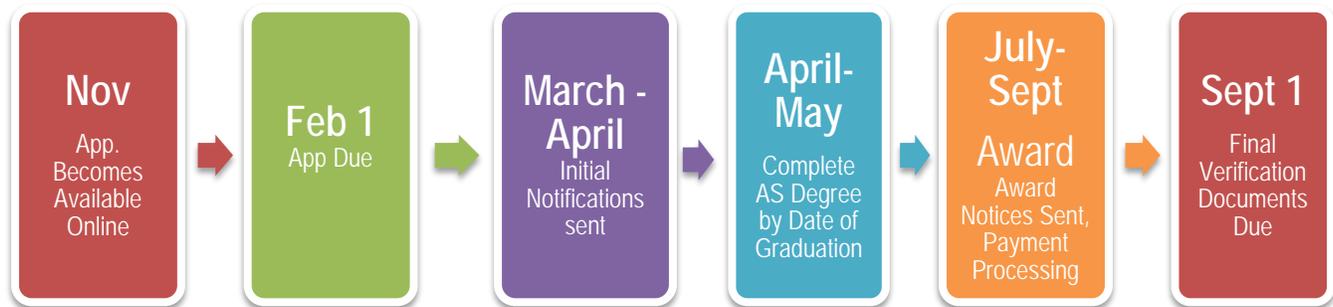




The Utah State Board of Regents administers two scholarship programs established by the Legislature: the New Century Scholarship and Regents' Scholarship.

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.



