

GOVERNOR GUINN MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

In 1999, the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship initiative was enacted into law by the Nevada Legislature, creating the Millennium Scholarship trust fund to be administered by the State Treasurer. The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents adopted policy guidelines for the administration of the scholarship.

The following questions and answers will provide an overview of some basic information you need to successfully receive a Millennium Scholarship. There will be questions that are not answered here, and, for that reason, it is important that you seek assistance from your high school counselors and the admissions and financial aid offices of all colleges you are considering. For more detailed information regarding program requirements, please refer to the Millennium Scholarship Program Policy and Procedures of the NSHE Board of Regents at nevadatreasurer.gov.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN HIGH SCHOOL?*

GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2009 & LATER**

As a Nevada high school student, you will become eligible for a Millennium Scholarship when **all** of the following conditions are met:

1. You must graduate with a diploma from a Nevada public or private high school in the graduating class of the year 2000 or later;
2. You must complete high school with at least a **3.25** grade point average calculated using all high school credit granting courses. The grade point average may be weighted or unweighted;
3. You must pass all areas of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination;
4. You must have been a resident of Nevada, as defined by the Board of Regents' policy (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 19), for at least two of your high school years.

In addition to these eligibility requirements, a student who graduates with the class of 2009 or later must have completed the **core curriculum** as defined in the NSHE Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Policies and Procedures of the Board of Regents:

Section 13. Core Curriculum

The Board recognizes the importance of a rigorous high school curriculum in adequately preparing students to succeed in college-level courses. Therefore, a student who graduates from a Nevada high school in Spring 2009 and thereafter must successfully complete the following curriculum in high school to be eligible for the Millennium Scholarship:

| High School Courses | Units |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| English | 4 |
| Math (including Algebra II) | 4 |
| Natural Science | 3 |
| Social Science and History | 3 |
| TOTAL | 14 |

***This information is subject to any changes in State law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters thereto.**

****Please contact State Treasurer Kate Marshall's Millennium Scholarship office regarding the eligibility criteria for students who did not graduate from a Nevada public or private high school.**

WHAT ARE THE ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

To receive the benefits of the Millennium Scholarship Program, **you must enroll in an eligible institution of higher education in Nevada.**

It is important to remember that receiving a Millennium Scholarship does not guarantee your admission to all institutions, nor does it guarantee admission to all programs at the eligible institutions of higher education.

You should contact the institutions of your choice and familiarize yourself with their admissions procedures and requirements. It is recommended that students speak to their high school counselors regarding an advanced high school diploma if they plan to attend UNLV or UNR.

After your admission to an eligible institution, there are two requirements of enrollment you must meet to receive the benefits of the scholarship:

1. Enroll each semester in a minimum of 6 credits at a NSHE community college or 12 credits at another eligible institution;
2. You must enroll in a program of study leading to a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or pre-baccalaureate certificate.

HOW IS INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED?

Your school district will submit your name to the State Treasurer's office if you are an eligible Millennium Scholar. There is no application form for you to complete.

You will then receive an award packet from the State Treasurer's Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship office identifying you as a Millennium Scholarship recipient. You must complete your "Acknowledgment of Award" information in order to receive your award. It can be done online at nevadatreasurer.gov. To receive benefits, you must meet the scholarship's enrollment requirements at NSHE or other eligible institutions.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY*

As you successfully progress through your program of study, your Millennium Scholarship will be continued each semester as long as you continue to meet all of the following conditions for maintaining scholarship eligibility at an eligible institution. ***If you are receiving scholarship benefits at two institutions concurrently, you must meet the eligibility criteria at both.***

- (1) You must be making satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the institution, toward a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or pre-baccalaureate certificate.
- (2) Students must maintain a 2.60 GPA for each semester of their first year of enrollment (defined by NSHE as less than 30 credit hours earned), and a 2.75 GPA for each subsequent semester after the first year of enrollment. GPA is calculated on a "per term" rather than a cumulative basis.
- (3) At each institution enrolled, you must satisfactorily complete the minimum number of credits (6 at a NSHE community college or 12 at another eligible institution) in each fall and spring semester in which you are enrolled.
- (4) Students are encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service to the State for each year they receive a Millennium Scholarship.

