

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

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Application for financial aid begins in January for the following academic year. In most instances, early application benefits the applicant. Those who apply early have a greater chance of receiving more aid and of having aid available in time to meet school needs. Pell Grant and Stafford Loans are available throughout the year. Contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance. The free online application can be found at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Scholarships are awarded to qualifying applicants who apply on or before February 1, prior to the academic year. Students should contact the Admissions Office or the department of their major for the exact deadline.

Financial aid programs, policies, and procedures described herein reflect the latest information at publication. Changes may occur in response to state and federal requirements. Appropriate notice will be made whenever possible before any change takes effect.

For further information concerning financial assistance available for graduate students, see pages 100-101 of this catalog.

Grants, Work-Study, and Loans

Federal Pell Grant

Available to undergraduates. Grants do not need to be repaid.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity (FSEOG) Grant

Available to undergraduates. Grants do not need to be repaid. The maximum award varies yearly. Awarding is based on need and funding.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Grant

Awarded to resident undergraduates who demonstrate exceptional need. Awards are based on availability of funds.

Utah Centennial Grant (UCOPE)

Available to undergraduate residents of Utah. Awards are based on availability of funds.

Academic Competitiveness (AC) Grant and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant

These grants were created by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 and signed into law February 2006. Up to \$750 will be awarded to eligible first-year AC Grant students, and up to \$1,300 to second-year AC Grant students. Up to \$4,000 will be awarded each year to eligible National SMART Grant students. Students must be U.S. citizens, must be enrolled in a four-year degree program full-time, and must be receiving Pell grants. **Note:** Beginning Spring Semester 2009, AC and SMART grants will be provided for part-time attendance.

Other Grants and Special Benefits

Contact the Financial Aid Office for details concerning BIA or Tribal Grants.

Federal College Work-Study

Provides part-time on-campus employment to enable students to earn a portion of their educational expenses during the college year. Awarding is based on need and the availability of funds.

Federal Perkins Loan

Undergraduate students generally may borrow up to \$3,000 per year, to a total school amount of not more than \$15,000. Graduate students may borrow \$4,000 per year, up to \$30,000. Monthly payments and interest begin after graduation, withdrawal, or otherwise leaving school, or after dropping below 6 credits. A 5 percent simple interest rate applies. Awarding is based on need and funding.

Federal Stafford Loan

Loans with a 6.0 and 6.8 percent interest rate. Students may qualify for subsidized and unsubsidized loans, depending upon need. Interest accrued prior to the beginning of repayment is paid by the federal government for "subsidized" Federal Stafford Loans. Repayment is generally required within 10 years. Starting in 2008, freshmen may apply for up to \$5,500 per regular school year; sophomores may apply for up to \$6,500 per year; juniors, seniors, and second bachelor's degree students may apply for up to \$7,500 per year; and graduates may apply for up to \$8,500 per year. Aggregate borrowing limits are \$31,500 for undergraduates and second bachelor's degree students, and \$65,500 for graduates. Monthly repayment begins after completing or leaving school, or after dropping below 6 credits. Additional unsubsidized amounts are available to students in some circumstances.

Federal TEACH "Grant"

The TEACH "Grant" program provides up to \$4,000 per year in "grant" aid to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a teacher credential program. Students must serve as full-time teachers at specified schools and teach in a specified field for four academic years within eight years after completing the college course. TEACH "Grant" recipients who do not fulfill their teaching obligations must repay the "grant" as if it were an unsubsidized loan.

PLUS Loans

PLUS loans are for parents who want to borrow for their children's education. This loan provides additional funds for educational expenses. Repayment begins within 60 days after the last loan disbursement. This loan has an interest rate of 8.5 percent. This loan is available when other awarded federal aid to the student does not fully meet the school's estimated cost of education.

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Emergency Check Loan

Ten-week loans of up to \$400 are available to enrolled students with fees paid for at least 6 credits. These loans are *not* available for tuition. Interest is assessed at 12 percent from date of issue until the date of maturity.

Method of Awarding Financial Aid

A student's **Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)** is calculated from information provided by the student on the federal financial aid application. A student's **Financial Need** is the difference between the estimated cost of education and the EFC. Financial aid is awarded to fill this need, as much as possible, using whatever funds are available.

Estimated Cost of Undergraduate Education for Two Semesters for 2007-2008 Academic Year

	Resident	Nonresident
Tuition and Fees	See page 43	See page 43
Room and Board	\$5,920	\$5,920
Books and Supplies	1,110	1,110
Transportation	1,370	1,370
Personal Expenses	2,010	2,010
Totals	\$10,410	\$10,410
	plus	plus
	Resident Tuition	Nonres. Tuition

Repayment of Federal Funds Policy

Students who are withdrawing from the University and who have Federal Financial Aid must meet with their financial aid counselor prior to withdrawing.

