

# **BE BOLD with your University Experience!**

## ***The NMSU Conroy Honors Scholar Program***

***Are you an academic achiever looking for something more from your University experience?  
Are you intellectually curious and eager to develop your unique potentials to change the world for good?  
Are you ready to commit to becoming an academic leader of the NMSU Honors community?***

The William Conroy Honors College at New Mexico State University is seeking a small cohort of top academic high school seniors to join our diverse and vibrant Honors community in Fall 2021. The Conroy Honors Scholar Program will be offering 20 four-year scholarships to new, first year students, with a desire to serve as leaders and models for what the life of a fully-engaged, academic all-star, student can be at New Mexico State University.

### **The Conroy Honors Scholar Awards for In-state and Out-of-State Students**

- The Conroy Honors Scholar in-state and out-of-state awards cover tuition and fees for recipients each fall and spring semester. If the student qualifies for an institutional scholarship or tuition-based scholarship (i.e. New Mexico Lottery Scholarship), the Conroy Honors Scholar award will cover any remaining tuition and fees after those funds have been disbursed.
- All Conroy Honors Scholars will also be eligible to receive a \$2500 Global Citizen Award to help fund a study abroad experience with Honors guidance.

To ensure that Conroy Honors Scholars receive personalized support from the Honors College staff and faculty across their full academic career at NMSU, **Conroy Honors Scholars are required to:**

- live in the Honors Living Learning Community for one year (unless a waiver to commute from home is approved)
- participate in the Fall Honors First Year Experience course (with the Dean of the College)
- make annual progress towards University Honors graduation
- participate in research/leadership/service activities consistent with Honors values

### **Selection:**

In addition to the 3.8 GPA eligibility requirement, Conroy Honors Scholars will be selected competitively with evidence that students will be academic leaders modeling Honors core values through:

- Engagement in research, scholarship, and creative work with NMSU faculty
- Leadership roles in the campus community (e.g., student organizations, residence life, to academic departments)
- Civic and service engagement to promote a healthier and more just world
- Active global citizenship activities around issues of importance to the borderlands region and the world at large

For priority consideration, applicants must complete a Scholar Dollar\$ application by December 1 to provide a wholistic view of their experiences and potentials. For full review, students are also required to submit a letter of interest to the Honors College Office ([honors@nmsu.edu](mailto:honors@nmsu.edu)) by January 15, 2021 explaining why they are a good fit for the Conroy Honors Scholar Program.

For more information about the Conroy Honors College, the Conroy Honors Scholar Program, and application process, please visit the NMSU Conroy Honors Scholar webpage: <https://honors.nmsu.edu/conroy-scholars/>

***It is our job to ensure that Honors students succeed and become the academic leaders of the NMSU campus. We expect the Conroy Honors Scholars to be the leaders at the heart of the Honors community!***

*We are New Mexico's land-grant institution and a comprehensive research university dedicated to teaching, research and service at all levels. Recognized as a top-tier university by U.S. News & World Report, NMSU is a welcoming community of talented faculty, staff and students who are working together to make a difference. As a NASA Space Grant College, a Hispanic-serving institution and home to the first Honors College in New Mexico, NMSU offers an accessible education that shapes bright futures.*

## Eligibility and Application Guidance

All high school graduates entering NMSU with a 3.75 GPA are Crimson Scholars and are invited to take Honors College coursework and participate in Honors College activities. However, The Conroy Honors Scholar Program is a competitive opportunity limited to **selected applicants** who meet the listed criteria listed below.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- 2021-22 High School graduates including students that are also simultaneously completing an early college degree.
- Admitted to NMSU with a 3.8 GPA as reported by high school transcripts submitted to the Admissions Office.
- In addition to completing the Scholar Dollar\$ application by (December 1<sup>st</sup> for priority consideration), Conroy Honors Scholar applicants must also send a letter of interest by January 15<sup>th</sup> to the Honors College, at [honors@nmsu.edu](mailto:honors@nmsu.edu). Listed below are the letter guidelines:
  - Explain why you are a good fit for the Conroy Honors Scholar award.
  - Letters should meet around the 500-word limit and not exceed one page.
  - Letters can reference information provided on the Scholar Dollar\$ application, but should also include any additional information students wish to feature about their professional and potential aspirations.
  - Evaluation of both the Scholar Dollar\$ materials and the letter of interest will focus on evidence of **academic promise** consistent with the [mission and goals of the Honors College](#) and the Conroy Honors Scholar Program.

### Renewal Requirements:

Conroy Honors Scholars are required to make annual progress toward earning the designation as a University Honors Graduate by meeting the following requirements:

- Complete the first semester of college with a 3.25 GPA and pass 15 new main campus credit hours
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA and pass 15 new Las Cruces campus credits per semester
- Complete the required First-Year Honors Seminar with a grade of B or better
- Complete an additional three Honors Course credits in the first year, and completing three Honors credits each of the following years with a B or better.
- Submitting a plan for [Honors capstone](#) completion before the start of the Senior year

In the summer, after each academic year, the Honors College Office will complete an audit of Conroy Scholars to ensure appropriate progress and excellence. We will offer guidance and advise if there are concerns about the student's success in the program. A one-semester probationary period may be offered for students that miss a requirement to ensure they receive the assistance needed for positive progress.

### Program Expectations:

All Conroy Honors Scholars are encouraged to distinguish themselves in their program, personal goals, and the following high-impact learning activities:

- Work with NMSU faculty on research, scholarly, or creative projects.
- Engage with campus activities and assume a leadership role in at least one student organization or NMSU office
- Identify a cause that matters to them personally and participate in NMSU sponsored activities to support outreach or serve a broader need
- Complete at least one study-abroad or domestic travel experience to promote global citizenship

Strategies and opportunities to succeed in each of these areas, for students across all Colleges and majors within the university, will be introduced in the Honors First-Year Seminar.

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***Although the Conroy Honors Scholar Program has a limited number of awards to offer, all highly motivated Honors students that fit this academic profile are welcome to participate in the Conroy Program coursework and activities. We are eager to support all students that are willing to be **BOLD** with their University education!***