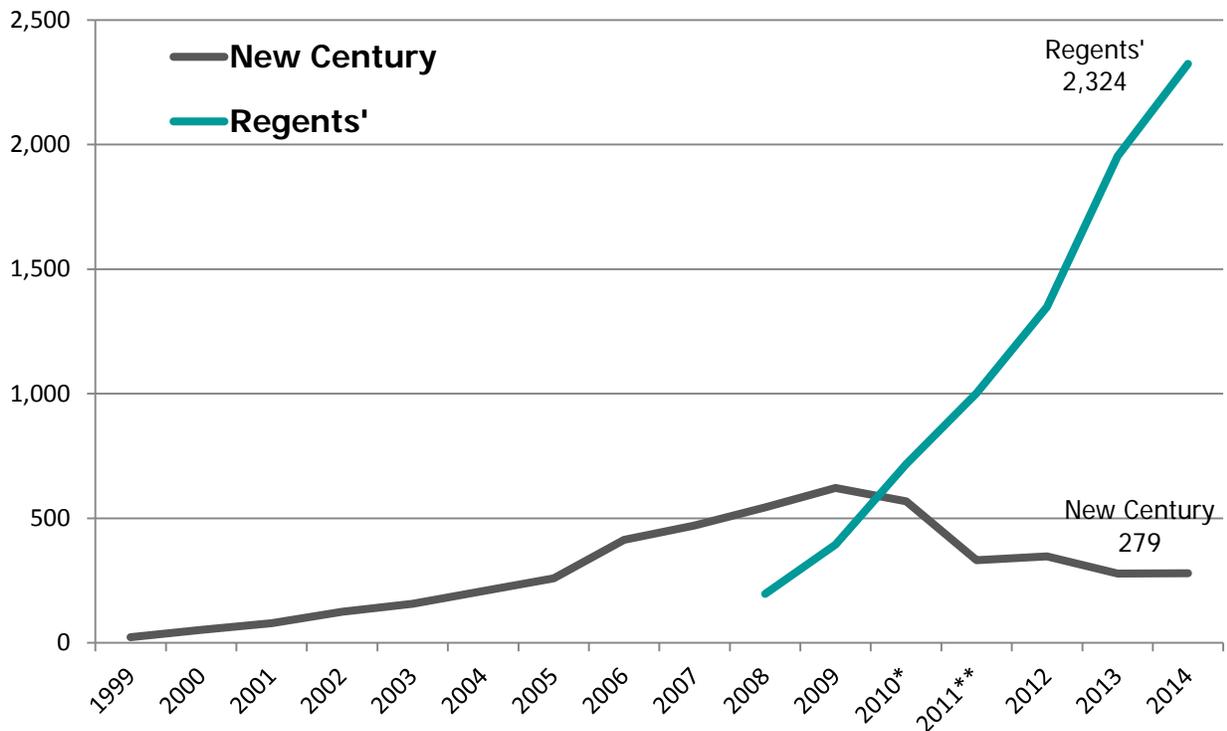
Regents' Scholarship

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. Students who apply for and receive the scholarship must meet the academic requirements below as well as be a United States Citizen or a noncitizen that would be eligible to apply for federal financial aid and have no criminal record. 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.

The Base Award is a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 for students who complete a core course of study, earning a no grade lower than a “C” in the required classes, meet a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA, and submits an ACT score. 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). To renew the scholarship a student must enroll in and complete a minimum of 15 credit hours and earn a 3.3 GPA each semester. 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).



Award History (as of September 20, 2014)



*First year with an application deadline established for New Century Scholarship.

**First year that applicants for New Century Scholarship were required to 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.

Administration of the Scholarships

Administering the two scholarships requires detailed course review of each applicant. Administrative costs are partially absorbed by the operational budget of Board of Regents. Five full-time 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.

2014-2015 Academic Year

Additional one-time funds were appropriated to the Regents' Scholarship for FY2015, allowing for full funding to be awarded to those qualifying for the New Century Scholarship and Regents' Scholarship (Exemplary Academic Achievement award) for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Looking Ahead to 2015-2016 Academic Year

The initial forecast for FY 2016 project a required \$3,000,000 in ongoing funds to sustain the growth of the Regents' Scholarship program (Included in the unified [2015-16 Budget Request](#) of the Board of Regents). Expected growth and the return of a large number of students who took a deferment or leave of absences, but will be returning during FY16, necessitates this request in order to fully fund the awards projected to be given in the 2015-16 academic year. These estimates will be revised in February 2015 when better information is available, including a review of renewal applications for Fall 2015 and new applicant numbers of the graduating class of 2015. The New Century Scholarship program remains steady with the number of students qualifying near 280.

Conclusion

The Utah State Board of Regents appreciates the continued 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. While the total recipients for the New Century Scholarship remained constant for several years, the Regents' Scholarship continues double-digit percentage growth (average 54% annual recipient growth) and appears to be prompting aspirational behavior among high school students, parents and administrators as a model pathway for successful college preparation in high school.

The Regents' and New Century Scholarships are provided in conjunction with the Utah's [Step Up to Higher Education](#) efforts. The StepUp campaign is an outreach campaign encouraging Utah youth to dream big about their futures 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.

