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REQUIREMENTS

1. Do I need to meet all the requirements in order to earn the Regents' Scholarship?

Yes, you must meet all the academic and general qualifications requirements in order to earn the scholarship.

2. What are the academic requirements for the Regents' Scholarship?

To earn the merit-based Regents' Scholarship, you must complete the required courses during grades 9-12, meet minimum GPA requirements, ACT requirements, minimum individual grade requirements for the core courses, and graduate from an accredited Utah high school.

3. What are the non-academic requirements of the scholarship?

To be eligible for the Regents' Scholarship, you must:

- Be a United States Citizen or a non-citizen eligible for federal student aid.
- You cannot have a criminal record, except for misdemeanor traffic citation.
- You must enroll in 15 credits at an eligible Utah college or university for the Fall semester immediately following high school graduation, or receive an approved deferment. See the [Deferment Guide](#) and page 7 of this FAQ for more information.
- You also must meet all application deadlines to be eligible for the scholarship.

4. What are the required courses?

The required courses must be completed during grades 9-12 and are as follows:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 progressive credits of Math (*At minimum, you must complete Secondary Math 1, Secondary Math 2, and one class beyond Secondary Math 3.*)
- 3.5 credits of Social Science
- 3 credits of lab-based Science, specifically one each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- 2 progressive credits of the same World Language (other than English) during grades 9-12

5. Does it matter which courses I complete to meet scholarship requirements?

Yes! The Regents' Scholarship requires completion of specific courses. These courses may be different from those that are accepted for high school graduation. To find out more, read the [Regents' Scholarship Program Guide](#) on www.regentsscholarship.org.

6. How do I find out if a course will satisfy the scholarship requirements?

A list of courses that will satisfy the scholarship is provided in the [Regents' Scholarship Program Guide](#) on www.regentsscholarship.org.

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7. Do I have to complete the required courses, even if my school does not offer the courses?

Yes. If your school does not offer the courses required for the Regents' Scholarship, you can complete these courses through other means. Options could include on-line courses or college courses completed through entities that are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. If you are thinking of enrolling in an on-line course, you are **STRONGLY** advised to contact the Regents' Scholarship office to confirm that the course is accepted before enrolling. All course work must be completed through schools that are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission/AdvancEd.

8. Do the requirements for the scholarship change?

The Regents' Scholarship is created through Utah legislation, and is subject to change on an annual basis. In addition, the program materials may be updated to better communicate the rules of the scholarship. In some cases, the list of courses that satisfy the scholarship will change as courses evolve or new classes are created by the Utah State Office of Education. Each April, an updated version of the [Regents' Scholarship Program Guide](#) for the upcoming high school academic year is provided on www.regentsscholarship.org, and will reflect any changes.

AWARD INFORMATION

9. Are there different awards levels within the Regents' Scholarship?

The three awards of the scholarship are as follows:

- **Base Award:** up to \$1,000, one-time
- **Exemplary Academic Achievement Award:** up to \$1,250, renewable for up to four semesters
- **Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) Supplemental Award:** up to \$400 matching funds, one-time

Depending on your grades, ACT score, and college savings through the Utah Educational Savings Plan, it will be determined which award(s) you qualify for.

10. How many awards can I earn?

You can qualify for any of the following combination of awards.

- **Base** only
- **Base** + **Exemplary**
- **Base** + **UESP**
- **Base** + **Exemplary** + **UESP**

11. What are the qualifications for the Base award?

- Complete the required courses during grades 9-12.
- Earn a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.
- Earn no grade lower than a "C" in the required courses.
- Submit at least one ACT test score. (*Residual ACT tests and the SAT are not accepted.*)
- Meet all non-academic requirements for the Regents' Scholarship, including:
 - a. You must be a Utah high school graduate.
 - b. You must be a United States citizen or a non-citizen eligible for federal student aid.
 - c. You cannot have a criminal record, except for a misdemeanor traffic citation.
 - d. Meet application requirements.

12. What are the qualifications for the Exemplary Academic Achievement award?

In order to qualify for the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award, you must qualify for the Base Award, in addition to meeting the following requirements:

- Earn a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA.
- Earn no grade lower than a "B" in the required courses.
- Submit an ACT score of 26. (*Residual ACT tests and the SAT are not accepted.*)

13. What are the qualifications for the Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) supplemental award?

To be considered for the Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) Supplemental Award, you must qualify for the Base Award, in addition to meeting the following requirements:

- Have a UESP account in your name.
- For each year during the ages of 14-17 that at least \$100 is contributed to your UESP account, you can earn a matching UESP Supplemental Award of \$100.
- To earn the maximum UESP Supplemental Award of \$400, contribute at least \$100 per year for four years to your UESP account when you are 14, 15, 16, and 17 years old.

14. How much is each award worth?

The 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.

