

NEW CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP 2019-2020 RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Please read thoroughly, as there are changes to the scholarship requirements which affect students graduating high school in 2020 or beyond.

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, as defined on studentaid.ed.gov.
- Have no criminal record, besides a misdemeanor traffic citation.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from a Utah high school with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- Earn a 3.0 cumulative college 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 12 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, by high school graduation:

Option 1: Associate Degree Track

Complete an associate degree 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. 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.

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.

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. The required courses can be found on page 2. 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). Please note, not all courses are offered at all institutions.

MATH AND SCIENCE CURRICULUM TRACK

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



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 New Century Scholarship can be used at an eligible Utah college or university for up to 4 semesters. Scholarship funds can be used towards tuition and fees. The award amount for each student will vary based on other state aid that has already been awarded to the student.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to enroll in and complete 12 credits earning a 3.3 GPA each semester. Enrollment at an eligible college is required fall semester after high school graduation unless the student receives an approved deferment from an eligible Utah 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 are required to continuously enroll and successfully complete 12 or more credit hours towards your degree in the Fall and Spring Semesters (fall and winter semesters for students attending SUU), earning a semester GPA of at least a 3.3.

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 12 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.

If you attend one or more semesters but then do not continuously enroll in fall and spring semesters (fall and winter semesters for students attending SUU) 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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