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New Mexico Writers Grant Program



The New Mexico Writers annual grant program is intended to support New Mexico authors in a variety of literary endeavors. The program features a competition for funding new works or works in progress by writers from all populations and geographic areas of New Mexico, as well as members from the greater Navajo Nation.

New Mexico Writers will begin welcoming applications for its 2025 grant program on December 1, 2024.

Applications are accepted in one of any of the following genres: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, journalism, playwriting, and screenwriting. Grants are typically between \$500 and \$2,000 and are intended to support a variety of writer's needs, including attendance at a writing-related workshop, conference, or mentorship program; research-related travel costs; time away from work to focus on a writing project; and more.

Grants will be awarded at the New Mexico Writers annual dinner, where grantees are honored as special guests. The next annual dinner will be held on April 17, 2025, at La Fonda on the Plaza in Santa Fe.

Who Should Apply

All New Mexico writers, and members of the greater Navajo Nation, are invited to apply for funding to support projects in ONE of any of the following genres: **fiction, nonfiction, poetry, journalism, playwriting, and screenwriting.**

Previous New Mexico Writers grantees must wait two years after receiving a grant before applying for a new project grant.

Award recipients are required to submit a report to New Mexico Writers detailing how the grant was used and how their work benefited from the funding.

2025 Grant Program Application Instructions

GRANT CATEGORIES: (You may submit only ONE application in ONE of the following grant categories.)

New Mexico Writers Annual Grant: New Mexico Writers signature grant supporting writing, research, publishing, and other activities pertaining to the creation of new works or works in progress. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$2,000. If possible, please request a desired funding amount for your project. Although the New Mexico Writers Grants Committee reserves the right to determine the final amount of funding for a project, knowing an approximate funding range is helpful in our evaluations.

Douglas Preston Travel Grant: This special annual \$1,000 grant, funded by best-selling author and Santa Fe resident Douglas Preston, specifically supports an author's travel needs in the service of a writing project.

Preston Young Writers Grant: Supported by author Douglas Preston and his wife Christine, this new grant of varying amounts is intended to assist an aspiring young writer between the ages of 18 and 25 obtain professional experience, networking, and training. The grant provides for an annual Emerging Writer membership in The Authors Guild—the nation's oldest and largest professional organization for published writers—and access to the professional development tools the Guild

offers. It also provides funds to attend a literary conference, with opportunities to learn about the writing and publishing world, attend workshops and sessions, meet with agents and editors, and connect with other writers.

Applicants for this Preston Young Writers Grant, and only for this grant, must complete a worksheet that indicates which professional conference(s) the applicant wishes to attend, as well as detailed estimates of costs, including travel. [Click here to download the Preston Young Writers Grant Worksheet.](#)

FUNDING AMOUNT:

Applicants for any grant may request a specific amount of funding to support their work as needed. Although the New Mexico Writers Grants Committee reserves the right to determine the final amount of funding for a project, knowing an approximate funding range is helpful in our evaluations.

WHAT TO SUBMIT:

1. Your proposal of no more than 500 words. It should describe:

- the literary endeavor (including the genre) for which you are requesting support;
- how this grant will help you progress in this endeavor; and,
- a timeline for your project and specific use of the grant funds during that time.

2. One or more letters of recommendation from someone who knows your writing in a professional capacity or wishes to encourage your pursuit of the craft. The letter should address how this opportunity is critical for your growth as a writer.

Letters must be submitted with the application. Late letters will not be accepted.

3. A writing sample of no more than 10 pages (double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. type).

4. A biography of no more than 400 words that describes your status as a writer, including whether you have previously had material published or performed in your field.

All required documents should be merged into ONE document before you submit.

Submission Instructions and Deadline to Apply - February 28, 2025

Completed applications should be emailed to the [NMW Administrator](#).

Every applicant will receive an emailed acknowledgement of receipt of the application. **Applications are only considered complete when acknowledged.** We do this to ensure that an application is not lost.

Grant applications should be submitted no later than **February 28, 2025**. Awardees will be notified by March 17, 2025.

Downloadable 2025 Grant Program Information

 [2025 Grant Program Info](#)



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