

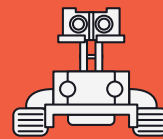
# Bridging Futures

## For Young Women in STEM

2026 Advancing

Young Women in STEM

Scholarships



## OVERVIEW:

NMOST brings together policymakers, educators, childcare providers, youth development workers, and other stakeholders interested in ensuring positive youth development opportunities and outcomes through out-of-school time programs.

## OUR VISION:

All children and youth in New Mexico have access to high quality out-of-school time opportunities regardless of zip code and income.

## OUR MISSION:

To cultivate enriching experiences for children and youth beyond the school day.

## NMOST INITIATIVES:

### WOMEN IN STEM

NMOST has created the Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarships to help address the gender gap in the STEM disciplines and STEM-related fields.

### OST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

NMOST has created the Institute to increase access to out-of-school time (OST) programs across New Mexico by providing high-quality professional development for emerging OST leaders working in underserved and vulnerable New Mexico communities.

### DATA & MAPPING

NMOST maps existing OST programs and needs in New Mexico.

### YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

NMOST works to expand entrepreneurship education and equip OST programs with tools and curricula statewide. Our goal is to expand opportunities for New Mexico youth to learn about and experience entrepreneurship and innovation through OST programs.

### FIGHTING HUNGER THROUGH OST

NMOST works to expand access to healthy meals after school and during the summer for the 130,000 children who face food insecurity in New Mexico.



# WHY SPONSOR?

Women remain underrepresented in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) professions, and there is a need to close the gender gap and inspire the next generation of female innovators and leaders. As a way to help address gender inequity in STEM, the New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST) has created the [Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarships](#). NMOST's goal is to give women interested in STEM the opportunity to pursue their passions and interests and work towards closing the gender gap in STEM. NMOST encourages you to [donate to the scholarship fund](#) to support women in STEM, building their confidence in themselves and their abilities, as well as motivating them to continue their work.

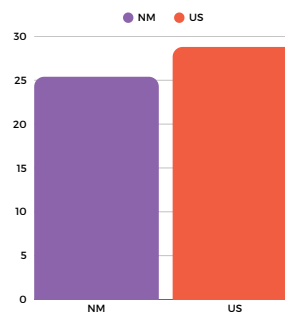
## WOMEN IN STEM: THE REALITY IN NEW MEXICO

### THE PIPELINE PROBLEM

Out of 100 female bachelor students, 12 will graduate with a STEM major but only 3 continue to work in STEM fields 10 years after graduation.



### REPRESENTATION GAP



Approximately 25.4% of those working in STEM fields in NM are women, compared with 28.8% nationwide.

### GENDER IMBALANCE IN STEM JOBS

In New Mexico, men are **2.6 times** more likely than women to work in STEM occupations.

**2.6 X**

### THE PAY GAP



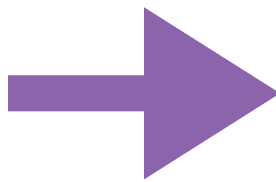
In NM, women earn 83 cents for every \$1 earned by men. At this pace, pay equity will not be reached until 2054.

# HELP US INCREASE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN 2026!

With your generous donation, NMOST aims to increase the amount of scholarships awarded this year, thus increasing opportunities for young women throughout New Mexico to pursue STEM careers! By donating to the Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarship Fund, you help young women achieve their dreams and break down the stereotypes and barriers that create inequitable opportunities for young women.

81

81 total scholarships awarded between 2018-2025



\$65K +

More than \$65K awarded



# MEET TWO PAST AYWISTEM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## Alexandra Romero

*2025 Recipient*



This is an amazing opportunity that I am thankful to have received which will help me achieve my goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree by alleviating some financial burden. Being a triplet, this was a major concern for me, but now I can focus on my studies more. Attending the Women in STEM Summit in Albuquerque was very insightful and I was happy to hear from some amazing speakers. Hearing what they had to say and learning more about the NMOST Program was empowering. Thank you for supporting my interest in pursuing a STEM career. I look forward to using my degree to inspire others.

## Maia Gregson

*2025 Recipient*



Currently, I attend Texas A&M University where I'm pursuing my undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering. I'm a member of the Corps of Cadets, and have joined several organizations such as the Fish Drill Team, Aggie Lemons and several intramural soccer teams. Growing up my entire life in New Mexico, I knew I wanted to attend an out-of-state school. But as I'm sure you're aware, going out-of-state adds additional costs past the already increased tuition. And this scholarship really helped by being able to lift a little of that burden. I've been able to focus more on academics (I've joined a team that will compete nationally in building a medical device), athletics (my soccer team is competing in the playoffs this coming Monday!) and even personally as I'm able to enjoy going out with friends on the weekends. I'm also putting some of the scholarship aside to hopefully travel abroad next year to Belgium to learn more about biomedical device design. Just overall with this scholarship, I've been able to explore some of the many options that A&M offers.

# WITH YOUR DONATION, YOU WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEW MEXICO WOMEN IN STEM SUMMIT & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS!

On April 26, 2025, the New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST), in partnership with the NM STEM Gender Equity Coalition, hosted the second annual New Mexico Women in STEM Summit at Hotel Andaluz in Albuquerque. The Summit convened 87 participants, students, parents, educators, professionals, and community leaders, to celebrate young women in STEM, share experiences, and build strategies to expand equity and opportunity across the state.

The event also honored 12 recipients of the [Advancing Young Women in STEM Scholarship Awards](#). Since 2018, NMOST has awarded 81 scholarships totaling \$65,500, with support from corporate, foundation, and individual donors.



NMOST appreciates the generous support for the Summit from the [Encantado Foundation](#) and the [Afterschool Alliance](#)!



# BECOME A 2026 ADVANCING YOUNG WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR!

## CHOOSE YOUR SPONSOR LEVEL:

	TERTIARY \$250	SECONDARY \$500	TITLE \$1,000
Name listed in scholarship program/materials	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in post-event thank-you email	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to scholarship award event	✓	✓	✓
Corporate logo on event flyers & newsletters		✓	✓
Corporate logo on NMOST website		✓	✓
Donor acknowledgment on social media		✓	✓
Recognition at scholarship award event		✓	✓
Recognition in press releases			✓
Opportunity to provide brief remarks at event			✓

## HOW TO DONATE:

[Donate by clicking on the link below!](#)



**DONATE**  
**HERE!**

### Alternative Donation Methods:

#### CHECK

- Mail check made out to "New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network" with a note in the memo section that reads: "For NMOST Scholarship Fund."
- Address: 4700 Lincoln Rd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87109.

#### ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

- Contact us at [nmostnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nmostnetwork@gmail.com)

*Donations to the 9th Annual Advancing Young Women in STEM scholarship are tax-deductible as allowable by the IRS.*