Students who completely withdraw from the University during the course of a semester are required to return a percentage of their Federal Student Financial Aid. All types of Federal Financial Aid are included in the repayment, including: Pell Grants, Supplemental Grants, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Loans. The amount of repayment is based on the percentage of the semester completed. For example, if a student withdraws after completing 40% of the semester (calculated using calendar days), the student must return 60% of his or her Federal Student Aid. Students who withdraw, or cease attending, after completing 60% of the semester are not required to return aid. (However, they will still face suspension from financial aid for failing to complete the required number of credits.) If the student is eligible for a refund of tuition and fees, according to the University refund policy, the refund will be applied to the Federal Financial Aid obligation. A refund may or may not completely repay the obligation. Either way, the student will not be allowed to register for future classes, nor be eligible for future financial aid, until the debt is repaid.

For example, suppose a student has Federal Aid in the following amounts:

Pell Grant	\$1,500
Perkins Loan	1,200
Stafford Loan	2,750
Total	\$5,450

If the semester has 115 calendar days and the student completely withdraws from the University on day 20, the repayment would be calculated as follows: $115/20 = 17\%$ of the semester completed, and 83% not completed. Therefore, 83% of the Federal Aid must be repaid (i.e., $\$5,450 \times 83\% = \$4,523.50$).

Students who receive all Fs for the semester must document participation in an academic activity (including attending class, taking exams, turning in assignments, etc.) past 60 percent of the semester or will have to repay 50% of the federal funds received.

Note: If a tuition refund is given by the Registration Office, the refund will reduce the amount of Federal Aid that must be repaid.

Responsibility of Financial Aid Recipients

Undergraduate financial aid recipients are expected to maintain a USU GPA of at least 2.0. Graduate students must maintain a USU GPA of 3.0. Students must also pass 70 percent of the credits they attempt.

Students not passing the required amount of credits *or* not maintaining the required grade point average will be placed on financial aid probation for a minimum of one semester. Students not meeting the required minimums during the period of probation will be suspended from further aid. In exceptional circumstances, students may appeal to have the suspension lifted.

For additional details, visit:

<http://www.usu.edu/finaid/overview/rap.cfm>

In addition to maintaining academic progress as defined above, recipients may not owe a repayment on grants previously received, or be in default of any student loan fund at USU or any other institution.

Scholarship Policy

Scholarships for new undergraduate students and undergraduate transfer students are awarded by the Admissions Office. Scholarships for continuing students are awarded by the various colleges and academic departments.

Scholarships for New Undergraduate Students

To be considered for scholarships, applicants must be admitted to Utah State University, attend classes at the main Logan campus, and intend to graduate from USU. (Students majoring in programs sponsored by other academic institutions, such as the Cooperative Nursing Program with Weber State University, are *not eligible* for Utah State University sponsored scholarships.) Utah State University offers a variety of scholarships based on academic merit using the cumulative GPA (a four-point scale is used to determine cumulative GPA) and ACT or SAT score. Some other criteria may be used in determining eligibility, such as achievements, leadership, talent, family size and income, ethnicity, and first-generation college student status. The scholarship application deadline (as listed on the dual admissions and scholarship application) *is different than the admissions deadline. To be considered for scholarships, the priority deadline is December 1, and the final deadline is February 1.* For 2009, all scholarships will be awarded on a *first-come, first-served basis*. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to apply early. See pages 24-26 for information about scholarships available to new freshmen. For more information, contact the Admissions Office by phone at 1-800-488-8108 or (435) 797-1079, or by e-mail at: admit@usu.edu.

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Scholarships for Home Schooled Students

To be considered for scholarships, home schooled students must have a minimum ACT score of 25.

Scholarships for Transfer Students

To be considered for scholarships, a transfer student must submit the Undergraduate Admission and Scholarship application. Official transcript(s) must accompany the application. To be considered for transfer scholarships, the priority deadline is February 1, and the final deadline is April 1. Transfer students must have earned a minimum of 24 post high school graded semester credits. See pages 26-27 for information about scholarships available to transfer students.

