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This document explains what the New Century Scholarship Program (NCSP) requires and what it provides to qualified students.

Section One is a brief description of the NCSP. It includes answers to the most commonly asked questions.

Section Two contains the NCSP application and verification forms.

To apply for the NCSP, complete an application form and submit official high school and college transcripts. For your convenience, an application is available in this document. Send the application and required documentation to the following address:

New Century Scholarship Program
Utah System of Higher Education
PO Box 145116
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5116

If you have any questions not covered in this booklet, please contact the New Century Scholarship Program:

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What is the New Century Scholarship?

The New Century Scholarship Program (NCSP) was created by the 1999 Utah Legislature to provide scholarship opportunities to Utah students who complete a rigorous academic curriculum during high school. To be eligible, students must be a legal Utah resident and complete the requirements of an associate's degree or the approved math and science curriculum at a Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA by September 1st of the year their class graduates from a Utah high school. It is important for students, parents, and counselors to understand the requirements of the NCSP and for interested students to plan their high school and college curriculum in advance.

Currently, NCSP funding may be used at Dixie State College of Utah, Southern Utah University, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University, Brigham Young University, and Westminster College. NCSP awards at the eligible USHE institutions may equal up to 75 percent of an eligible student's tuition costs for up to 60 credit hours to be used towards the completion of a bachelor's degree. Eligible students who choose to use their NCSP funding at either Brigham Young University or Westminster College may receive the **lower** of up to 75 percent of the average tuition costs of the eligible USHE institutions or up to 75 percent of the actual tuition.

NCSP recipients are required to make reasonable progress (successfully enroll in and complete a minimum of six credit hours per semester) toward the completion of a bachelor's degree to receive funding for the semester. Recipients who fail to earn a semester GPA of 3.0 or above for any two consecutive semesters will lose their eligibility for the NCSP.

Recipients are required to submit a copy of their semester grades and a detailed class schedule each semester to verify their continued eligibility for the NCSP. All eligible NCSP recipients are given five years from the date their high school class graduated to use their NCSP funding.

section ONE



Getting Started

Completing the requirements for an associate's degree or the approved math and science curriculum while in high school will require students to plan their course of study carefully.

Associate's Degree or Equivalent

In order to complete an associate's degree in 2 years, students will need to take approximately 16 credit hours per college semester for 4 semesters (2 academic years).

Math and Science Curriculum

In order to complete the math and science curriculum requirements in 2 years, students will need to take approximately 12 credit hours per college semester for 4 semesters (2 academic years of college-level math, science and general education courses).

General Education Courses
English 1010 – Intro to Writing
English 2010 – Intermediate Writing
History 1700 – American Civilization or
Political Science 1100 – American National Government or
Score at least a 3 on the AP History Exam
General Education Electives – 4 to 8 credit hours
Mathematics Courses
Math Prerequisites
Math 1050 – College Algebra and 1060 – Trigonometry or
High School Pre-Calculus or
Score at least a 3 on the AP Calculus Exam
Math 1210 – Calculus I
Math 1220 – Calculus II
Math 2210 – Calculus III
Science Courses
Chemistry 1210 – Principles of Chemistry I
Chemistry 1215 – Principles of Chemistry I Lab
Chemistry 1220 – Principles of Chemistry II
Chemistry 1225 – Principles of Chemistry II Lab
Physics 2210 – Physics for Scientists & Engineers I
Physics 2220 – Physics for Scientists & Engineers II
Biology 1610 – Principles of Biology



Because students must complete an associate's degree or the math and science curriculum by September 1st of the year their class graduates from a Utah high school, it is imperative for them to work closely with their high school counselor, college advisor, and parents to ensure that they:

- Take the necessary number of college credit hours each semester;
- Take only courses that will count towards their associate's degree or the math and science curriculum;
- Are knowledgeable about all the different course options available to them (i.e. Advanced Placement, Concurrent Enrollment, Early College, Utah Electronic College, etc.);
- Plan their elective course work to meet the lower-division requirements of the bachelor's degree major that they plan to pursue.

It is also very important that students fully understand the different types of associate's degrees and the requirements for each.

Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) Degrees

Both the A.A. and A.S. degrees are designed to transfer to four-year institutions. Both degrees meet the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree at any public four-year USHE institution. In general, both the A.A. and A.S. degrees require completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours and a maximum of 65 credit hours. The curriculum consists of general education courses, elective courses, and in the case of the A.A. degree, a foreign language requirement. The number of required credit hours in each of these areas varies by institution. It is important for the students to be familiar with the degree requirements of the institution from which they plan to obtain their degree.



Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

The A.A.S. degree is designed to prepare students to enter the work force. In general, these degrees require completion of a minimum of 63 credit hours and a maximum of 69 credit hours. Because of the accreditation specifications, some A.A.S. degrees require the completion of more than 69 credit hours. The majority of the course work is concentrated in a specific field of study. General education courses are also required for completion of the degree; however, fewer general education credit hours are required for the A.A.S. degree than for the A.A. and A.S. degrees. The required general education courses may differ by department in each institution. Because the A.A.S. degree has not been designed to transfer to four-year institutions, the number of credit hours that will transfer will vary. (NOTE: If students complete an A.A.S. degree, and then go on to a four-year institution, there will be additional general education courses they will have to complete for their bachelor's degree.)

Other associate's degrees, such as pre-engineering and business, are also eligible for the NCSP. Students should talk to their high school counselor, contact their college advisor, or contact the NCSP if they have questions.

By state law, an Associate of Applied Technology (A.A.T.) degree from the Utah College of Applied Technology does not qualify students for the NCSP (see Utah Code § 53B-8 105(5)).

Students should contact the institution where they plan to complete their bachelor's degree regarding any course requirements they might have.



The New Century Scholarship Questions & Answers

1. What are the requirements to qualify for the NCSP?

In order to qualify for the NCSP you need to:

- Be a legal Utah resident.
- Graduate from a Utah High School or be home schooled in Utah.
- Earn an associate's degree (or equivalent if coursework is completed at a school that does not offer an associate's degree) with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher by September 1st of the year your class graduates from high school; or complete the math and science curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher before September 1st of the year your class graduates from high school.

2. What type of an associate's degree fulfills the NCSP requirements? Do I need to complete the degree at a specific institution?

In order to be eligible for the NCSP, you need to complete the requirements (or the equivalent) for an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, or other associate's degrees such as pre-engineering, nursing, etc., at one of the following USHE institutions: College of Eastern Utah, Dixie State College of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, Southern Utah University, Snow College, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, or Weber State University. (Note: An Associate of Applied Technology degree from the Utah College of Applied Technology is not eligible for the NCSP.)

3. I understand there is an alternative way to qualify for the NCSP. What is it and what are the requirements?

The alternative is a specified math and science curriculum which has been approved by the State Board of Regents. There are specific general education, math, and science courses that must be completed to qualify. (See "Getting Started" for a list of the requirements.)



4. Will I be eligible for the NCSP if I take classes at a college/university that does not offer an associate's degree?

Yes. However, you will be required to have the registrar's office send an Associate's Degree Verification Form to the NCSP verifying the completion of the requirements equivalent to an associate's degree. Contact the college or university regarding course requirements.

5. Is completing the equivalent of an associate's degree the same thing as receiving one?

No. If you choose to complete the associate's degree equivalent you will not be awarded an actual Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree from the college or university you attend. The equivalency measure gives you greater flexibility to attend one of the USHE institutions that may not offer associate's degrees. You should contact the college or university of your choice to find out what programs are offered.

6. When must I complete my associate's degree or the approved math and science curriculum to be eligible for the NCSP?

To be eligible for the NCSP, you must complete the requirements of an associate's degree or the approved math and science curriculum with a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 by September 1st of the year your class graduates from a Utah high school.

7. Is there a grade point requirement for my associate's degree or the math and science curriculum?

Yes. The Utah State Legislature added a grade point requirement to the completion of the associate's degree and the math and science curriculum. It is a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.



8. Where can the NCSP funding be used?

The NCSP funding may be used at the following institutions: Dixie State College of Utah, Southern Utah University, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University, Brigham Young University, or Westminster College. (Note: If the NCSP funding is used at Brigham Young University or Westminster College, the NCSP will cover the **lower** of up to 75% of the average cost of tuition at the eligible USHE institutions or up to 75% of the actual tuition.)

9. How do I apply for the NCSP and is there an application deadline?

You can apply for the NCSP by completing the application form and sending it to the NCSP with the required documentation. (NOTE: If all of the academic requirements for an associate's degree are completed before the September 1st deadline, but the degree has not been posted to your transcript or if you complete the equivalency requirements, you will need to have the registrar's office complete the Associate's Degree Verification Form and send it to the NCSP.) The application should be submitted as soon as the requirements are completed. However, there is no application deadline. (NOTE: NCSP funds will not be disbursed until all documentation is received.)

10. Will I be eligible for the NCSP funding if I receive other scholarships?

Yes, if you apply for and are awarded other scholarships, you should still be eligible for the NCSP funding. For questions about limits on funding, contact the financial aid office at the college or university where you plan to use your NCSP funding.



