

## INFORMATION FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

### High School Curriculum

Students who graduate from high school and desire to attend Utah State University must have completed a preparatory course of study, including the courses listed below. Students having less than the required number of units, but who have an admission index of 95 or higher, will be admitted on the condition that the deficiency is satisfied within the first 30 semester credits of study at the University.

**English.** Four years (units), emphasizing composition/literature.

**Mathematics.** Three years (units), selected from elementary algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra, trigonometry, college or advanced algebra, or calculus. It is strongly recommended that students take mathematics up to at least trigonometry.

**Biological/Physical Science.** Three years (units), that meet either state or local graduation requirements. At least one unit must provide a laboratory experience.

**American History.** One year (unit).

**Additional Courses.** Four years (units), chosen from at least two of the following: history, English, mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, laboratory science, foreign language, social science, and fine arts.

**Foreign Language.** Two years (units) recommended, which must be of the same foreign language.

### Early Admission

A high school student who has completed the junior year and maintained a superior scholastic record may be granted special permission for admission. An applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The student must complete an official application for admission. This includes a transcript of credit from the high

school attended and a nonrefundable application fee.

2. The student must provide evidence of ability to do university work. This evidence may be demonstrated by submitting ACT or SAT scores.

3. The student must submit letters of approval and recommendation from:

a. The superintendent or principal of the high school;

b. A parent or guardian.

4. Application for admission and credentials from the high school must be received by the Admissions Office by July 1 for admission to fall semester; by November 1 for admission to spring semester; and by April 1 for admission to the summer session.

### New Century Scholarship

The New Century Scholarship is funded by the Utah legislature to assist with the costs of postsecondary education for students who have completed the equivalent of an Associate Degree by September 1 of the year that they qualify to graduate from high school.

The scholarship covers 75 percent of tuition costs at a Utah state-operated institution of higher education.

**Terms of the Scholarship.** The scholarship may be used for two years of full-time equivalent enrollment (60 credit hours) or until the requirements for a baccalaureate degree have been met, whichever is shorter.

The scholarship must be used at a Utah state-operated institution of higher education that offers a baccalaureate program.

Recipients have four years after graduation from high school to use the award.

**Eligibility.** The New Century Scholarship is open to applicants who have graduated from a regionally accredited high school in the year 1999 or later. The applicant must have completed the equivalent of an Associate Degree from Utah State University by September 1 of the year that they qualify to graduate from high school.

At Utah State University, the equivalent of an associate degree is defined as:

- 1) Completion of the General Education portion of the University Studies requirements.
- 2) Completion of 60 semester credits.

For more information on the classes needed to complete these requirements at Utah State University, contact:

Mary Leavitt  
Director, Science/HASS Advising Center  
Taggart Student Center, Room 304  
PO Box 1912  
Logan UT 84322-0107  
Phone: (435) 797-3883  
Fax: (435) 797-2096  
E-mail: [mleavitt@hass.usu.edu](mailto:mleavitt@hass.usu.edu)

For an application, contact:

Angie Loving  
New Century Scholarship Administrator  
State Board of Regents  
3 Triad Center  
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## Centennial Scholarship

The centennial scholarship is a full or partial tuition scholarship that can be used at any postsecondary institution in Utah that is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution within one year of graduation.

### Amount Awarded

- ? The student who graduates at the end of the eleventh grade year shall receive a full Centennial Scholarship.
- ? The student who graduates at the end of the first quarter of the twelfth grade year shall receive 75 percent of the Centennial Scholarship.
- ? The student who graduates at the end of the second

quarter of the twelfth grade year shall receive 50 percent of the Centennial Scholarship.

- ? The student who graduates at the end of the third quarter of the twelfth grade year shall receive 25 percent of the Centennial Scholarship.
- ? The student who graduates at the end of the first trimester of the twelfth grade year shall receive 67 percent of the Centennial Scholarship.
- ? The student who graduates at the end of the second trimester of the twelfth grade year shall receive 33 percent of the Centennial Scholarship.

## Procedures for Using the Centennial Scholarship Certificate

1. Upon graduation, the student obtains a Centennial Scholarship for Early Graduation certificate from his or her high school counselor.

2. The high school principal verifies that the student is an early graduate and signs the certificate. The original certificate is kept by the student. Additional copies are for school and district records.

3. The student enrolls full-time in an approved postsecondary educational institution and presents the certificate to the registrar.

4. The postsecondary educational institution verifies the student's enrollment. The registrar completes, signs, and seals the certificate. The registrar sends the original completed certificate to the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), noting the cost of tuition.

5. USOE receives the completed certificate. It is verified for completion and duplication. USOE approves the certificate for funding and issues a warrant request to Utah State Finance for scholarship funds. A check is sent directly to the postsecondary institution for the student. Checks are sent to institutions within four to six weeks.