Award amounts for the upcoming college academic year are announced in April. The maximum award levels are as follows:

- Base Award: up to \$1,000, one-time
- Exemplary Academic Achievement Award: up to \$1,250 per semester, renewable for up to four semesters, based on performance

Those who earn this award must renew it each semester, maintain a 3.3 semester GPA, and enroll in 15 credits. This award can be renewed for up to four semesters, 65 credits, or completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever is shortest.

- Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) Supplemental Award: maximum value of \$400, one-time

15. How do I receive my award?

The scholarship award(s) is sent directly to the college or university where you are enrolled, and is deposited into your student account.

16. Can I receive this scholarship along with other scholarships?

Yes. The Regents' Scholarship is "stackable" with other scholarships, which means you can use it alongside other scholarships you earn to help you pay for college. The only exception is that you cannot use the Regents' Scholarship along with the New Century Scholarship.

COURSES, CREDITS AND GRADES**17. Does a "C-" meet the requirement of a "C" or higher? Likewise, does a "B-" meet the requirements of a "B" or higher?**

No. A "C-" is lower than a "C," and a "B-" is lower than a "B". In addition, a "Pass", "No Grade" or "Incomplete" does not meet the minimum grade requirements.

18. How many credits is a college course worth in relation to the Regents' Scholarship credit requirements?

It is a 3:1 ratio: Approved college coursework worth three or more college credits will be counted as one credit towards the fulfillment of the scholarship requirement. The college credit must be shown on your official college transcript, and your application will be evaluated on the grade earned on the official college transcript. That college grade is weighted as part of the evaluation process.

19. Do I have to submit an official college transcript, even if my course is listed on my high school transcript?

Yes! If you complete any college course work that is part of the Regents' Scholarship required courses, you must submit an official college transcript as part of your application materials.

20. Are Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or college courses weighted?

Yes. The only classes that receive grade weights are Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and college courses. The weight does not apply to the cumulative high school GPA, but only to the individual class grade(s). Without rounding, the average weighted grade must be at least a 2.0 to be considered as a "C" or a 3.0 to be considered as "B."

The grade weight given is half the value of the high school credits earned for the course.

- A class for which you earn half a credit (.5) will receive a grade weight of 0.25; likewise, a one-credit class will receive a grade weight of 0.5. For AP and IB courses only, the individual high school grades earned for the course are averaged and then the weight is added.
- For example: Let's say you earn the following grades for a one-credit AP English course: B, B, C and C-. The point values of those grades are added together and are averaged: $3 + 3 + 2 + 1.66 = 9.66 / 4 = 2.415$. The weight is then added to the average: $2.415 + 0.5 = 2.915$. The final weighted grade for this class is equal in point value to a B-.

College course work, whether it is earned through Concurrent Enrollment, distance learning, or a college course on campus also receives a grade weight. The grade weight is added to the college grade reported on the official college transcript.

For example: Let's say you complete English 1010 for three college credits. For the purposes of the Regents' Scholarship, three college credits equal one credit. (See question above 18.) You earn a B- (as reflected on the official college transcript). The point value for a B- is 2.66. Thus $2.66 + 0.5$ (the grade weight) = 3.16. The final weighted grade for this class is equal in point value to a B.

21. Can I retake a course to bring my grade up?

You may retake a course to replace a low grade. When retaking a course to replace a grade the following applies:

You must either:

1. Retake the entire original course, or
2. Complete an approved course equal to or greater in credit value in the same subject area. The math and foreign language requirement of progression must be shown. This is true even if the student only received a lower grade in a single semester, trimester or quarter.

The higher of two grades in the same or an approved course will count toward meeting the Regents' Scholarship requirements.

The Regents' Scholarship Review Committee will determine if the repeated course qualifies and if progression is required and demonstrated. It is recommended you contact the Regents' Scholarship Office to learn more about retaking your courses.

APPLICATION PROCESS**22. When do I apply for the Regents' Scholarship?**

You will apply for the scholarship during the school year when you will graduate from high school, by February 1.

23. When do the requirements for the Regents' Scholarship have to be completed?

All requirements must be completed by the date of high school graduation.

24. How do I apply for the Regents' Scholarship?

A complete application includes two parts:

1. Online application
2. Required supporting documents

More specific instructions on how to apply for the scholarship will be on www.regentsscholarship.org when the application becomes available in mid-November.

25. When will the scholarship application be available?

The Regents' Scholarship application is made available www.regentsscholarship.org in mid-November and is accessible until the application closes on February 1 of each year.

26. When is the scholarship application due?

The entire application is due by (postmarked) February 1 of each year. Note: There may be a priority deadline established each year. You are encouraged to check www.regentsscholarship.org for the exact deadlines of the application. This information is typically made public in April, prior to the start of the next academic year and can be found in the [Regents' Scholarship Program Guide](#) on www.regentsscholarship.org.

