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**

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<th>Non-Financial Eligibility</th>
<th>Financial Eligibility</th>
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<tr>
<td>Resident of New Mexico</td>
<td>• Gross Income</td>
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<td>o 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline</td>
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<td>U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant</td>
<td>• Resources</td>
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<td>Full-Time Undergraduate or Graduate Student/Parent with a minimum 2.0 GPA</td>
<td>o $1,500 or less in liquid resources, such as a bank account</td>
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<td>Families with Dependent Children</td>
<td>o $2,000 or less in non-liquid resources, such as real property</td>
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<td>Social Security Number</td>
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### 2014 - 2015 Monthly Cash Assistance Standards

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<tr>
<th>Household Size</th>
<th>85% FPG Poverty Gross Limit for Cash</th>
<th>Standard of Need</th>
<th>Budgetary Adjustment Amount, Effective January 1, 2011 15 Percent Reduction</th>
<th>Standard of Need with Budgetary Adjustment Amount</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>$827</td>
<td>$266</td>
<td>-$39</td>
<td>$227</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>$1,114</td>
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<td>6</td>
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For each additional member add:

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<th>Deductions</th>
<th>Clothing Allowance</th>
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<td>+$288</td>
<td>Eligible school age children received a $50 clothing allowance in January and/or August (subject to availability of funding).</td>
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<td>+ $77</td>
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**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
Geographical Region | Slots
---|---
Northwest Region 1 | 28
McKinley, Cibola, San Juan, Valencia,

Northeast Region 2 | 99
Sandoval, Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Harding

Central Region 3 | 184
Bernalillo, Torrance

Southeast Region 4 | 36
Chavez, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt,

Southwest Region 5 | 103
Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, Socorro, Lincoln, Otero

Total Statewide Slots Available | 450

4. Participant Levels and Expenditures

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<tr>
<th>SFY</th>
<th>Average Monthly Households</th>
<th>Total Expenditures</th>
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<td>2015 YTD*</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>$200,611</td>
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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>$1,078,399</td>
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<td>2006</td>
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<td>$1,745,888</td>
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*As of November 2014.

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