If you become ineligible for the scholarship, you may regain eligibility if the following conditions are met:

- You enroll without Millennium Scholarship support in a subsequent semester and earn at least a **2.60 or 2.75** grade point average for that semester as noted above in "Maintaining Eligibility" (2)
- Complete the minimum number of credits as noted above in "Maintaining Eligibility" (3)
- You must be enrolled in a degree program (1)
- **All Millennium Scholars will be able to regain their scholarship only one time after losing eligibility. If a student loses eligibility a second time, the student will no longer be eligible for Millennium Scholarship funds.**

WHAT IS THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP?

The dollar value of the Millennium Scholarship is determined on a per-credit basis. Millennium Scholars at a NSHE community college will receive \$40 per enrolled lower division credit hour and \$60 per enrolled upper division credit hour. Millennium Scholars at a NSHE state college will receive \$60 per enrolled credit hour. Millennium Scholars at all other eligible institutions will receive \$80 per enrolled credit hour.

Millennium Scholarship funding is limited to a maximum of 12 credits per semester, counting all coursework at all institutions.

For example, a student attending a university who is enrolled in 12 semester credit hours would be eligible to receive a maximum of \$960 (\$80 X 12 credits). Or, a student attending a community college who is enrolled in 9 semester credit hours would be eligible to receive \$360 (\$40 X 9 credits), up to a total of 12 credits per term maximum.

In no case may the total of all financial aid and scholarships exceed the cost of attendance at the institution you attend. The Financial Aid Office at your institution can provide you with information regarding the cost of attendance.

The Millennium Scholarship Program will NOT pay for remedial courses. NSHE defines this as any math or English course with a course number less than 100.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

There are other types of financial aid available to assist you in offsetting the cost of attending college; the Millennium Scholarship is only one of these. *It is important that you contact campus financial aid offices as early as **January** of your senior year to explore the full range of financial assistance options available to you.* The following are important contacts for you if you have additional questions:

- Your high school counselor
- The Admissions Office and the Financial Aid Office of the eligible institution you are considering
- Gov. Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program, Office of State Treasurer Kate Marshall
Toll free at (888) 477-2667
or
(702) 486-3383 (in Las Vegas)

ARE THERE ANY LIFETIME LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP?*

Yes, there are two lifetime limitations on the Millennium Scholarship:

1. The maximum lifetime total Millennium Scholarship award you may receive is \$10,000 for **undergraduate** coursework.
2. You may receive Millennium Scholarship support only during the **six** academic years following your high school graduation.*

*Recipients of an Adult High School Diploma may receive Millennium Scholarship support for **six** years following the regularly scheduled graduation date of the student's original high school class.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION CONTACTS

College of Southern Nevada
(702) 651-4060 admissions
(702) 651-4047 financial aid
www.csn.nevada.edu

Great Basin College
(775) 753-2102 admissions
(775) 753-2399 financial aid
www.gbcnv.edu

Nevada State College
(702) 992-2130 admissions
(702) 992-2150 financial aid
www.nsc.nevada.edu

Sierra Nevada College
(775) 831-1314 x 7411 admissions
(775) 831-1314 x 7404 financial aid
www.sierranevada.edu

Truckee Meadows Community College
(775) 673-7042 admissions
(775) 673-7072 financial aid
www.tmcc.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
(702) 774-UNLV recruitment
(702) 895-3424 financial aid
www.unlv.edu

University of Nevada, Reno
(775) 784-4700 admissions
(775) 784-4666 financial aid
www.unr.edu

Roseman University of Health Sciences
(702) 968-2049 registrar
(702) 968-2004 financial aid
www.roseman.edu

Western Nevada College
(775) 445-3277 admissions
(775) 445-3264 financial aid
www.wnc.edu

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Governor Guinn
Millennium Scholarship Program
Office of the State Treasurer
555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4600
Las Vegas, NV 89101
(702) 486-3383 (702) 486-3246 fax
Toll free number: (888) 477-2667

***This information is subject to any changes in State law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters thereto.**

July 2011