

New Mexico Professional Surveyors EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

The New Mexico Professional Surveyors' (NMPS) Educational Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable corporation dedicated to developing, promoting, and supporting surveying education in New Mexico. The Foundation exists to help people, young and not so young, who wish to make surveying their career and are willing to pursue higher education to achieve their goals and dreams. The Foundation plans to fulfill its mission by offering financial support in the following areas:

- providing scholarships for surveying students at New Mexico State University, Santa Fe Community College, San Juan Community College, and other programs that will lead to a technical or professional degree in surveying.
- providing scholarships to New Mexico high school students planning to enter a recognized surveying degree program.
- promote surveying educational opportunities to elementary, middle, and high school students in New Mexico.
- supports mathematics and science-related competitions that encourage exceptional young people to pursue a career in surveying.

The Foundation was founded to allow individuals and businesses to support the surveying profession in very tangible ways.

The Foundation accepts donations that can be used to develop, promote, and support surveying education. Contributions to the NMPS Educational Foundation, Inc., are tax deductible for income tax purposes as provided by law.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Funds can be designated to the general scholarship fund and use of the funds will be decided by the NMPS Educational Foundation, Inc., board members, or funds may be specifically designated for a use.

The Foundation board of directors assumes responsibility for assuring that safe investment of funds and recruiting and selecting the most qualified recipients from students enrolled in New Mexico surveying programs. The Foundation can also forward money into the following New Mexico State University Scholarship funds that support NMSU surveying students through scholarships:

- The NMPS Scholarship Fund
- The BLM Cadastral Surveyors Scholarship Fund
- The Thomas Mann, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Mesilla Valley Maze Scholarship Fund

EQUIPMENT FUND

Funds can be specified towards the purchase of equipment and/or computers and software that will benefit a surveying program. Funds that are specified can be designated towards a specific use or towards the general fund. Equipment requests from surveying programs will be considered by the board of directors on a case-by-case basis.

While the Foundation does not wish to become involved with direct donations of surveying equipment, we will be happy to refer potential donors to appropriate surveying programs.

On special occasions, the Foundation will consider equipment gifts through pre-arranged charity auctions or raffles.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE FOUNDATION

The NMPS Educational Foundation, Inc. supports ALL education leading towards a career in surveying, be that career at technician level (e.g. party chief) or professional level (licensed surveyor). The foundation DOES NOT provide financial support for required continuing education for professional surveyors.

The Foundation, although founded through the New Mexico Professional Surveyors Association, is a separate entity from NMPS. However, the philosophy of the Foundation is to work in harmony with NMPS educational goals and objectives.