



New Century and Regents' Scholarship Annual Report Education Interim Committee October 2012

Overview of Scholarships

The Utah State Board of Regents administers two scholarship programs established by the Legislature: the New Century Scholarship and Regents' Scholarship.

New Century Scholarship

The New Century Scholarship was created in 1999 as a Governor's initiative to encourage students to accelerate their education by earning an associate's degree in high school or by pursuing the Math and Science Curriculum. Students qualify by earning an associate's degree at a Utah System of Higher Education institution with a 3.0 GPA by the date they graduate from a Utah high school with a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Students who are home schooled or complete high school through an on-line institution must take the ACT exam by June 15 of the year their peer group graduates from high school with a minimum score 26. The New Century Scholarship Award is a flat dollar amount and the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1250 per semester, renewable for up to 60 credits or four semesters (whichever is first). The scholarship may be used at a four-year public college or university within the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University and Westminster College.

Regents' Scholarship

The Regents' Scholarship was created by the Utah Legislature in 2008 (sponsored by Senator Lyle Hillyard) to encourage Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study during grades 9-12 and saving for college. The Base Award is a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 for students who complete a core course of study, meet a minimum GPA, minimum grades on specific courses, and ACT requirements. Students qualify for the Exemplary Achievement Award by having no grade lower than a "B" in the required classes, at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and a composite ACT score of 26. The Exemplary Award is a flat dollar amount and the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1250 per semester, renewable for up to 65 credits or four semesters (whichever is first). The Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) Supplemental Award is available for students who earn the Base Award and who have contributed to a UESP account during ages 14-17 (a maximum of \$100 per year for each \$100 contributed to their account). The scholarship may be used at any public college or university in the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University, LDS Business College and Westminster College.

Administration of the Scholarships

Administering these two scholarships is labor intensive and is subsidized by the Board of Regents. This fall a new scholarship unit was launched with a purpose of improving quality and customer service. Five employees are involved in administering these two programs including overseeing the policies, communications, review process, school relations and educational outreach, with a portion of the costs paid out of the scholarship appropriation.

Funding for 2012-2011

Although additional dollars were allocated to the Regents' Scholarship, the funding allocated for the Regents' Scholarship for FY 13 did not allow for the full funding to be awarded to those qualifying for the Regents' Scholarship, Exemplary Academic Achievement award for the 2012-2013 college academic year. The award was reduced from \$1250 per semester to \$900 per semester.

Since 2010 as required by law, all materials and communications to prospective applicants and recipients state the awards amounts are determined on an annual basis and are subject to legislative funding and the total number of qualified participants. Further, it is communicated that award amounts may be reduced, may vary from year to year, and are dependent on when the recipient is enrolled in college.

Look Ahead

An initial forecast of funding requirements was presented to the Board of Regents in September. This initial forecasts calls for an additional \$500,000 in new money for the Regents' Scholarship program growth. It appears that the increased requirements to the New Century Scholarship, enacted by the Legislature in 2010, (SB 132 sponsored by Senator John Valentine and Representative Greg Hughes) have substantially slowed growth in this program, with a drop in awards as of September of 39%. In contrast, the Regents' scholarship awards grew by 35% over 2011. These estimates will be revised in February 2013 as we will have better information including a review of renewal applications for Fall 2012 and new applicant numbers of the graduating class of 2013.

Conclusion

The Utah State Board of Regents appreciates the on-going legislative support of scholarships that encourage students to make good use of all four years of high school and better prepare for college and career. The Regents' and New Century Scholarships are provided in cooperation with the state's **Step Up** to Higher Education efforts. The StepUp campaign is a social awareness campaign, paid for, and made possible, by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education (the College Access Challenge Grant). The campaign encourages all Utah youth to dream big about their futures, and then act on those dreams by preparing for and completing college. StepUp provides tips, tools, resources on preparing and paying for college so that obtaining higher education can be a reality for all Utahns. The Board endorses such programs that support the statewide goal for 66% of Utahns to hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

