

# WE WANT YOU!

Are you a military veteran or an active member of our military?

Are you looking for a new way to connect with your community and uphold the ideals of integrity, honor, teamwork, physical fitness, mental preparedness and dedication?

If you answered yes to these questions, **WE NEED YOU** to serve as an interscholastic sports official!

The Battlefields to Ballfields Foundation (B2B) has teamed up with the New Mexico Officials Association (NMOA) to offer scholarships to active military members and military veterans to defray the start-up costs of officiating. This can include registration fees, camp/clinic fees and uniforms.

In addition, the NMOA will pair you with a current official who has a military background as your mentor so that you have someone to help you through the process who "speaks the same language" as you.

Here is what you need to do:

**STEP ONE:** Apply for a scholarship with the Battlefields to Ballfields Foundation. Once you have signed up with them, they will notify our office and will provide you with information as to how to receive reimbursement for your officiating expenses.

[Link to B2B Scholarship Requirements](#)

[Link to B2B Scholarship Eligibility & Application](#)

**STEP TWO:** Sign up to be an official on the NMOA Web Site. To ensure you are dedicated to officiating, the B2B Foundation has you sign up and pay for your officiating registration and you provide receipts to them for reimbursement.

[Link to NMOA Registration](#)

**STEP THREE:** Once you have registered with us, we will pair you with a mentor. We will send both of you an introductory email so you can get to know each other and the mentor will contact you to meet up, take you to a local association meeting and walk you through the process as to what occurs after you've signed up with us.

**STEP FOUR:** The scholarship through B2B is for three years. After you have worked three years in the NMOA, you will then be promoted to a B2B Mentor and will assist us in bringing in new military actives and veterans to the world of interscholastic officiating.

We would love for you to become a member of our officiating family. We sanction officials in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, spirit, swimming, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

Norman Schwarzkopf once said, "*The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.*"

The NMOA Is looking for our courageous military veterans and active military personnel to continue to do the right thing through serving as a sports official. We hope to have you on board!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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