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**YOUNG ADULT SERVICE FELLOWSHIP**  
2024 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**  
House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the One Utah Service Fellowship Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the One Utah Service Fellowship Program;
- directs the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism to provide oversight and policy guidance to the One Utah Service Fellowship Program;
- authorizes the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement to enter into an agreement with a third-party administrator;
- requires a written report to the Education Interim Committee;
- provides a sunset date; and
- makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:

- to Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Commission on Service and Volunteerism - One Utah Service Fellowship Program as a one-time appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, One-time, \$2,000,000
- to Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Commission on Service and Volunteerism - One Utah Service Fellowship Program as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, \$1,300,000

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **9-1-208**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 371

30 **9-20-205**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 221

31 **63I-1-209**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 154, 232 and last amended by  
32 Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 154

33 ENACTS:

34 **9-20-301**, as Utah Code Annotated 1953

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36 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37 Section 1. Section **9-1-208** is amended to read:

38 **9-1-208 . Annual report -- Content -- Format.**

- 39 (1) The department shall prepare and submit to the governor and the Legislature, by  
40 October 1 of each year, an annual written report of the operations, activities, programs,  
41 and services of the department, including its divisions, offices, boards, commissions,  
42 councils, and committees, for the preceding fiscal year.
- 43 (2) For each operation, activity, program, or service provided by the department, the annual  
44 report shall include:
- 45 (a) a description of the operation, activity, program, or service;
  - 46 (b) data selected and used by the department to measure progress, performance, and  
47 scope of the operation, activity, program, or service, including summary data;
  - 48 (c) budget data, including the amount and source of funding, expenses, and allocation of  
49 full-time employees for the operation, activity, program, or service;
  - 50 (d) historical data from previous years for comparison with data reported under  
51 Subsections (2)(b) and (c);
  - 52 (e) goals, challenges, and achievements related to the operation, activity, program, or  
53 service;
  - 54 (f) relevant federal and state statutory references and requirements;
  - 55 (g) contact information of officials knowledgeable and responsible for each operation,  
56 activity, program, or service; and
  - 57 (h) other information determined by the department that:
    - 58 (i) may be needed, useful, or of historical significance; or
    - 59 (ii) promotes accountability and transparency for each operation, activity, program,  
60 or service with the public and elected officials.
- 61 (3) The annual report shall be designed to provide clear, accurate, and accessible

62 information to the public, the governor, and the Legislature.

63 (4) The department shall:

64 (a) submit the annual report in accordance with Section 68-3-14; and

65 (b) make the annual report, and previous annual reports, accessible to the public by  
66 placing a link to the reports on the department's website.

67 (5) Beginning in 2025, in addition to the annual report required by Subsection (1), the  
68 department shall provide a written report to the Education Interim Committee about the  
69 progress of the One Utah Service Fellowship Program, including the progress of the  
70 Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism created in Section 9-20-201 on the  
71 duties described in Subsection 9-20-301(3), by October 1 of each year.

72 Section 2. Section **9-20-205** is amended to read:

73 **9-20-205 . Commission duties.**

74 (1) The commission shall:

75 (a) administer the selection, development, and oversight of programs funded and  
76 established by the act;

77 (b) pursue opportunities for sustainable and high-impact community service;

78 (c) develop and annually update a three-year community service plan for the state,  
79 including the establishment of state priorities; ~~and~~

80 (d) provide policy guidance to the One Utah Service Fellowship Program described in  
81 Section 9-20-301; and

82 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) stimulate increased community awareness of the impact of volunteer service in  
83 the state.

84 (2) (a) The commission may, subject to Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures  
85 Act, receive and accept federal funds, and may receive and accept private gifts,  
86 donations, or funds from any source.

87 (b) Money received under this Subsection (2) shall be deposited with the state and shall  
88 be available to the commission to carry out the purposes of this part.

89 Section 3. Section **9-20-301** is enacted to read:

90 **Part 3. One Utah Service Fellowship Program**

91 **9-20-301 . One Utah Service Fellowship Program.**

92 (1) As used in this section:

93 (a) "Education expense" means:

94 (i) tuition or student fees at an institution of higher education that participates in the

- 95 federal student assistance programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title  
96 IV, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.;
- 97 (ii) repayment of a student loan; or  
98 (iii) other costs of attending an institution of higher education described in  
99 Subsection (1)(a)(i), as determined by the institution of higher education, for a  
100 degree or certificate program, including:
- 101 (A) books;  
102 (B) supplies;  
103 (C) transportation; and  
104 (D) room and board.
- 105 (b) "Eligible recipient" means an individual who:
- 106 (i) is a resident of the state;  
107 (ii) successfully completes a fellowship under the program created in this section; and  
108 (iii) is a citizen of the United States, a United States national, or a lawful permanent  
109 resident of the United States.
- 110 (c) "Federal requirements for the AmeriCorps program" means:
- 111 (i) relevant provisions of:
- 112 (A) the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C.  
113 12501 et seq. and corresponding federal regulations;  
114 (B) the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4950 et  
115 seq. and corresponding federal regulations;  
116 (C) the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C.  
117 Secs. 6301 through 6308, and corresponding federal regulations; and  
118 (D) AmeriCorps' C.F.R. Chapters XII and XXV; and
- 119 (ii) any terms and conditions associated with AmeriCorps federal grant funding.
- 120 (d) "Institution of higher education" means an entity described in Section 53B-2-101.
- 121 (e) "Participant" means an individual who:
- 122 (i) is at least 17 years old;  
123 (ii) has received a high school diploma or its equivalent; and  
124 (iii) the program matches with a qualified partner organization to participate in a  
125 program fellowship.
- 126 (f) "Program" means the One Utah Service Fellowship Program created in Subsection  
127 (2).
- 128 (g) "Qualified partner organization" means a nonprofit organization or government

