

November 5, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: New Century and Regents' Scholarships Report

Background

The Utah State Board of Regents administers two scholarship programs established by the Legislature. 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 or by pursuing a math and science curriculum. The Regents' Scholarship was an initiative of the State Board of Regents in 2008 to encourage Utah High School students to prepare academically and financially in grades 9-12 for college by completing a defined course of study, meeting minimum GPA, specific course grades and ACT requirements.

Issue

The 2014 scholarship cycle has come to a close. This year, New Century Scholarship recipients remained flat at approximately 300. On the other hand, 2,349 new students qualified for the Regents' Scholarship, which is an increase of 20 percent from the previous year. Also, approximately two-thirds of those who qualified for the base award qualified for the exemplary award (which requires a higher GPA and ACT score). Additionally, 13 percent of recipients also qualified for the UESP savings match. This year in the Regents' budget request, it is estimated \$3,000,000 in new money will be necessary to fully fund new 2015 recipients and those students with continuing eligibility for both programs. Budget estimates will be updated in February 2015 taking into account applicant growth, and the budget request will be modified as needed during the legislative session.

Attached is a year-end report highlighting each program, including the award break down by district, college attendance, and data indicators related to college success of scholarship recipients compared to their non-recipient peers.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item, no action is required.

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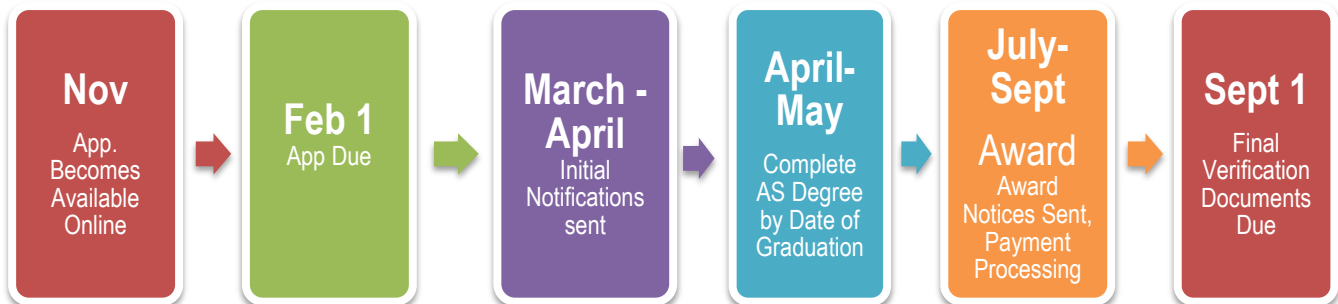
David L. Buhler  
Commissioner of Higher Education



**The Utah State Board of Regents administers two scholarship programs established by the Legislature: the New Century Scholarship and Regents' Scholarship.**

## New Century Scholarship

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 or by pursuing a set math and science curriculum. Students qualify by earning an associate degree at a Utah System of Higher Education institution with a 3.0 GPA by the date they graduate from a Utah high school with a minimum 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average. Students who are home schooled or complete high school through an on-line institution must have a minimum ACT score of a 26. The New Century Scholarship Award is a flat dollar amount and the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1250 per semester, renewable for up to 60 credits or four semesters (whichever is first). The scholarship may be used at a baccalaureate degree granting institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University and Westminster College.