11. What will the NCSP cover and how do I receive the funds? Will I be required to use the NCSP funding for tuition?

The NCSP may cover up to 75% of tuition costs at all USHE four-year institutions. If the NCSP funding is used at Brigham Young University or Westminster College, the NCSP will cover the **lower** of up to 75% of the average cost of tuition at the eligible USHE institutions or up to 75% of the actual tuition costs. If qualified, you will be required to submit a copy of your detailed class schedule each semester to verify the number of credit hours enrolled. After enrollment and current grade point average are verified, the NCSP will issue a check to the institution on your behalf based on the number of credit hours enrolled. If you have other scholarships which pay for tuition, fees, etc., the institution will refund the remaining balance to you.

12. What are the terms of the NCSP, and what requirements must I fulfill to keep the NCSP funding?

You may use the NSCP funding for up to 60 credit hours or until the requirements for a bachelor's degree have been met, whichever comes first. You will have five years from the date your class graduated from high school to use the NCSP funding. You must make reasonable progress for each semester the NCSP funding is used. Reasonable progress means you must successfully enroll in and complete at least six credit hours each semester the NCSP funding is awarded. If you fail to earn at least a 3.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters you will lose your eligibility for the NCSP (Note: there is an appeal process for extenuating circumstances). Each semester, you must submit to the NCSP a copy of your grades to verify you have met the required grade point average and are making reasonable progress toward the completion of a bachelor's degree at the college or university where you are enrolled.



13. How will the NCSP funds be affected if I need to add or drop classes?

If a class is added after funds have been sent to the institution for the semester, you will need to submit to the NCSP a copy of the detailed class schedule for the added credit hours before a supplemental payment is made. If credit hours are dropped, the subsequent semester funding will be reduced accordingly or you must repay the excess funding amount to the NCSP. If you drop below six credit hours, no funds will be awarded for that semester. The funds for the semester in which you did not complete at least six hours, will need to be repaid or, when you submit your schedule for the next semester, the amount of tuition for the previous semester will be deducted from the new request. If the owed amount is larger than the requested amount no funds will be sent. The owed balance will be carried over to the next semester for repayment. If the requested amount is larger than the owed amount the difference will be sent to the institution. If you cease further qualified enrollment, you must repay the excess funding amount to the NCSP.

14. May I transfer to a different institution and still receive the NCSP funding?

Yes. As long as you transfer to one of the following eligible institutions: Dixie State College of Utah, Southern Utah University, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University, Brigham Young University, or Westminster College.

15. Will I still be eligible to use NCSP funds if I need to take a leave of absence for religious service, military service, health problems, etc.?

Yes. However, the leave of absence will not extend the time limits of the NCSP. The NCSP funding must be used in its entirety within five years from the date your class graduated from high school. To request an approved leave of absence, you must contact the NCSP.



16. Will the NCSP guarantee that I will complete a bachelor's degree within the time period of the scholarship?

No. The NCSP does not guarantee that you will complete your bachelor's degree within the 60 credit hours of available funding. You are responsible for your own academic progress. The NCSP simply assists you to pay for your undergraduate education for a certain number of credit hours (up to 60) within the five year time frame.

17. What if I am home schooled? Will I still be eligible for the NCSP?

Yes. If you completed an associate's degree or the math and science curriculum with a cumulative GPA 3.0 or above by September 1st of the year you would have graduated from high school, you will be eligible. You will be asked to provide a letter from your school district stating that you were released from attendance to be home schooled or provide some other type of documentation. You should contact the NCSP for more information.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE UTAH STATE CODE OR THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS RULES FOR THE NEW CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES:

UTAH STATE CODE:

[HTTP://LE.UTAH.GOV/~CODE/TITLE53B/HTM/53B08007.HTM](http://le.utah.gov/~code/title53B/htm/53B08007.htm)

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS RULES:

[HTTP://WWW.UTAHSBR.EDU/POLICY/R604.HTM](http://www.utaHSBR.edu/policy/R604.htm)