New Century and Regents' Scholarship Programs

Side By Side Comparison

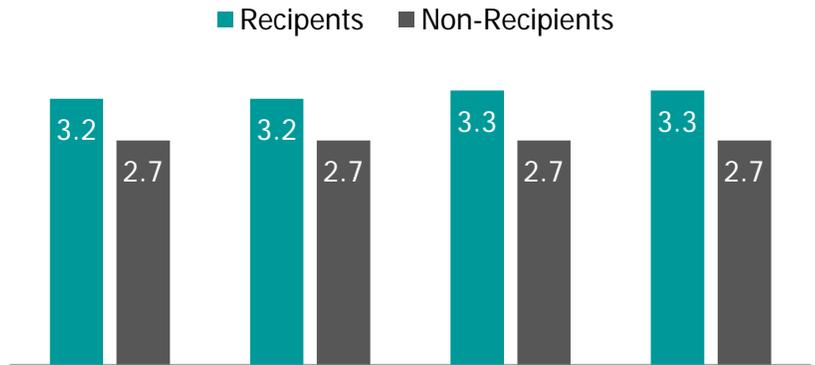


Program	New Century Scholarship	Regents' Scholarship
Back Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created in 1999 One award Purpose: Encourage students to complete college in less time than peers and enter the workforce more quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created in 2008 Three Awards: 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 Verification 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 2014-2015 College Academic Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New Century Award is a flat dollar amount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Maximum</u> 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-Provo and Westminster Students cannot receive <u>both</u> 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"> <u>Maximum</u> award will be \$1,250 a semester Can be renewed for up to 4 semesters Can be used at USHE institutions plus BYU-Provo, Westminster and LDS Business College Students cannot receive <u>both</u> New Century and the Regents' Scholarship
Award amounts are determined on an annual basis and are subject to legislative funding and the total number of qualified participants. Therefore, award amounts may be reduced, may vary from year to year and are dependent on when the recipient is enrolled in college.		
Renewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must enroll in and successfully complete 15 credits continuously fall and spring semesters (or receive an approved leave of absence) and earn a 3.3 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 in and successfully complete 15 credits fall and spring semesters (or receive an approved leave of absence) and earn a 3.3 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@ushe.edu Web: higheredutah.org New Century webpage: newcenturyscholarship.org	Phone: 801-321-7159 Email: regentsscholarship@ushe.edu Web: higheredutah.org Regents' Scholarship webpage: regentsscholarship.org

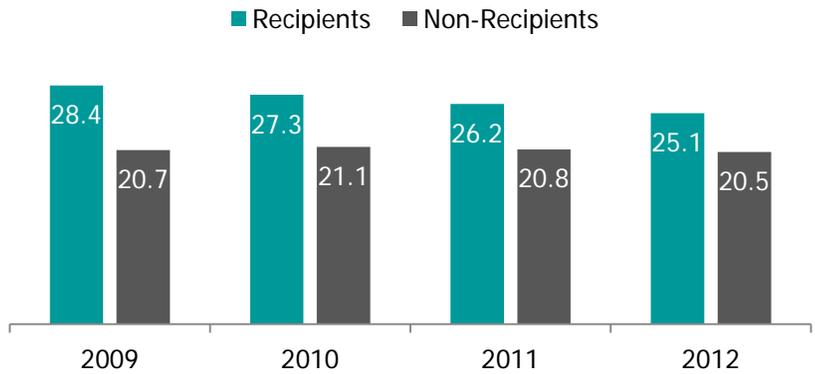
New Century Scholarship

2014 New Century Scholarship Awards by School District	
Alpine District	20
Beaver District	14
Cache District	2
Canyons School District	9
Charter/Early College HS	161
Davis District	9
Emery District	1
Granite District	4
Jordan District	28
Murray District	6
Nebo District	5
North Summit District	2
Provo District	2
Rich District	3
San Juan District	3
Sevier District	1
South Summit District	2
Unassigned	1
Wasatch District	2
Wayne District	1
Weber District	3
Total	279