Freshman Resident Scholarships

The scholarships listed below are based on the 2009-2010 applicant pool and are subject to change without notice. For the latest information on freshman scholarships, visit:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/scholarships>

Presidential Scholarship

Awarded for four years, this scholarship awards full tuition and student body fees each semester for eight semesters. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 131 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Dean's Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition each semester for four semesters. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 126 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

University Ambassador Scholarship

During eight semesters (four years), full tuition and student body fees are awarded. To be considered, applicants must have a minimum 3.4 GPA and a minimum ACT score of 23 or SAT score of 1060. In addition to a separate application, applicants must submit an extensive recruitment portfolio and two letters of recommendation. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year. An application for this scholarship can be downloaded from:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/scholarships/Ambassador-app.pdf>

Aggie Scholar Scholarship

During four semesters (two years), \$1,000 per semester is awarded toward tuition. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 120 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Merit Scholarship

During four semesters (two years), \$600 per semester is awarded toward tuition. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 116 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must

enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Achievement Scholarship

During two semesters (one year), \$325 per semester is awarded toward tuition. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 112 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year.

Alumni Chapter Scholarships

To be considered for a chapter scholarship, a student must be (1) living in an area with a chartered alumni chapter, (2) be an incoming freshman or transfer student (cannot have previously attended USU), and (3) be a child or grandchild of a USU alumnus. The amount of each scholarship is based on the funds raised in each chapter. Therefore, the scholarships may be different each year. For information about these scholarships, contact the Alumni Office at (435) 797-2055, or visit <http://www.usu.edu/alumni/scholarships/>

ROTC Scholarships

For information about these scholarships, contact the Air Force ROTC Office at (435) 797-8723 or the Army ROTC Office at (435) 797-3637. Information is available on the Web at:

<http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships> and
<http://www.garmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp>

Freshman Nonresident Scholarships

The scholarships listed below are based on the 2009-2010 applicant pool and are subject to change without notice. For the latest information on freshman scholarships, visit:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/scholarships>

Presidential Nonresident Scholarship

Awarded for four years, this scholarship awards full tuition and student body fees each semester for eight semesters. Nonresident students are able to apply for Utah residency after 12 continuous months in the state, after establishing domicile, and upon providing proof of financial independence (not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by someone living outside of Utah). Students are encouraged to gain residency during their first year at USU, as multiple-year scholarships will only cover out-of-state tuition for the first year. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of at least 131. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Dean's Nonresident Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition each semester for four semesters. Nonresident students are able to apply for Utah residency after 12 continuous months in the state, after establishing domicile, and upon providing proof of financial independence (not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by someone living outside of Utah). Students are encouraged to gain residency during their first year at USU, as multiple-year scholarships will only cover out-of-state tuition for the first year. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 126 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

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USU/ISU Scholarship

This award waives the out-of-state nonresident differential for two semesters (one year). During these two semesters, recipients will only need to pay the in-state portion of tuition. To be considered, an applicant must be a resident of Idaho and must have an admissions index score of at least 113. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year.

100-Mile Radius Scholarship

This award is worth approximately \$8,000. During two semesters (one year), \$4,000 per semester is awarded toward the out-of-state portion of tuition. To be considered, an applicant must live within 100 miles of Utah State's Logan campus and must be admitted in good standing to the main campus in Logan.

University Ambassador Scholarship

During the first four semesters (two years), full tuition and student body fees are awarded. To be considered, applicants must have a minimum 3.4 GPA and a minimum ACT score of 23 or SAT score of 1060. In addition to a separate application, applicants must submit an extensive recruitment portfolio and two letters of recommendation. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year. An application for this scholarship can be downloaded from:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/scholarships/Ambassador-app.pdf>

Aggie Scholar Scholarship

Awarded for two years during the first two semesters (one year), \$4,000 per semester is awarded toward tuition. During the second year after the student gains residency, \$1,000 per semester is awarded toward tuition. To be considered, applicants must have an admissions index score of 120 or higher. This award applies *only* to undergraduate coursework. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete at least 12 credits each semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Western Undergraduate Exchange

Utah State University participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, certain students who are not residents of the State of Utah may enroll at Utah State University by paying resident tuition plus 50 percent of that amount (plus other fees that are paid by all students).

Because Utah State University participates in the WUE program, residents of Utah may enroll under the same terms in designated institutions and programs in other participating states.

Information about and applications for WUE programs available at USU may be obtained from the USU Admissions Office, 0160 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-0160, tel. (435) 797-1079 or (800) 488-8108. Utah residents may obtain information about WUE programs in other states from the Certifying Officer for Utah WICHE Student Exchange Program, #3 Triad Center, Suite 550, 355 West North Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84180-1205, tel. (801) 321-7124 or from WICHE Student Exchange Program, P.O. Box 9752, Boulder CO 80301-9752, tel. (303) 541-0214 or 0210, FAX (303) 541-0291.