Utah System of Higher Education Colleges & Universities

The New Century Scholarship Contact Information

Institution	Academic Advising	Scholarships
College of Eastern Utah 451 E 400 N Student Center, 2nd Floor Price, UT 84501	Phone: (435) 613-5623 or Phone: (435) 613-5311	Phone: (435) 613-5217 or Phone: (435) 613-5611
College of Eastern Utah San Juan Center 639 W 100 S Blanding, UT 84511	Phone: (435) 678-2201 ext. 8124 or Phone: (435) 678-2201 ext. 8138	Phone: (435) 678-2201 ext. 8202
Dixie State College of Utah 225 S 700 E St George, UT 84770	Phone: (435) 652-7690 or Phone: (435) 652-7697	Phone: (435) 652-7578
Salt Lake Community College Redwood Road Campus 4600 S Redwood Road Salt Lake City, UT 84123	Phone: (801) 957-4844 or Phone: (801) 957-4215	Phone: (801) 957-4410
Snow College 150 E College Avenue Ephraim, UT 84627	Phone: (435) 283-7313	Phone: (435) 283-7150
Southern Utah University 351 W University Blvd. Sharwan Smith Center, Ste. 169 Cedar City, UT 84720	Phone: (435) 586-5419	Phone: (435) 865-8714
University of Utah Financial Aid & Scholarships 201 S 1460 E, Room 105 Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9055	Phone: (801) 585-6423	Phone: (801) 585-7538
Utah State University Old Main Hill Logan, UT 84322	Phone: (435) 722-1720 or Phone: (435) 797-3780	Phone: (435) 797-0652
Utah Valley University 800 W University Parkway Orem, UT 84058-5999	Phone: (801) 863-6179	Phone: (801) 863-8707
Weber State University 3850 University Circle Ogden, UT 84408	Phone: (801) 626-7362	Phone: (801) 626-6747

The New Century Scholarship Student Application

section TWO

Instructions: Complete the NCSP application and return it with the following documentation:

- Official Utah high school transcript that includes your graduation date, GPA, and ACT scores if available.
- Official USHE college or university transcript that shows your associate's degree posted, the date the degree was completed, and your GPA (must be 3.0 or higher);
 - Or the NCSP Associate's Degree Verification Form if you completed the equivalent requirements.
 - Or the NCSP Math & Science Curriculum Verification Form if you completed the math & science curriculum option.
- If you are enrolled at an eligible four-year institution a detailed class schedule that includes your name, school name, a list of classes, and the number of credit hours enrolled.

If the NCSP application is submitted without the above documentation, funds will be held until all documentation is received to verify your eligibility.



New Century Scholarship Program Application Form

1. _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

2. _____ - _____ - _____ 3. _____
Social Security Number Street Address

4. (____) _____ - _____ 5. (____) _____ - _____ 6. _____
City State ZIP
Phone Number Cell Phone Number Email Address

7. I am a legal Utah resident: Yes No 8. _____ 9. Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Gender

10. Ethnic Background (optional): Black Caucasian Hispanic American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian or Pacific Islander Other

11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ / _____ / _____
High School Attended High School District Graduation Date

14. Cumulative High School GPA : _____ 15. Composite ACT Score: _____

16. Degree or curriculum completed:
 Associate of Arts Degree Associate of Science Degree Associate of Applied Science Degree
 Math and Science Curriculum Associate Degree Equivalent
 Other (please list) _____

17. USHE college or university where degree or curriculum was completed:
 College of Eastern Utah Southern Utah University University of Utah Utah Valley University
 Dixie State College of Utah Snow College Utah State University Weber State University
 Salt Lake Community College

18. Date degree received or curriculum completed: _____ / _____ / _____ 19. Cumulative GPA: _____

20. I am planning on completing a bachelor's degree at:
 Dixie State College of Utah University of Utah Utah Valley University Brigham Young University
 Southern Utah University Utah State University Weber State University Westminster College

21. I will be enrolled: Yes No 22. If Yes, for which term? Fall Spring Winter Summer 23. If Yes, for which year? 2008-2009 2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012

I certify that all information given on this application and the attachments are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature

Please complete and return form to:
New Century Scholarship Program
PO Box 145116
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5116

New Century Scholarship Program Associate's Degree Verification Form

Student Instructions: If you have completed the equivalent requirements for an associate's degree at the University of Utah, Utah State University or Southern Utah University, submit this form to the Registrar's Office at your institution. This form may also be used to speed up application processing if you have received an associate's degree but it has not yet been posted to your official transcript. An official transcript, showing your associate's degree, must also be sent when it becomes available.

_____ (____) _____ - _____ /____/____
Student Name **Phone Number** **Social Security Number**

Type of associate's degree or equivalent earned:

- Associate of Arts Degree
- Associate of Applied Science Degree
- Other Associate's Degree Completed
- Associate of Science Degree
- Equivalent Requirements Completed

Please list: _____


Date associate's degree or equivalent was completed: ____/____/____

Associate's degree or equivalent cumulative GPA: _____

USHE college or university where associate's degree or equivalent was completed:

- College of Eastern Utah
- Dixie State College of Utah
- Salt Lake Community College
- Southern Utah University
- Snow College
- University of Utah
- Utah State University
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University

_____ /____/____
Registrar's Signature **Date of Signature**



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