27. Can I submit application materials late?

No. Late application materials are not accepted.

28. Should I keep a copy of the documents that I submit for the Regents' Scholarship?

Yes. Though not required, it is strongly recommended that you keep a copy of all submitted documents for your own records. In addition, you might want to send the required supporting documents by certified mail, as this provides a way to track the documents and make sure the Regents' Scholarship Office received them.

29. What can I do if I think my application was reviewed incorrectly?

Under Regents' Policy (R609), all Regents' Scholarship applicants have the right to appeal an adverse decision. Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of notification by submitting the [Appeal form](#) found at www.regentsscholarship.org. A submission of an appeal does not guarantee a reversal of the original decision.

30. What is the application review process like?

Once all of your application materials have been received, the Regents' Scholarship staff conducts an initial review of your application file. There are two outcomes to the initial review: ineligible, or "on-track" to receive an award. You are then notified via your Regents' Scholarship student account of the status of your application. This notification is sent no later than May 1.

If you are "on-track" for the scholarship, you will receive additional instructions to submit documentation to verify all requirements were, in fact, met. Those final documents are due July 1. After receipt of the final documents, the Regents' Scholarship staff conducts a final review of your application file. The results of the final review are typically sent 8-10 weeks after the receipt of the final documents.

31. What is the time-line of the application review process?



PAYMENT OF THE AWARD(S)

31. What happens if tuition is due before it is determined if I qualify for the scholarship?

In some cases, you may not receive the award payment until after the college semester has started and tuition deadlines have passed. It is your responsibility to comply with and meet any tuition payment deadlines. The Regents' Scholarship then acts as a reimbursement.

32. Where can the scholarship be used?

The Regents' Scholarship can be used at the following Utah colleges and universities:



33. How do I renew the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award?

To learn more about how to renew your award and the deadlines associated with the renewal process, see the [Instructions for Renewing the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award](#), found on www.regentsscholarship.org. Also, the rules for renewing the Exemplary Award will be sent when you are notified of your award and payment. Missing the deadlines to renew will result in the loss of the scholarship.

Remember: To be eligible to renew the Exemplary Award, you must:

- Continuously enroll in Fall and Spring semesters (Fall and Winter semesters for students attending BYU)
- Submit proof of enrollment in 15 credit hours each semester
- Submit proof of successfully completing 15 or more credits earning a 3.3 GPA or higher

34. What happens if I earn a semester GPA lower than a 3.3?

If you earn less than a 3.3 semester GPA you will be placed on probation. If you earn less than a 3.3 semester GPA for a second time, you are no longer eligible for the scholarship.

35. Can I defer the receipt of the Regents' Scholarship?

Yes. You may apply for a deferral of the Regents' Scholarship if you will not be enrolling in the Fall semester immediately following high school graduation. Acceptable reasons to request a deferral include:

- Medical conditions
- Military service
- Humanitarian/religious service

More detailed instructions related to the deferment process can be reviewed in the [Deferment Information](#) on www.regentsscholarship.org.

36. What should I do if I do not enroll continuously each Fall and Spring semesters (Fall and Winter semesters if I am attending BYU)?

If you do not maintain continuous enrollment in Fall and Spring semesters (Winter if attending BYU), you must apply for a leave of absence. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your scholarship. The [Leave of Absence](#) form can be found at www.regentsscholarship.org. The deadlines for submitting the leave of absence are **August 1** for Fall semester and **January 15** for Spring/Winter semester.

37. How many award payments can I receive each academic year?

You may only receive two payments per academic year.

38. Can I use the scholarship during the "non-traditional" semesters/terms of the school year (such as Summer semester/term)?

If you choose to use the scholarship during "non-traditional" semesters, you must enroll in and successfully complete 15 credits. You are encouraged to contact the Regents' Scholarship Office (801-321-7159) for information about how to retain the scholarship for future semesters.

For example, if you choose to use the scholarship in Summer, but not Fall, you are required to apply for a leave of absence from the use of the scholarship.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

39. How is the Regents' Scholarship funded?

The scholarship is funded through a state appropriation determined by the Utah State Legislature. This is why award amounts are determined on an annual basis, and are subject to legislative funding and 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.

40. What is the Utah Scholars Initiative, and how is it different from the Regents' Scholarship?

The Utah Scholars Initiative is a sister program to the Regents' Scholarship. The Utah Scholars Initiative helps students learn the importance of preparing for college by taking specific courses while in high school. For more information, visit www.utahscholars.org.

41. What is FERPA and how does it affect me?

FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. In short, the law prohibits the sharing of your educational records to anyone once you turn 18. If you want to allow your educational records to be disclosed to someone other than yourself, you must complete a [Student Information Release Form](#). This form can be obtained at www.regentsscholarship.org.