



In order to apply for the Mitchell scholarship, you must earn the institutional nomination from the UNM CAELD office. To be considered, submit the UNM Preliminary Application by 11:59 pm, March 10, 2024.

I. Eligibility

- Be U.S. citizens.
- Be at least 18 years of age, but not yet 30 years old on October 1 in the year in which you are applying.
- Have a bachelor's degree from UNM before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar.

II. Awards

The Mitchell Scholars program supports one year of graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholars program provides tuition, housing, cash living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend.

III. Criteria

Mitchell Scholars program candidates are judged on three criteria:

- **Scholarship** -- Academic excellence and intellectual distinction. Although the Scholars program does not require a minimum GPA, a prospective candidate must have the academic ability and preparation to succeed in a postgraduate program.
- **Leadership** -- An outstanding record of leadership which may be evidenced through a variety of activities and accomplishments. These efforts may be on- or off-campus, local, regional, or global.
- **Commitment to Community and Public Service** -- A record of and sustained commitment to service and community, on-campus, locally, nationally, or internationally.

IV. Objectives of the program

- Introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland
- Promotes the spirit of community between and among the Scholars and the Irish/Northern Ireland communities
- Deepen the scholar's understanding of Ireland and the world

V. Partnership Universities

[Dublin City University](#)
[Technological University Dublin](#)
[University of Galway](#)
[National University of Ireland Maynooth](#)
[Queen's University Belfast](#)

[Trinity College Dublin](#)
[University College Cork](#)
[University College Dublin](#)
[University of Limerick](#)
[Ulster University](#)

VI. Online Application (After UNM nomination)

1. Personal Statement (1,000 words): address (1) why you want to be a Mitchell Scholar, and (2) why studying in Ireland and/or Northern Ireland makes sense for your future goals.
2. University choices and field of study options - Choose at least 3 programs at 3 different universities, and you may list up to five. Choosing fewer than three can weaken your candidacy.
3. Supporting Documents
 - Passport-style photo
 - All transcripts scanned into a single PDF
 - A scanned your signature
4. Letters of Recommendation (750 words)
 - All candidates are required to provide **four letters of recommendation**.
 - Of the four letters of recommendation, **at least two** must be from persons with whom you have done academic work (courses or research).
5. Video Interview
 - If you submit a complete application on time, you will receive an email after the application deadline from the Irish company Modern Hire. This e-mail will provide details about the required video interview.
 - The video interview is another way for us to get to know applicants. Mitchell Scholars will be ambassadors of the Mitchell Scholarship, our organization, and the United States while abroad. We want to see how candidates express themselves in a spontaneous manner. We expect that candidates will respect the integrity of this process by not sharing the interview questions with others.
 - To complete the video interview, you must have a good internet connection, a quiet place to record the interview, and a computer or phone equipped with a camera and microphone. The interview will take less than 10 minutes. You will see four questions written in text on your screen. With each question, you are given 30 seconds to think about your answer, before you respond orally in the time allotted. Your responses will be recorded.

VII. Selection Process

UNM Preliminary Application

1. March 10, 2024 – Deadline of the UNM Preliminary Online Application (submit by 11:59 pm)
2. Mid-April – UNM Finalists Announced
3. Late April – UNM Finalists Interview

After UNM Nomination

1. June – August – work on Online Application
2. Late September – All recommendation letters should be submitted by your recommenders.
3. Late September – (5:00 pm ET) - Application Deadline
4. Semi-Finalist Virtual Interviews: early November
5. Finalist Interviews: mid-November