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SOAR TO GREATER HEIGHTS

NM STEM Conference
Las Cruces, NM

NM PED Scholarship & Travel Reimbursement

Where do I apply? Visit nmctm.org/scholarships

What is the NM PED Scholarship and Travel Reimbursement? What is Soar to Greater Heights?

Soar to Greater Heights is an annual STEM conference hosted by teacher volunteers across New Mexico. This year the conference is proudly hosted by volunteers from three organizations: Computer Science Teachers of New Mexico (CSTANM), New Mexico Science Teachers Association (NMSTA), and the New Mexico Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NMCTM). The conference rotates across NM annually, and this year we are proudly hosted by the recently renovated Las Cruces High School and Principal Jed Hendee.

NM PED Scholarship for Attending Soar to Greater Heights 2017

The NM Public Education Department has agreed to subsidize teacher attendance to the conference by providing a \$5000 grant to award to qualified teachers. Teachers are eligible for a \$50 scholarship for attending. Apply at nmctm.org/scholarships ... scholarships are awarded in advance of the conference, providing teachers time to request and obtain POs ... to register, visit nmctm.org/registration

NM PED Travel Reimbursement for Qualifying Regions

Teachers who are traveling 100-150 miles are eligible for a \$50 traveling stipend. Teachers who are traveling 150 miles or more, are eligible for a \$125 stipend. Travel reimbursements are provided to recipients at the conference closing event on Saturday. Teachers must attend a minimum of 6 workshops to maintain eligibility for the reimbursement..

Summary of eligibility requirements

- Teach at a public district or public charter school and hold a current NM Teaching License
- Teach math, science, engineering or technology OR be an elementary teacher whose regular instruction includes math and/or science
- Attend the Saturday conference sessions (full day of workshops)
- Complete and submit a verification form that includes the sessions attended and exhibitors contacted

Details of the Scholarship

- Begin your application for the scholarship at nmctm.org/scholarships
- If you have questions, email: thernandez@nvanm.org

What are Regional Affiliates?

The CSTANM, NMSTA, and NMCTM are your regional affiliates for the national organizations, [CSTA](#), [NSTA](#), and [NCTM](#). Regional affiliates provide a gateway to accessing national initiatives, leveraging your leadership role to impact position statements and educational policy, and to participate in a national community and conference mechanism that provides rich and ongoing professional development.

Improving Pedagogical Practice

K-12 teachers in NM are subject to the NM Teach Domain 4 as part of their annual evaluation.

- **Domain 4B:** Participating in professional community
- **Domain 4C:** Reflecting on teaching
- **Domain 4D:** Demonstrating professionalism

Regularly attending professional development workshops not only helps teachers improve and reflect on their pedagogical practice, but leads to an increase in student learning, and additionally helps teachers achieve highly effective / exemplary in these domains.

Notice of Acceptance

Applicants will be emailed acceptance or rejection by September 15th - 25th.

Questions

Please email thernandez@nvanm.org



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