- 129 entity that:
- 130 (i) agrees to supervise a participant for the total number of hours outlined in an
- 131 agreement with the commission;
- 132 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4)(d), agrees to provide the commission with a
- 133 matching stipend amount, as described in Subsection (5); and
- 134 (iii) provides a valuable service to the community, as determined by the commission
- 135 or commission rule.
- 136 (h) "Supervise" means the act of overseeing the work of an eligible recipient, including
- 137 some component of in-person interaction.
- 138 (i) "Third-party administrator" means an entity that:
- 139 (i) enters into an agreement with the department, as described in Subsection (7);
- 140 (ii) is a nonprofit organization or subsidiary or affiliate of an institution of higher
- 141 education;
- 142 (iii) has experience managing programs and funds; and
- 143 (iv) operates under the direction of the commission.
- 144 (j) "Tuition award" means an amount of money to be used for an education expense, as
- 145 described in Subsection (6).
- 146 (2) There is created a One Utah Service Fellowship Program to provide meaningful service
- 147 opportunities to young adults in the state to:
- 148 (a) prepare young adults for additional educational, training, and career opportunities;
- 149 (b) address high-priority needs within the state; and
- 150 (c) provide a stipend to a participant and a tuition award to an eligible recipient in
- 151 accordance with this section.
- 152 (3) (a) Subject to appropriations from the Legislature, the commission shall administer
- 153 the program as described in this section.
- 154 (b) Except as otherwise provided in an agreement authorized by Subsection (7)(b), the
- 155 commission:
- 156 (i) shall create and maintain a list of high-priority policy needs in the state where
- 157 program service opportunities can provide the most value to the state;
- 158 (ii) shall receive an application from a potential participant;
- 159 (iii) shall match a participant to a qualified partner organization for participation in
- 160 the program;
- 161 (iv) shall approve a potential qualified partner organization to participate in the
- 162 program;

- 163 (v) shall prioritize the placement of participants with qualified partner organizations  
164 that address the high-priority policy needs identified under Subsection (3)(b)(i);
- 165 (vi) shall create and maintain, or contract with a third-party to create and maintain, an  
166 online portal that:
- 167 (A) provides information about the program, including required qualifications for  
168 participation, tuition awards, and stipends;
- 169 (B) lists all service opportunities with qualified partner organizations that are  
170 available through the program; and
- 171 (C) allows a potential participant to apply for placement with a qualified partner  
172 organization;
- 173 (vii) shall determine the metrics of success of the program, including metrics  
174 regarding whether an eligible recipient:
- 175 (A) matriculates at an institution of higher education after completing a One Utah  
176 Service Fellowship; and
- 177 (B) graduates from, or otherwise completes a program at, an institution of higher  
178 education;
- 179 (viii) shall measure the success of the program according to the metrics determined  
180 under this Subsection (3);
- 181 (ix) shall coordinate with institutions of higher education to:
- 182 (A) connect an eligible recipient with additional educational, training,  
183 certification, and apprenticeship opportunities; and
- 184 (B) explore options to award an eligible recipient with academic credit for the  
185 completion of a One Utah Service Fellowship, in addition to the stipend and  
186 tuition award;
- 187 (x) may solicit private donations to supplement the program, including to offset a  
188 matching amount required of a qualified partner organization as described in  
189 Subsection (4)(d);
- 190 (xi) shall market and provide outreach for the program; and
- 191 (xii) shall ensure the program complies with federal requirements for the AmeriCorps  
192 program administered by the commission.
- 193 (c) The commission may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
194 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement this section.
- 195 (4) (a) Before a participant begins providing service through the program, the  
196 commission or third-party administrator shall enter into an agreement with the

