

Support New Mexico's Public Colleges, Universities and a Specialty School to Move Our State Ahead

By Name, title, institution

In 2026, earning a certificate, two-year or four-year college degree is not a luxury -- it's an economic necessity. General Obligation Bond 3 will help many New Mexico students achieve their dreams, provide for their future and move our state ahead.

According to The Lumina Foundation, a community college education returns about \$4.80 in future income for every dollar a student invests.

New national data from the College Board Education Pays 2026 reported that among full-time working adults, four-year college graduates earn about 60 percent more than high school graduates and that college graduates are more likely to work in jobs that provide health insurance and retirement benefits. As of 2025, the unemployment rate among young adults age 25-34 was 3.1 percent for college graduates, compared with 5.8 percent for those without a degree.

But more than an economic necessity, this year's GO Bond for Higher Education will fund degrees and initiatives that help our entire state. A new medical school will train double the number of doctors to meet our physician shortage. A reforestation center in Mora County will help rebuild areas affected by wildfires and floods.

In fact, GO Bond 3 funding is earmarked for specific projects in 25 communities across 22 counties in New Mexico, creating more than 3,500 new jobs and adding to the tax bases in those cities and counties. Plus, workers on these projects will stay, shop and eat at local businesses.

In our own community, Bond 3 will fund 00 new jobs and provide \$00,000,000 for (describe project) at name of institution.

And, all of this will be possible without raising the property tax rates that voters are paying now.

In many cases, GO Bond funding is the only source of money available for basic renovations, including replacing failing roofs, crumbling parking lots and heating and cooling systems near or past their useful lifespans. Bond funding also pays for upgrading technology to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and other educational programs as well as allow colleges and universities to provide remote learning to rural students.

While college enrollment has declined in recent years, more New Mexicans are now taking advantage of this important opportunity. Undergraduate enrollment has increased by 13.6 percent since 2021. Also, a 2025 study by the Strada Education Foundation placed New Mexico among the top 14 states for economic security after graduation.

A strong system of higher education is something all New Mexicans should support, regardless of their political affiliation. A vote for GO Bond 3 is a vote for our students, our workforce, our communities and our economy – all without raising property tax rates.

For more information about specific projects around the state and how passage of GO Bond 3 will have a positive impact on New Mexico, visit www.HigherEdBond3.com.

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