related program or mentorship, travel, research costs, special equipment, or time to work on a project without a day job.

**What are the award amounts:** Awards normally range from \$500 to \$2,000.

**Timeline:** The scholarship competition is being launched at the New Mexico Writers annual dinner on April 25, 2018.

Submissions are due September 1, 2018. Winners will be announced in November and honored at the annual dinner in 2019.

**Please consider applying and spread the word!**

Details and an application form can be found at [www.nmwriters.org](http://www.nmwriters.org)

# Scholarship Application Requirements for 2018

- Name
- Address
- Email
- Phone

## Your field of writing:

(Mark as many categories as you wish)

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> fiction      | <input type="checkbox"/> journalism     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poetry       | <input type="checkbox"/> non-fiction    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> play writing | <input type="checkbox"/> screen writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____  |   |

## Include:

- A writing sample of no more than 10 pages
- A letter of recommendation from someone who knows your writing in a professional capacity, or someone who wishes to encourage your pursuit of the craft. The letter should address how this opportunity is critical for your growth as a writer.
- A proposal (500 word max) that describes:
  - The literary endeavor or project for which you are requesting support
  - A timeline for your endeavor/project
  - Amount of request and how it will help you
- A biography (400 word max) that describes your status as a writer. This should include anything you wish to offer about your background, whether you have had material published or performed, and, if you wish, an "artist's statement" about why you write, and hopefully love to write.

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Online instructions at [nmwriters.org](http://nmwriters.org)

Or mail to: New Mexico Writers Organization,  
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