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HOW DO I BECOME A MILLENNIUM SCHOLAR?

Students in the Graduating Classes of 2017* and later will be eligible when all the following conditions have been met:

- Graduate with a Nevada high school diploma**
- Earn at least a 3.25 GPA (weighted or unweighted) or a qualifying test score*** (1070 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT)
- Complete the following core curriculum: 4 units in English, 4 units in Math (including Algebra II or higher), 3 units in Science, 3 units in Social Science or History
- Be a Nevada resident for at least two years of their high school career

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

MATRICULATION PROCESS

There is no application process for traditional students that graduate from a Nevada public, private or charter high school. Students qualify by meeting the eligibility requirements listed above. High schools and school districts submit student information for those who have qualified upon high school graduation.

SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENTS

To receive the benefits of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS), students must enroll in an eligible institution of higher education in Nevada. Please note, receiving the Millennium Scholarship does not guarantee admission to any of Nevada's eligible in-state institutions.

To receive scholarship disbursements as a Millennium Scholar:

- Students must be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or pre-baccalaureate certificate.
- Students must be enrolled in at least 9 semester credits at an eligible community college or 12 semester credits at another eligible institution.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

To maintain eligibility for the GGMS, students must meet three requirements at the end of each semester for which they receive funding.

To maintain eligibility as a Millennium scholar:

- Students must make satisfactory academic progress in their program of study.
- Students must earn at least a 2.75 semester GPA.
- Students must complete at least 9 semester credits at an eligible community college or 12 semester credits at another eligible institution.

If a student fails to meet the minimum requirements in any semester for which they received funding, the student will receive a strike, and the scholarship will be suspended. Eligibility for the Millennium Scholarship can be regained by meeting all the requirements listed above in a subsequent semester. If loss of eligibility is incurred a second time, the student will be permanently removed from the program.

All requirements for the scholarship are outlined in Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 396, Board of Regents Handbook Title 4 Chapter 18, and NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Chapter 12.

*This information is subject to any changes in State law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters thereto.

**Applications for students who did not graduate from a Nevada public, private or charter high school can be found on the GGMS website www.nvggms.gov.

***A qualified SAT/ACT score only replaces a GPA below 3.25.

Students are still required to meet the other requirements.

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FAQ'S

1. What is the dollar value of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS)?

The GGMS is a merit scholarship that pays up to \$10,000 in tuition. It is allocated on a per-credit hour basis for up to 15 credit hours each semester. GGMS students at an eligible community college will receive \$40 per credit hour for lower division courses and \$60 per credit hour for upper division courses. GGMS students at Nevada State College will receive \$60 per credit hour. GGMS students at eligible universities will receive \$80 per enrolled credit hour.

2. Does the GGMS expire?

The GGMS expires six (6) years after a student's high school graduation year or when scholarship funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first.

3. Will the GGMS pay for all my classes?

The GGMS does NOT pay for remedial or graduate courses. NSHE defines remedial as any class with a course number less than 100. In addition, the GGMS only pays for courses that count toward a student's degree program.

4. Do I have to notify the GGMS office if I switch institutions?

No, you do not have to notify our office when changing institutions. However, make sure to declare a degree program at the new institution and follow up with the financial aid office.

5. How can I receive funding at two eligible institutions?

To receive funds while being enrolled at two eligible institutions, submit a "Co-Enrollment Form" which can be found on our website NVGGMS.GOV under "Forms and Documents".

A co-enrolled student must complete at least 12 credits across both institutions and may be funded for up to 15 credits. Credits taken at the host institution must meet degree requirements as established by the home institution.

6. Does GGMS pay for books or other educational expenses?

Only under certain circumstances. If you are receiving other financial aid that covers the entire cost of attendance, your institution may provide the remaining value of your GGMS award in a residual check. These funds may be used for other educational purposes such as books, room and board.

7. Will I lose my GGMS funds if I drop one of my classes?

Possibly. You must meet the continuing eligibility requirements at the end of any semester for which you receive scholarship funding. This includes meeting a minimum credit requirement.

8. Does GGMS pay for summer courses?

Yes. Students must pre-pay for summer courses and then are reimbursed during the fall semester for courses passed with a grade of "D minus" or better. There is no minimum enrollment requirement for summer funding. Further, students cannot lose eligibility based upon summer semester work.



ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

College of Southern Nevada
(702) 651-4047 financial aid
www.csn.edu

Great Basin College
(775) 753-2399 financial aid
www.gbcnv.edu

Nevada State College
(702) 992-2150 financial aid
www.nsc.edu

**Roseman University
of Health Sciences**
(702) 968-2004 financial aid
www.roseman.edu

Sierra Nevada University
(775) 831-1314 financial aid
www.sierranevada.edu

**Truckee Meadows
Community College**
(775) 673-7072 financial aid
www.tmcc.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
(702) 895-3424 financial aid
www.unlv.edu

University of Nevada, Reno
(775) 784-4666 financial aid
www.unr.edu

Western Nevada College
(775) 445-3264 financial aid
www.wnc.edu

STUDENT NOTIFICATION

Students will learn about their eligibility for the GGMS after high school graduation. Eligible students will receive an award letter in the mail with instructions on how to acknowledge the award. This notification will be sent out in the months of July and August following the student's high school graduation.

For questions about eligibility contact our office directly.

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Beginning July 2020, all students must maintain a semester GPA of 2.75 or higher, regardless of total credit hours earned or year of enrollment at eligible Nevada Higher Education Institutions.

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