



Responsible: Department of Student Accounting

PURPOSE

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.

PROCEDURE

TO QUALIFY

1. Students must meet four criteria:
 - a. Graduate with a diploma from a Nevada public or private high school;
 - b. Complete with a weighted or unweighted GPA of at least 3.25. The GPA is calculated using all high school credit granting courses and is not rounded;
 - c. Pass all sections of Nevada High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE);
 - d. Must be a Nevada resident for at least two years of high school (note: there are circumstances where a parent's residency qualifies a student who either graduates out of state or was not in Nevada for two years). A student does not have to be a US citizen to be eligible.
 - e. Must successfully complete the following curriculum in high school to be eligible for the Millennium Scholarship:
 - English - 4 Units
 - Math (including Algebra II) - 4 Units
 - Natural Science - 3 Units
 - Social Science and History - 3 Units
 - TOTAL 14 Units
2. Note that the courses required to qualify for the Millennium Scholarship exceed those necessary for university admission. Students seeking admission to UNR or UNLV must complete at least three years of math, while all students who qualify for the Millennium Scholarship must take an *additional* year of math -- four total.

DOLLAR VALUE

1. 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 NSHE universities will receive \$80 per enrolled credit hour.
2. 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 \$960.00 (\$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 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. Funds may be used for any costs related to college/university attendance; the maximum lifetime total award is \$10,000, which must be used at the undergraduate level and only during the six years immediately following high school graduation, except in the case of military service. If a student serves in the military they are granted the same number of additional years to use the scholarship.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

1. To maintain eligibility, a student must:
 - a. Make satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the institution, toward a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or pre-baccalaureate certificate;
 - b. 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;
 - c. 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. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Millennium Scholarship eligibility is determined by the student's high school. Student names are submitted by the school registrar to the District three times per year: at the end of the first semester; after graduation in June; and after summer graduation in August. After the student's name is submitted by Student Accounting to the State Treasurer's Office, the student can expect to receive an award packet with an acknowledgement form which must be returned to the State Treasurer's Millennium Scholarship Office either via U.S. Mail or online.
2. Scholarship eligibility is not confirmed until the end of the last semester of the student's senior year, so potential Millennium Scholar names will not appear on graduation programs. Final decisions regarding eligibility for Millennium Scholarships are made by the state Millennium Scholarship Office which is part of the Office of the State Treasurer. Counselors/administrators/teachers should NOT estimate a student's eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship. For more information, Please contact Jeannine Bell, Student Accounting at 348-0305.

AUDIT OF INFORMATION BY THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE:

1. Schools who are contacted as part of an audit by the Millennium Scholarship Office must contact Jeannine Bell, Student Accounting immediately.
2. WCSD schools must not respond to an audit without consent of Jeannine Bell, Student Accounting, 348-0305.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. This Administrative Procedure is designed to provide information regarding the Millennium Scholarship.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This Administrative Procedure reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.
2. This Administrative Procedure complies with the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship initiative of 1999.

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. This procedure and any accompanying documents will be reviewed annually.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
05/15/2009	1.0	Adopted Accepted Practice
05/01/2012	2.0	Revised Accepted Practice
12/05/2013	3.0	Revised: converted to Administrative Procedure