State Scholarships

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Agenda

- Overview of State Financial
 Aid Programs
- 2023 Legislative Scholarships
 Update
- Deep Dive: OpportunityScholarship



Utah Institutions

USHE Public Degree-Granting Institutions

- Salt Lake Community College*
- Snow College*
- Southern Utah University
- University of Utah
- Utah State University*
- Utah Tech University (formerly DSU)
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University

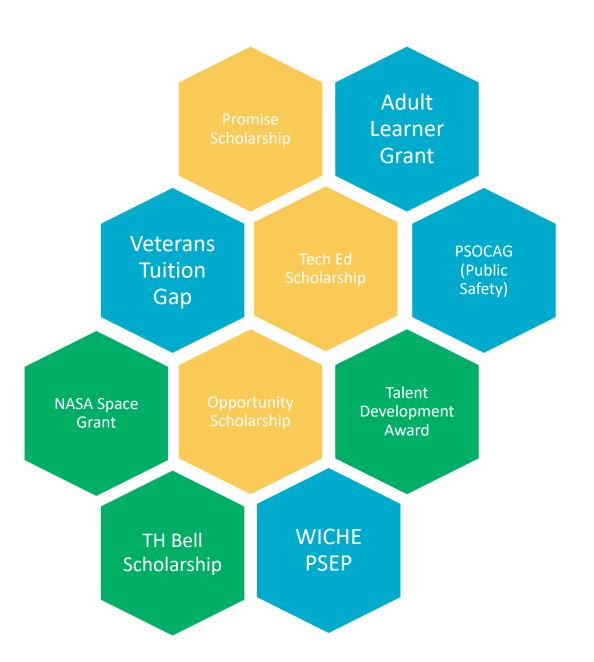
USHE Public Technical Colleges

- Bridgerland Technical College
- Davis Technical College
- Dixie Technical College
- Mountainland Technical College
- Ogden-Weber Technical College
- Southwest Technical College
- Tooele Technical College
- Uintah Basin Technical College

Private Non-Profit Utah Institutions**

- Brigham Young University
- Ensign College
- Western Governors University
- Westminster College

Utah State Aid Programs



Utah Promise Scholarship

- Recipient must be a Utah resident
- Need-based eligibility (determined by institution)
- FAFSA completion required
- Award can cover up to the cost of attendance
- Can be used for up to completion of bachelor's degree
- Contact institution financial aid office for more information



Technical Education Scholarship



- Available to students who enroll in programs that lead to high-demand, high-wage jobs
- Awards can cover up to cost of tuition, fees, and books
- Can be used at 8 technical colleges, and Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, USU-Eastern, and USU-Moab
- FAFSA completion required
- Contact institution financial aid office for more information

2023 Scholarships Legislation

- HB102 Higher Education Residency Amendments
- HB197 Higher Education Financial Aid Amendments*
- HB278 First Responder Mental Health Services Grant Program
- HB318 PRIME Pilot Program Amendments*
- SB128 Karen Mayne Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program

2023 Legislation Continued

- HB197 extends the length of Promise grants to completion of bachelor's degree; expands the VetGap program to cover additional education-related expenses
- HB318 changes PRIME pilot to an ongoing program, creates a scholarship (up to \$500) for students who complete TRANSFORM general education certificate
 - TRANSFORM completes five general education courses, each from a different GE category through Concurrent Enrollment OR completes a CTE program that is at least 300 hours or 6 courses

Opportunity Scholarship

- Award may be used toward tuition and fees after other state aid is considered
- Students apply during senior year (November 15 February 1)
- Simplified achievement-based requirements
 - Graduate from Utah high school with 3.3 cumulative GPA
 - Complete 3 Advanced Courses (AP/IB/CE)
 - 1 Language Arts, 1 Math, and 1 Science course
 - Complete FAFSA or approved alternative
- www.opportunityscholarship.org



New Opportunity Scholarship Application Process

Student completes online application (supplying basic demographic information and permissions)

System connects data:

collects transcript info from uTREX
 confirms
 completion of FAFSA

Student receives
notice of award
status; Award
information is
shared with financial
aid office

Advanced Course Requirements – Concurrent Enrollment

- USHE CE Master List
- Advanced Language Arts
 - USBE course code must begin with 06
 - Ex: Eng 1010; Eng 2010; Comm 1010; Hum 1010
- Advanced Math
 - USBE course code must begin with 07
 - Ex: Math 1050; Math 1030; Math 1040; Math 1010*
- Advanced Science
 - USBE course code must begin with 08
 - Ex: Chem 1010/1015; Bio 1010; ENVS 1010

Paying for College

- Complete classes for college credit in high school
- Complete FAFSA starting October 1 for next school year*
- Check school website for application dates
 - Check for priority deadlines
- Follow up with the financial aid office for other scholarship opportunities
- Ask high school and local businesses about scholarship opportunities
- Start saving for college with my529
- Apply early!

Resources

- www.ushe.edu/initiatives/state-aid-programs/
- www.opportunityscholarship.org
- www.ktsutah.org

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