Transfer Resident Scholarships

Transfer Presidential Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition and student body fees each semester for four semesters. To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a 4.00 cumulative GPA. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete 12 credits per semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Transfer Dean's Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition each semester for four semesters. To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete 12 credits per semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Transfer Ambassador Scholarship

During four semesters (two years), this scholarship awards full tuition and student body fees. This scholarship is awarded to a select group of students who demonstrate leadership and recruiting skills through experience, activities, and involvement in both school and community. In addition to a separate application, applicants must submit an essay and two letters of recommendation. To be considered, applicants must have an associate degree and a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA. The application deadline is February 1.

Transfer Aggie Scholar Scholarship

During four semesters (two years), \$1,000 per semester is awarded toward tuition. To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a 3.50 to 3.74 cumulative GPA.

Transfer Nonresident Scholarships

Presidential Nonresident Transfer Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition and student body fees each semester for four semesters. Nonresident students are able to apply for Utah residency after 12 continuous months in the state, after establishing domicile, and upon providing proof of financial independence (not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by someone living outside of Utah). Students are encouraged to gain residency during their first year at USU, as multiple-year scholarships will only cover out-of-state tuition for the first year. To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a 4.00 cumulative GPA. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete 12 credits per semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Dean's Nonresident Transfer Scholarship

Awarded for two years, this scholarship awards full tuition each semester for four semesters. Nonresident students are able to apply for Utah residency after 12 continuous months in the state, after establishing domicile, and upon providing proof of financial independence (not claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by someone living outside of Utah). Students are encouraged to gain residency during their first year at USU, as multiple-year scholarships will only cover out-of-state tuition for the first year. To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete 12 credits per semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

USU/ISU Scholarship

This award waives the out-of-state nonresident differential for two semesters (one year for up to \$9,000 per year). During these four semesters, recipients will only need to pay the in-state portion of tuition. To be considered, an applicant must be a resident of Idaho and must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA.

100-Mile Radius Scholarship

This award is worth approximately \$8,000. During two semesters (one year), \$4,000 per semester is awarded toward the out-of-state portion of tuition. To be considered, an applicant must live within 100 miles of Utah State's Logan campus, and must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA.

Aggie Scholar Nonresident Transfer Scholarship

This scholarship awards \$8,000 for one year (\$4,000 per semester for two semesters) and \$2,000 for the second year (\$1,000 per semester for two semesters). To be considered, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 graded post-high school transferable credits with a 3.50 to 3.74 cumulative GPA. To remain eligible for this scholarship, a student must enroll for and complete 12 credits per semester, for a total of 24 credits per year, and maintain a 3.5 USU cumulative GPA.

Transfer Ambassador Scholarship

During four semesters (two years), full tuition and student body fees are awarded. This scholarship is awarded to a select group of students who demonstrate leadership and recruiting skills through experience, activities, and involvement in both school and community. In addition to a separate application, applicants must submit an essay and two letters of recommendation. To be considered, applicants must have an associate degree and a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA. The application deadline is February 1.

Western Undergraduate Exchange

Utah State University participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, certain students who are not residents of the State of Utah may enroll at Utah State University by paying resident tuition plus 50 percent of that amount (plus other fees that are paid by all students). For further information, see WUE text on page 26 of this catalog.

New Century Scholarship

The New Century Scholarship is funded by the Utah legislature to assist with the costs of postsecondary education for students who complete the equivalent of an associate degree by September 1 of the year their class graduates 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 credits) or until the requirements for a baccalaureate degree have been met, whichever is shorter.

The scholarship may be used at any higher education institution in the state accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.

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

Eligibility

The New Century Scholarship is open to Utah students 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 their class graduates 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, **and**
2. Completion of 60 semester credits.

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New Century Scholarship
State Board of Regents
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Salt Lake City UT 84145-0202
Phone: (801) 321-7221
FAX: (801) 366-8470
E-mail: newcentury@utahsbr.edu
WWW: <http://www.utahsbr.edu>

Centennial Scholarship

The Centennial Scholarship for Early Graduation program is a *partial* tuition program which allows for high school graduation to be flexible and appropriate to meet the needs of individual students.

Eligibility

Any public school student who: (1) has a Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) on file, (2) has indicated to the secondary school principal the intent to complete early graduation, (3) has completed all required courses or demonstrated mastery of required skills and competencies, and (4) has graduated from a Utah public high school is eligible.

Requirements

To receive scholarship funds, a student must: (1) graduate early from a Utah secondary institution, and (2) enroll within one calendar year in an eligible Utah post-secondary institution. Post-secondary institutions accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges are eligible. A student must begin using funds as a full-time student and for *tuition only* within one calendar year of high school graduation.