Average First-Year GPA



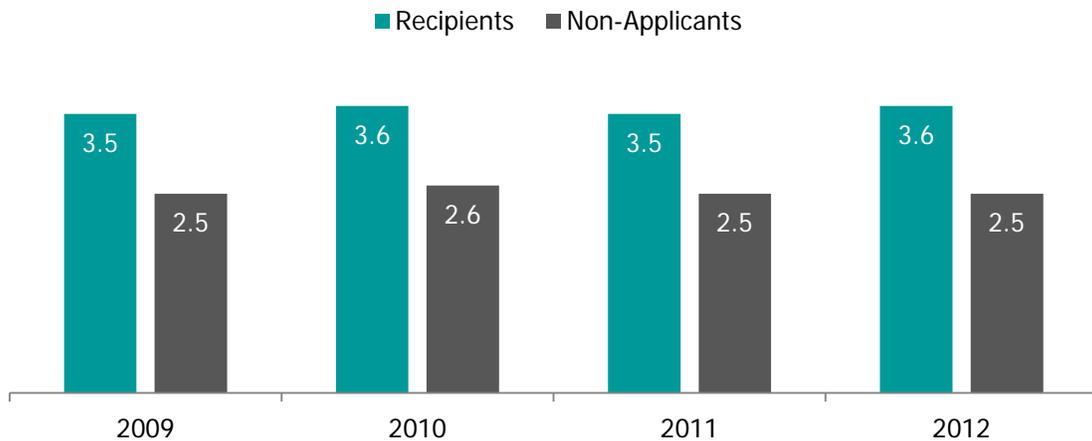
Average First Year Earned Credit Hours



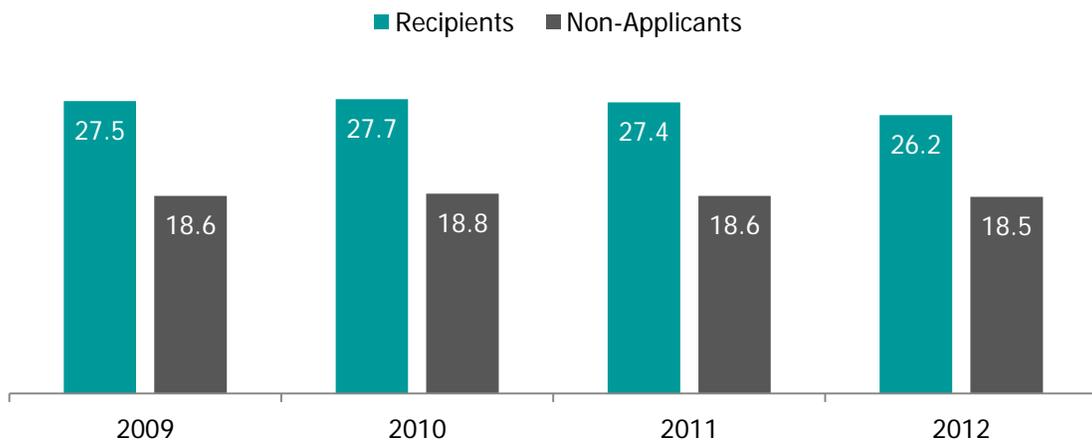
Regents' Scholarship

Awards	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	% Change from 2013
Base Only	201	296	398	536	667	24%
Base and Exemplary	448	583	788	1172	1348	15%
Base and UESP Supplemental	14	26	35	49	77	57%
Base, Exemplary, and UESP	55	97	127	196	236	20%
Total	718	1,002	1,348	1,953	2,324	19%

First Year Postsecondary GPA (First-time Freshmen)



Average First-Year Credit Earned (First Time Freshmen)



2014 Regents' Scholarship Cohort Applications and Award Breakdown by School District

District	Applicants	Non-Eligible	Base Only	Base and UESP	Base and Exemplary	Base, Exemplary & UESP
Alpine	577	134	117	14	261	51
Beaver	2	0	1	0	1	0
Box Elder	70	15	19	4	27	5
Cache	140	26	29	0	80	5
Canyons	330	109	56	10	127	28
Carbon	1	1	0	0	0	0
Charter	81	43	11	1	21	5
Davis	424	114	67	13	190	40
Duchesne	5	0	1	0	1	3
Emery	8	1	0	0	6	1
Garfield	3	2	1	0	0	0
Grand	2	1	0	0	1	0
Granite	245	97	48	4	82	14
Iron	17	3	1	0	12	1
Jordan	230	58	40	5	113	14
Juab	4	1	2	0	1	0
Logan	53	19	12	0	19	3
Millard	1	0	0	0	1	0
Morgan	16	3	2	0	10	1
Murray	13	0	1	0	9	3
Nebo	306	84	76	5	124	17
North Sanpete	4	1	0	0	3	0
Ogden	1	0	1	0	0	0
Park City	35	19	2	2	11	1
Private	49	29	4	1	13	2
Provo	66	14	11	0	34	7
Salt Lake City	92	41	12	5	26	8
San Juan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sevier	11	2	3	0	5	1
South Sanpete	37	15	10	1	8	3
South Summit	10	5	2	0	2	1
Tooele	44	14	12	3	13	2
Wasatch	81	33	25	2	17	4
Washington	295	91	89	6	98	11
Weber	70	21	12	1	32	4
Total	3324	996	667	77	1348	236