Side By Side Comparison New Century and Regents' Scholarship Programs



Program	New Century Scholarship	Regents' Scholarship
Back Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created in 1999 One award Purpose: Encourage students to complete college in less time than peers and enter the workforce more quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created in 2008 Three Awards: Base Award, Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, and the Utah Educational Savings Plan Supplemental Award Purpose: Encourage students to prepare for college academically and financially through course-taking patterns and saving for college
Basics To Qualify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn an associate's degree or complete a special Math and Science curriculum by high school graduation College 3.0 GPA and High School 3.5 GPA 26 ACT requirement for home school students U.S. Citizenship requirements No criminal record Application Deadline: February 1 , Final Document Deadline: September 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Utah Scholars Core Course of Study during grades 9-12 (see our website for classes that will satisfy the scholarship requirements) Minimum Grade and overall GPA Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base= "C" individual grades, 3.0 GPA Exemplary= "B" individual grades, 3.5 GPA ACT Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base= submit a score Exemplary= submit a minimum score of 26 U.S. Citizenship requirements No criminal record UESP Award: to maximize contribute \$100+ each year of the following years of age: 14, 15, 16, 17 Application deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Deadline: Announced Yearly Final Deadline: February 1 Note: Students who are found "on-track" for the scholarship after the initial review, must submit final verification documents by July 1
Award Information For The 2011-2012 College Academic Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New Century Award is a flat dollar amount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum award will be \$1,250 a semester Can be renewed for up to 4 semesters Can be used at USHE institutions that grant bachelor's degrees, plus BYU and Westminster Students cannot receive both New Century and the Regents' Scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Base Award is a one-time award worth up to \$1,000 The Exemplary Award is a flat dollar award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum award will be \$1,250 a semester Can be renewed for up to 4 semesters Can be used at USHE institutions plus BYU, Westminster and LDSBC Students cannot receive both New Century and the Regents' Scholarship
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Renewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must enroll full-time continuously fall and spring semesters (or receive an approved leave of absence) and earn a 3.0 GPA each semester that they utilize the scholarship Student must submit proof of meeting enrollment and min. GPA requirement by set deadlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must enroll full-time continuously fall and spring semesters (or receive an approved leave of absence) and earn a 3.0 GPA each semester that they utilize the scholarship Student must submit proof of meeting enrollment and min. GPA requirement by set deadlines
Contact Information	Phone: 801-321-7221 Email: newcentury@utahsbr.edu Web: higher.utah.gov New Century webpage: http://www.higheredutah.org/scholarship_info/new-century-scholarship/	Phone: 801-321-7159 Email: regentsscholarship@utahsbr.edu Web: higher.utah.gov Regents' Scholarship webpage: http://www.higheredutah.org/scholarship_info/regents-scholarship/

New Century Scholarship Application and Review Cycle



Historical Recipient Overview

Graduate Year	Number of Approved Applications
1999	23
2000	52
2001	79
2002	125
2003	157
2004	208
2005	259
2006	413
2007	471
2008	544
2009	622
*2010	568
**2011	332
2012	347

*This is the first year with an application deadline. **This is the first year that applicants must complete an associate degree by the time they graduate from high school (instead of by September 1 following high school graduation) and maintain a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA.

2012 New Century Scholarship Awards by School District
As of September 26, 2012

District	Awarded
Alpine	107
Beaver	6
Cache	6
Canyons	17
Carbon	1
Davis	38
Granite	7
Iron	24
Jordan	61
Juab	4
Murray	5
Nebo	10
North Sanpete	1
North Summit	2
Park City	1
Provo	3
Rich	5
San Juan	4
Sevier	2
South Summit	1
Tooele	5
Wasatch	2
Washington	29
Wayne	1
Weber	6
Home Schooled	2
Total	347

Regents' Scholarship Application and Review Cycle



Historical Recipient Overview

Award	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	% Change from 2011
Base only	73	74	201	296	398	34%
Base and Exemplary	102	214	448	583	788	35%
Base and UESP Supplemental	7	41	14	26	35	35%
Base, Exemplary, and UESP	14	65	55	97	127	31%
Total	196	394	718	1,002	1,348	35%

**Regents' Scholarship Awards for 2012 Cohort By
District As of September 26, 2012**

District	Base Only	Base & Exemplary	UESP Award
Alpine	77	191	30
Box Elder	11	35	2
Cache	3	43	5
Canyons	39	112	25
Charter	5	10	1
Daggett	1	0	0
Davis	27	95	28
Duchesne	0	1	1
Emery	1	4	0
Garfield	2	4	1
Grand	0	2	0
Granite	29	43	14
Iron	5	15	4
Jordan	29	65	7
Logan	5	13	3
Millard	0	2	0
Morgan	3	3	0
Murray	2	7	2
Nebo	54	110	8
North Sanpete	0	1	0
Ogden	2	1	2
Park City	8	1	0
Private	9	5	2
Provo	6	31	7
Salt Lake	19	25	8
San Juan	0	1	1
Sevier	1	1	0
South Sanpete	0	1	0
South Summit	1	2	0
Tooele	8	12	2
Wasatch	9	11	4
Washington	30	41	3
Weber	12	27	2
Total	398	915	132