## Incoming First-Year Students

### First-Year SUCCESS Program

The SUCCESS Program is an integrated program of academic, social, and leadership experiences, with a support system of tutors and mentors, set in a living/learning environment. It is designed to enhance the first-year experience by helping students adjust easily to university life and preparing them for continued academic success.

Participants in the SUCCESS Program will:

- ? establish themselves in the university environment.
- ? learn more about university life.
- ? develop university survival skills.
- ? participate in service and enrichment activities.
- ? participate in leadership development projects.
- ? live in central campus residence halls with other SUCCESS students who have similar goals.
- ? participate in fun, organized student activities and educational programs.
- ? develop close-knit friendships and study groups.
- ? attend special workshops on communication, diversity, leadership styles, motivation, stress management, and more.
- ? meet with an academic or peer advisor.
- ? take courses on strategies for academic success.
  
- ? participate in small group discussion sessions.
- ? learn about and join campus clubs and organizations.
- ? learn about career and major options.
- ? enjoy more interaction with faculty.
- ? excel in smaller classes.
- ? take courses that lead to fulfillment of the University Studies requirements.

The SUCCESS Program has a total package cost that may be paid with monthly installments. The package includes:

- ? tuition and student body fees for 13-18 credits for both fall and spring semesters.
- ? residential academic advisors and mentors.
- ? access to all University academic support services.
- ? access to residence hall computer labs, as well as computer labs on campus.
- ? shared room in USU traditional residence halls.
- ? local telephone access, cable TV, all utilities and maintenance, and data line for internet access.
- ? open door dining account at The Junction (all you can eat daily).
- ? \$250 USU Bookstore textbook allowance.

The SUCCESS Program is open to all first-year students and is limited to the first 500 students who qualify for USU admission. Early application is encouraged. The priority application deadline is April 1.

For more information about the total package cost and to request an application, call toll-free 1-800-488-8108.

### Incoming Freshmen Scholarships

**To be considered for scholarships, all scholarship applicants must have completed the admissions process by February 1. Contact the Office of Student Recruitment and Enrollment Services (1-800-488-8108) for more information.**

**Presidential.** These are four-year scholarships, awarded to high school students, covering tuition. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 to keep this award. **Grades will be checked each semester.** Students must apply for this scholarship with the Office of Student Recruitment and Enrollment Services.

**Honors at Entrance (Utah residents only).** These are one-year tuition waivers, based on a sliding scale of eligibility. In general, high school GPA and ACT or SAT score combinations are used to evaluate eligibility, although individual circumstances (such as yearly improvements in academic performance) are also taken into account. These scholarships are available as funds permit, and require application.

**National Merit.** Semi-finalists receive a one-year tuition waiver. Finalists receive four years of tuition and may receive an additional stipend.

**Educational Opportunity Award.** Waives up to four years of tuition. Students with low income, first-generation college students, and students exhibiting diversity in race, geography, etc., who have excelled academically, may qualify for these awards.

**100-Mile Radius (Wyoming and Idaho residents only).** Waives one-third of out-of-state tuition for four years.

**ISU/USU Scholarship (Idaho residents only).** Waives out-of-state portion of tuition for one year.

**President's Leadership Council.** Four years tuition plus student body fees. This scholarship requires a separate application and a portfolio.

**University Club.** These awards are based on ACT or SAT scores, GPAs, a written examination, extracurricular activities, leadership, and an interview. Recipients receive tuition for four years or eight semesters (whichever comes first), and \$2,400 per year.

**Sterling Scholar.** Regional and state winners receive one-year tuition waiver. Runners-up in region and state receive one-half tuition waiver. (Must apply by the February 1 scholarship deadline and notify of Sterling Scholar status by

May 1.)

**Alumni.** Contact Alumni Relations at (435) 797-2055.

**Air Force ROTC.** Contact AFROTC Office at (435) 797-8723.

### **New Student Orientation**

Newly admitted students are required to attend a Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) session before being permitted to register for classes. SOAR is designed to assist students in making a successful transition to USU. In addition to registering for classes, students have the opportunity to receive individual advice about degree requirements, as well as vital information about student services, campus life, and athletics. SOAR also gives students a chance to make new friends. New

students should be aware that a registration hold is placed on their file until some form of orientation is completed. After admission to USU, students will receive information about SOAR programs. For further information, call New Student Orientation at (435) 797-0283 or 1-800-606-4878.

### **University Survival Course**

University Survival is a week-long two-credit course that takes place the week before school begins. The course has been designed to help students make their transition to USU easier, and to help prepare them for their collegiate experience. The course focuses on developing study skills, time management techniques, test-taking abilities, and University awareness. Students will have the opportunity to participate in many scheduled activities as well. For further information, call (435) 797-0283 or 1-800-606-4878.