Award Process and Student Notification

Eligible students will be awarded automatically through the financial aid system beginning around April 2 and will continue until funds are exhausted. Students will be notified through their award letter notification, Lobo Web, and through an email message (copy of email wording below). We anticipate that these awards will go to first time graduate students, as they did in 2011-2012.

Award Amount

The award amount is $3600 ($1800 per semester). This allows a larger pool of applicants while still providing an award that covers approximately 6 hours of tuition and fees.

Department Notification

Departments will be notified of recipients via a report around April 15. Departments will be asked to review the recipient list for their department. If any of the students are scheduled to receive an assistantship or if it is known the student will not be attending, the department should contact the Financial Aid office so the funds can be utilized for other students. Specific contact information will be provided with the report.

Example of Student Notification

Congratulations! You have been offered a New Mexico Graduate Scholars 3% Gratis Scholarship. This award is funded by the state of New Mexico to support the academic progress of newly enrolling, fulltime graduate students who demonstrate financial need.

This award will pay towards your tuition costs for the upcoming aid year. In order to receive these funds you must be a New Mexico resident and enroll and maintain nine (9) hours of enrollment each semester.

The award is tuition specific and does not convert to a cash award if or when your tuition is covered by other means, such as an assistantship or fellowship. Normally students hold the 3% scholarship only for their first year of graduate studies (2 semesters, or 3 semesters if on a trimester program); in rare cases a department may elect to renew the award to graduate students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance and continuing financial need.