

# New Century Scholarship

## 2017-2018 Program Guide



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### INTRODUCTION

The New Century Scholarship was created in 1999 as a Governor’s initiative to encourage students to accelerate their education by earning an associate degree in high school. In 2006 the option to complete a specified Math and Science Curriculum was added for those pursuing a degree in a science, engineering or math related field.

### REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the New Century Scholarship, applicants must meet the following non-academic and academic requirements:

#### Non-academic requirements

- Be a United States citizen or a noncitizen eligible for federal student aid.
- Have no criminal record, except for a misdemeanor traffic citation.

#### Academic requirements

- Graduate from a Utah high school with a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Home-schooled students and students who complete high school through an online school must take the ACT exam by June 15 of the year their peer group graduates from high school and earn a minimum composite score of 26.
- Enroll in and successfully complete 15 credit hours the Fall Semester after high school graduation at an eligible college or university, maintaining a 3.3 semester GPA or obtain an approved deferment.
- Complete one of the following academic options:

#### Option 1: Associate Degree Track

If you plan to apply for the New Century Scholarship by completing the associate degree track, it is important that you work closely with the college/university from which you are earning the associate degree to plan out the needed course work. The degree must be earned through Dixie State University, Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, Southern Utah University, University of Utah (equivalence), Utah State University, Utah Valley University or Weber State University. You are required to file for graduation in order to have the associate degree posted to your official college transcript. You will be required to provide an official copy of your transcripts to show that you have earned the associate degree. Students who qualify for an associate degree equivalence from the University of Utah, must document it by completing the [Associate Degree Equivalent Verification](#) form.

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### YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL AID IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING VISA(S):

- U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551, formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or “Green Card”)
- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations:
  - Refugee
  - Asylum Granted
  - Parolee (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired)
  - T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.)
  - Cuban-Haitian Entrant
- The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of “Victim of human trafficking”
- A resident of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM)
- A Canadian-born Native American under terms of the Jay Treaty

### Option 2: Math and Science Curriculum Track

Students who plan to major in engineering, math or science may want to choose to earn the New Century Scholarship by completing the Math and Science Curriculum Track. You must complete these requirements from a college within the Utah System of Higher Education (University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Snow College, Dixie State University, Utah Valley University or Salt Lake Community College).

Students who complete the Math and Science Curriculum Track must do so earning a 3.0 college GPA and 3.5 high school GPA. The requirements must be completed by the date of high school graduation. Please note, not all courses are offered at all institutions.

#### General Education Courses

- English 1010: Introduction to Writing or WRTG 1010
- English 2010: Intermediate Writing or WRTG 2010
- History 1700 American Civilizations OR Political Science 1100: American National Government OR score at least a 3 on the AP US History Exam
- General Education electives 4 to 8 credit hours

#### Math Courses

- Math prerequisites: Math 1050: College Algebra and Math 1060: Trigonometry OR high school Pre Calculus OR score at least a 3 on the AP Calculus Exam
- Math 1210: Calculus 1
- Math 1220: Calculus 2
- Math 2210: Calculus 3

#### Science Courses

- Chemistry 1210: Principles of Chemistry 1
- Chemistry 1215: Principles of Chemistry 1 Lab
- Chemistry 1220: Principles of Chemistry 2
- Chemistry 1225: Principles of Chemistry 2 Lab
- Physics 2210: Physics for Scientists and Engineers 1
- Physics 2220: Physics for Scientists and Engineers 2
- Biology 1210: Principles of Biology

## COLLEGES WHERE THE NEW CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE USED



BYU-Provo

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Apply for the scholarship during your senior year. The application for the scholarship becomes available mid-November and is due **February 1**. The application itself will contain full details of the application process and what documentation to submit.

## AWARD INFORMATION

The scholarship award is a flat dollar amount; the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1,250 per semester, renewable for up to 60 credits, four semesters or completion of a bachelor degree (whichever occurs first). Award amounts are announced each April for the upcoming academic year on [www.newcenturyscholarship.org](http://www.newcenturyscholarship.org).

Award amounts are determined on an annual basis and are subject to legislative funding and the total number of qualified participants. Therefore, award amounts may be reduced, may vary from year to year, and are dependent on when the recipient is enrolled in college.

## MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

- You can receive New Century Scholarship payments for four semesters, 60 credit hours, or completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever happens first.
- You will be eligible for two award payments each academic year, the Fall and Spring Semesters (Fall and Winter semesters at BYU).
- You are required to continuously enroll and successfully complete 15 or more credit hours towards your degree in the Fall and Spring Semesters (Fall and Winter Semesters for students attending BYU), earning a semester GPA of at least a 3.3.
- If you choose to attend Summer Semester, you should contact the New Century Scholarship office for special instructions. A Summer Semester payment will count as one of the two payments for the upcoming academic year. Note: BYU does not allow students to enroll in 15 credit hours for Spring and Summer Terms. Therefore, you cannot receive a payment during these terms.
- You must provide a copy of your class schedule verifying the number of credit hours enrolled, as well as proof of completion (grades) for the previous semester showing the number of credit hours earned towards your degree and GPA by the deadlines noted in the [Renewal and Payment Request Instructions](#). Failure to meet renewal deadlines will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

## TAKING A DEFERMENT OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you do not enroll in 15 credit hours the Fall Semester immediately following high school graduation, you must apply for and be granted an approved deferment through the New Century Scholarship office. Deferments are typically granted for major medical, military or religious service reasons. However, deferments are not granted for working rather than enrolling in college course work, traveling, or to attend a non-eligible institution. For more information see the [Deferment Information](#) document.

If you attend one or more semesters but then do not continuously enroll due to medical, military or religious service reasons, you must apply for and be granted an approved leave of absence through the New Century Scholarship office. To apply for a leave of absence, see the [Leave of Absence](#) form.

For more information related to deferment and leave of absence requests, please review the [Deferment Information](#) and [Leave of Absence Information](#) found on [www.newcenturyscholarship.org](http://www.newcenturyscholarship.org).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you still have questions about the scholarship, check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) found on [www.newcenturyscholarship.org](http://www.newcenturyscholarship.org), or contact the New Century Scholarship office by phone, 801.321.7221 or by email: [newcentury@ushe.edu](mailto:newcentury@ushe.edu).