

ASCEND ABQ CLASS OF 2027

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEXICO SMALL BUSINESSES FOR RETAIL SPACE AT THE
ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL SUNPORT

THE PROGRAM

- ❖ Ascend ABQ is a small business retail incubator that gives New Mexico entrepreneurs a path into airport retail - one of the most valuable and hardest-to-enter retail environments in the state.
- ❖ The program operates retail units throughout the Albuquerque International Sunport, pre- and post-security, reaching 5.5 million travelers a year.
- ❖ Ascend lowers the barriers that normally keep small businesses out of airports: we simplify the agreement, provide the retail unit, and support day-to-day operations so owners can focus on their product and their customers.
- ❖ Participants receive structured business development support -merchandising guidance, sales reporting, operational training, and one-on-one coaching - throughout their term.
- ❖ The program is operated by Ever-Evolving Consulting under agreement with the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department, and is built to move local businesses from concept to airport-ready.





ASCEND ABQ



MEET THE CURRENT ASCEND ABQ BUSINESSES

These New Mexico businesses are open and operating at the Sunport today.



Eddie Valentin Fashions

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Rhinestone-embellished apparel and statement pieces designed and finished in New Mexico.

Great Hall



19Twelve Clothing Co.

Fred Franco

New Mexico-rooted apparel and headwear with a distinct local point of view.

Concourse B

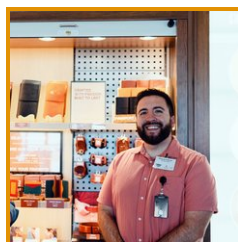


T-Skies Jewelry

Mathew Shephardson

Handcrafted jewelry drawing on Southwestern design traditions.

Concourse A



Big Head Leather

Patrick Falance

Hand-tooled leather goods - bags, belts, and accessories built to last.

Concourse A - Co-Op



Broken Arrow Glass Recycling

Shelby Cullen

Art and functional pieces made from recycled glass, turning New Mexico waste into keepsakes.

Concourse A - Co-Op



Theobroma Chocolatier

Heather Clark

Small-batch artisan chocolates and confections made in Albuquerque.

Concourse A - Co-Op

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

Ascend ABQ is actively seeking New Mexico businesses in the following categories:

- Travel essentials
- Handcrafted art and gifts
- Pet supplies
- Packaged gourmet desserts and specialty foods
- Home and lifestyle goods
- Ice cream and frozen treats
- Children's toys

LEARN MORE AND APPLY ONLINE

Visit the Albuquerque International Sunport Small Business Program website to review program details and submit your application.

<https://www.abqsunport.com/small-business-program/>

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APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

THROUGH SEPT. 30

2026

BE READY TO PROVIDE:

Business & product description • Product photos • Business history/current locations • Basic sales information • Contact information