- 197 participant that outlines the mutual expectations of the program and the participant.
- 198 (b) The agreement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall detail the requirements of the
- 199 participant, including:
- 200 (i) the total number of hours of service required under the agreement;
- 201 (ii) the exact stipend amount promised to the participant in consideration of service,
- 202 as described in Subsection (5);
- 203 (iii) the exact tuition award amount promised to the participant upon successful
- 204 completion of a fellowship, as described in Subsection (6);
- 205 (iv) qualifications for and acceptable uses of the tuition award, as described in
- 206 Subsection (6); and
- 207 (v) the circumstances under which the agreement may be amended, including for
- 208 participant hardship or compelling personal circumstance.
- 209 (c) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(c)(ii), before a qualified partner organization accepts
- 210 service from a participant, the commission or third-party administrator shall enter
- 211 into an agreement with the qualified partner organization that outlines the mutual
- 212 expectations of the program and qualified partner organization, including the
- 213 exact amount of matching funds the qualified partner organization shall provide to
- 214 the commission to contribute to a participant's stipend.
- 215 (ii) A qualified partner organization shall agree to contribute no less than \$5 per hour
- 216 to a participant's stipend.
- 217 (d) The agreement described in Subsection (4)(c) may include a provision that the
- 218 program is reducing the qualified partner organization's matching fund requirement
- 219 due to the receipt of private donations, as described in Subsection (5)(c)(ii)(B).
- 220 (5) (a) The commission may issue, and a participant may receive, a stipend for
- 221 participating in the program.
- 222 (b) The commission or third-party administrator shall establish the exact stipend for a
- 223 participant on a case-by-case basis in an agreement described in Subsection (4)(a)
- 224 based on:
- 225 (i) available program funds; and
- 226 (ii) any matching funds provided by:
- 227 (A) the qualified partner organization with which the participant is paired; or
- 228 (B) private donations to the program.
- 229 (c) (i) The commission or third-party administrator shall contribute \$5 per hour of the
- 230 stipend described in this Subsection (5), up to \$8,500 for the term of the

- 231 agreement, from state funds.
- 232 (ii) The commission or third-party administrator shall supplement the remaining  
233 balance of a participant's exact stipend from non-state funds, including:
- 234 (A) matching funds provided to the commission by a qualified partner  
235 organization; or
- 236 (B) private donations to the program.
- 237 (iii) The commission or third-party administrator shall prioritize a participant's  
238 placement with a qualified partner organization based on the amount of matching  
239 funds the qualified partner organization proposes to provide to the commission  
240 under Subsection (5)(c)(ii)(A), with preference going to qualified partner  
241 organizations that offer to provide a larger stipend.
- 242 (iv) The commission or third-party administrator shall disburse the stipend to a  
243 participant in installments, no less frequently than every three months.
- 244 (6) (a) The commission shall provide a tuition award to an eligible recipient, according  
245 to the terms of the agreement described in Subsection (4), upon the successful  
246 completion of a fellowship.
- 247 (b) The commission or third-party administrator shall establish the exact tuition award  
248 for an eligible recipient on a case-by-case basis in an agreement described in  
249 Subsection (4)(a) based on:
- 250 (i) federal requirements for the AmeriCorps program, including:
- 251 (A) a maximum tuition award for 1,700 hours of service during a one-year period;  
252 and
- 253 (B) a reduced tuition award for a reduced number of hours of service during a  
254 one-year period.
- 255 (c) An eligible recipient may use a tuition award:
- 256 (i) for an eligible education expense;
- 257 (ii) over a seven-year period beginning the day on which the eligible recipient  
258 receives the tuition award; and
- 259 (iii) subject to the requirements of Subsection (6)(d).
- 260 (d) If the program uses state funds to supplement a tuition award:
- 261 (i) the commission or third-party administrator shall detail that information in an  
262 agreement described in Subsection (4)(a); and
- 263 (ii) an eligible recipient may only use the state funded portion of the tuition award  
264 after the eligible recipient has exhausted any scholarship, education grant, or



265 financial aid.  
 266 (7) The department:  
 267 (a) shall provide staff support to the commission to implement the program; and  
 268 (b) may enter into an agreement with one or more third-party administrators to  
 269 administer and implement the program under the direction of the commission,  
 270 including by fulfilling one or more of the responsibilities described in Subsection (3).

271 Section 4. Section **63I-1-209** is amended to read:

272 **63I-1-209 . Repeal dates: Title 9.**

273 (1) Subsection 9-1-208(5), which creates a reporting requirement on the One Utah Service  
 274 Fellowship Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.

275 (2) Section 9-6-303, which creates the Arts Collection Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

276 [(2)] (3) Section 9-6-305, which creates the Utah Museums Advisory Board, is repealed July  
 277 1, 2027.

278 [(3)] (4) Section 9-9-405, which creates the Native American Remains Review Committee,  
 279 is repealed July 1, 2025.

280 [(4)] (5) Title 9, Chapter 20, Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism Act, is  
 281 repealed July 1, [2026] 2027.

282 Section 5. **FY 2025 Appropriation.**

283 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 284 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated  
 285 for fiscal year 2025.

286 Subsection 5(a) **Operating and Capital Budgets**

287 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the  
 288 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
 289 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

290 ITEM 1 To Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Commission on Service  
 291 and Volunteerism

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| From General Fund, One-time | \$2,000,000 |
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| From General Fund | \$1,300,000 |
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Schedule of Programs:

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| One Utah Service Fellowship Program | \$3,300,000 |
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296 Section 6. **Effective date.**

297 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.