Scholarship Funds

Funds for the Centennial Scholarship will be disbursed as follows:

Junior year.....	\$1,000
First quarter of senior year	750
Second quarter of senior year	500
Third quarter of senior year	250
First trimester of senior year	666
Second trimester of senior year.....	333

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Procedures

1. In consultation with the student's parent or guardian and school advisor, the student develops a Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) and indicates to the secondary principal the intent to complete early graduation at the beginning of the ninth grade year or as soon thereafter as the intent is known.
2. Upon graduation, the student obtains the Centennial Scholarship for Early Graduation certificate from the high school counselor.
3. The high school principal verifies the student's early graduation and signs the certificate. The original certificate is kept by the student. Additional copies are made for school and district records.
4. The student enrolls full time in an eligible post-secondary institution and presents the certificate to the registrar.
5. The registrar verifies the student's enrollment, and completes, signs, and seals the certificate. The original copy is sent to the Utah State Office of Education (USOE).
6. USOE verifies the information, approves the funding, and issues funds. Funds are sent directly to the post-secondary institution in the student's name within 4-6 weeks.
7. Any funds remaining unused when the student leaves the post-secondary institution are returned to USOE.

Regents' Scholarship

During 2008, the Utah State Legislature created the Regents' Scholarship. This scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a rigorous course of study and saving for college. There are three elements to this scholarship: (1) a Base Award, (2) an Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, and (3) a Supplemental Award. All three awards can be applied toward tuition and fees at a post-secondary institution within the State of Utah.

Eligibility and Requirements

Three different criteria apply for the three sections of the scholarship. These criteria are shown below.

Base Award. This award may be given to any public school student who (1) has a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, with no individual grade lower than a C in required core courses; (2) has a reported ACT score; (3) has passed the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT); (4) is a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen for receiving federal aid; (5) has no criminal record (with the *exception* of misdemeanor traffic citations); and (6) enrolls full time at an eligible Utah institution of higher education within 12 months of high school graduation (*unless* an approved leave of absence is obtained).

Exemplary Academic Achievement Award. This award may be given to any public school student who (1) qualifies for the Base Award Regents' Scholarship; (2) has a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, with no individual grade lower than a B in required core courses; and (3) has an ACT score of 26 or higher.

Supplemental Award. This award may be given to any public school student who has contributed between the ages of 14-17 to their Utah Educational Savings Plan account.

Scholarship Funds

Base Award. This award is worth up to \$1,000, and is awarded as a one-time payment.

Exemplary Academic Achievement Award. This award is equal in value to 75 percent of the cost of tuition for up to two years of full-time enrollment or until the associate or bachelor's degree requirements have been met (whichever time is shorter). To maintain the award, the student must average grades of B or better for two consecutive semesters and must make reasonable progress toward completion of an associate or bachelor's degree.

Supplemental Award. This award is worth \$100 per year for students who have contributed between the ages of 14-17 to their Utah Educational Savings Plan account. The maximum amount that may be awarded is \$400.

Additional Information

The Regents' Scholarship may be used for any qualifying college-related expenses, including tuition, fees, housing, and books.

Students may use the Regents' Scholarship along with other scholarships and federal grant aid. However, a student *may not be awarded both* a Regents' Scholarship and a New Century Scholarship.

Further information about the Regents' Scholarship, as well as application information, may be found at:
<http://www.utahsbr.edu/acad01i.html>

University Research Fellowships

Utah State University is known nationally for its emphasis on hands-on learning in research, scholarship, and the creative arts. University Research Fellowships of \$1,000 per year (renewable) are awarded to students who successfully compete in the application and interview process. Fellows are paired with a faculty member and begin inquiry in their fields of study as freshmen, which prepares them to compete for prestigious scholarships and entry into graduate studies. Presidential and Dean's Scholars are eligible to compete for Research Fellowships.

Continuing USU Student Scholarships

Department Scholarships

Each department has its own scholarship application, which is available at the department's office and must be returned there by the given deadline. For most departments, the application deadline is February 1.

Tuition waivers and other forms of academic scholarships are awarded to students who are or who have been students at USU. Such applicants compete with other students within their department. Students should check with their department for application requirements and deadlines.

Private Endowment Scholarships

Each of the seven colleges at USU awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Although most of these scholarships are awarded to students who have *already attended* USU for one or more semesters, a *few* of them are available to new freshmen who have already decided upon their major area of study. Application forms are available from the dean's office of each college. Information about private endowment scholarships, including the qualifications for receiving each of them, is provided online at:
<http://www.usu.edu/generalcatalog/scholarships/college.cfm>