

Office of the State Treasurer
Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions
(Revised June 2013)

1. What can I expect for the future of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program?

The 2013 Legislature approved Gov. Sandoval's recommended \$5 million appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Program, as well as continuation of the transfer of \$7.6 million per year from the Treasurer's Office Unclaimed Property Division, and 40 percent of the proceeds from the state's annual Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. An additional \$2 million was added to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund at the end of the 2013 Session by the Legislature. This funding is anticipated to provide awards to students through at least fiscal year 2018 (July 2017-June 2018).

2. When does the Millennium Scholarship pay for classes?

The Millennium Scholarship benefits are paid before classes begin, or up to 4 weeks into the semester, depending on your institution's payment schedule.

3. Which institution processes the Millennium Scholarship payment?

The financial aid office of the institution you're attending processes payments. Be sure you have activated your Acknowledgment of Award form so payment will be made. If you do not activate your Acknowledgement of Award, you will not be eligible for Millennium Scholarship funding. You may activate your Acknowledgement of Award on-line at nevadatreasurer.gov.

4. Do I have to reapply annually for my Millennium Scholarship?

No. There is no application process and you are automatically eligible for the scholarship if you meet these requirements while attending college:

- Maintain a 2.60 GPA for any term where, at the end of the term, you've accumulated 29 or fewer credits or a 2.75 GPA for any term in which you have accumulated 30 units
- Be enrolled in a degree program
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 units at a university or state college and a minimum of 6 units at a community college.

5. Do I have to tell the institution to make the Millennium Scholarship payment?

No, the institution will make the payment automatically.

6. What if I get a bill from the institution and the Millennium Scholarship portion hasn't been paid?

The initial bill may not show a Millennium Scholarship payment, which is normal. The Millennium Scholarship does not pay 100% of your registration fees. You are only responsible for paying your portion of the registration fees.

7. How do I know how much to pay?

Millennium Scholarship will pay up to 12 non-remedial credits per semester. The Millennium Scholarship will pay \$80 per credit at eligible universities, \$60 per credit at NSHE state colleges and upper level community college courses and \$40 per credit at NSHE community colleges. To calculate your payment, multiply the amount of non-remedial credits you're taking by the amount that Millennium will pay and subtract that from the total bill. You are responsible for paying the balance.

8. What happens if I pay the tuition in full?

The Millennium Scholarship portion will be reimbursed. If you have not received reimbursement within 2 weeks after the end of the add/drop period, contact the financial aid office at your institution to initiate the refund process.

9. I just graduated from high school and I checked my school's website, which states that I am not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship and to call the Millennium Scholarship office for more information. I know I qualified for the Millennium Scholarship. What should I do?

Our office receives the names of eligible scholars from the high schools in mid-July. We process the names and mail students' award packets in late July. They will arrive in time to use the scholarship for the fall semester, usually in the beginning of August. If you do not receive your award packet by August 15, please call our office at (702) 486-3383 or toll free at (888) 477-2667.

10. I just graduated from high school and want to use the Millennium Scholarship for summer school, but I won't get my award packet prior to summer school registration. What should I do?

Tuition for summer must be paid upfront by *all* students. Your portion of the registration fees should be refunded by your institution's financial aid office by October. Please review summer school procedures, located on our website at: www.NevadaTreasurer.gov under the Documents and Forms menu.

11. Does the Millennium Scholarship pay 100% of my registration fees?

No, the Millennium Scholarship will pay \$80 per credit at eligible universities, \$60 per credit at NSHE state colleges, and \$40 per credit for 6 to 12 credits at NSHE community colleges. You are responsible for paying the balance.

12. Can I use Millennium Scholarship funds for books or other educational purposes?

Yes, but only under certain circumstances. If you are receiving other financial aid including prepaid tuition, 529 college savings plans and/or other scholarship(s), you may be provided the remaining value of your Millennium Scholarship award in a residual check according to the financial aid office procedures at the institution you attend. These funds may only be used for:

- Registration fees and laboratory fees and expenses;
- Required textbooks and course materials; and
- Other costs related to attendance at your eligible institution.

13. Why are the student's Millennium Scholarship funds debited when a student drops a class after the add/drop date?

The institution's financial aid office pays the Millennium Scholarship funds by the add/drop date. Millennium Scholarship funds are paid according to the classes you had before the drop date. If a course(s) is not dropped prior to the 100% refund date at your institution, Millennium Scholarship funds will be applied to your account for the registered classes. Remember, you must complete the required number of credits and maintain the proper GPA at the end of each semester in order to maintain eligibility.

14. When I looked at my institution of higher learning's website, it didn't show Millennium Scholarship funds being deducted for my current semester. Why not?

In most cases, the institution will post the current semester's payment after the semester has ended.

15. What is the MSID?

The MSID is the Millennium Scholarship identification number assigned to you. Students should memorize this password and use it as their PIN to access their confidential student account information at www.NevadaTreasurer.gov.

16. What should I do if I got married and/or moved?

Go to the Documents and Forms link on the Millennium Scholarship website, locate and print out the Change of Name or Change of Address form, complete the form and fax or mail to our office. Also, change your address or name at your institution.

17. What happens if I don't use my Millennium Scholarship immediately after I graduate from high school?

You can use your scholarship anytime until your scholarship expires. Students have six years after high school graduation in which to use all of their Millennium Scholarship benefits. Check your student account/status for your Millennium Scholarship expiration date at www.NevadaTreasurer.gov. Be sure to submit your Acknowledgment of Award when you get your award packet. There are exemptions to the six year limitation for members of the military and students actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious, or public service assignment or mission. Consult with the Board of Regents to determine your eligibility for such an exemption.

18. I lost my scholarship in a previous semester. This semester, I have met the requirements to regain eligibility. How do I go about reinstating my scholarship?

There are no forms or applications to be submitted to the Millennium Scholarship office to reinstate your scholarship. At the end of the semester, all institutions submit student records to the Millennium Scholarship office. If all requirements have been met, reinstatement is automatic.

19. What is the citizenship affidavit?

Effective July 1, 2008, the Legislature required that an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship must execute an affidavit declaring his eligibility for the scholarship. The affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or has lawful immigration status,

or that the applicant has filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an application to legalize his immigration status as soon as he is eligible to do so. That language has been included in the Acknowledgement of Award form and must be initialed by the graduating classes of 2008 and thereafter.

20. What are the core curriculum requirements?

Classes graduating in 2009 and thereafter will be required to complete a core curriculum as established by the Board of Regents, which includes:

- 4 units of Math, including Algebra II
- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Natural Science
- 3 units of Social Science and History

This core curriculum is in addition to the other eligibility requirements for the scholarship. Please work with your high school counselors and registrar to make sure that you have completed the required courses so that you will be eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship.

21. Are there any other requirements I need to fulfill to maintain my scholarship?

Students who receive Millennium Scholarship funding are encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service to the state for each year they receive the award. This includes any political subdivision of the state, charitable organizations that provide service to a community or the residents of a community in the state. Community service is performed on the honor system and is not tracked by the Millennium Scholarship office.