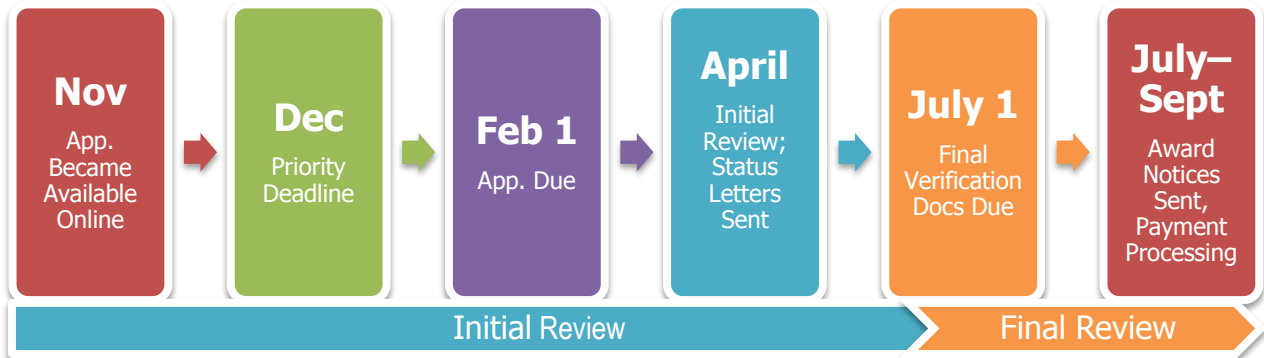


## Regents' Scholarship

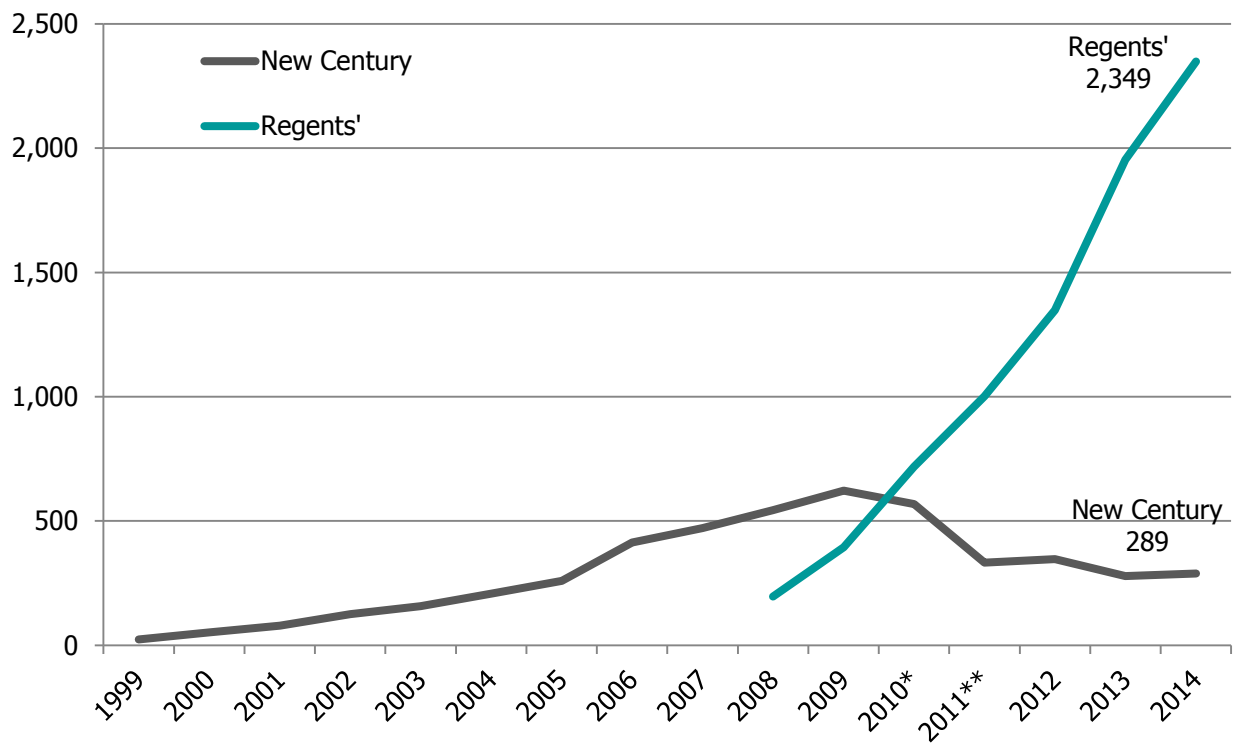
The Regents' Scholarship was created by the Utah Legislature in 2008 (sponsored by Senator Lyle Hillyard) to encourage Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study during grades 9-12 and saving for college. Students who apply for and receive the scholarship must meet the academic requirements below as well as be a United States Citizen or a noncitizen that would be eligible to apply for federal financial aid and have no criminal record. The scholarship may be used at any public college or university in the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University, LDS Business College and Westminster College.

The Base Award is a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 for students who complete a core course of study, earning a no grade lower than a "C" in the required classes, meet a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA, and submits an ACT score. Students qualify for the Exemplary Achievement Award by having no grade lower than a "B" in the required classes, at least a 3.5

cumulative GPA, and a composite ACT score of 26. The Exemplary Award is a flat dollar amount and the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1250 per semester, renewable for up to 65 credits or four semesters (whichever is first). To renew the scholarship a student must enroll in and complete a minimum of 15 credit hours and earn a 3.3 GPA each semester. The Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) Supplemental Award is available for students who earn the Base Award and who have contributed to a UESP account during ages 14-17 (a maximum of \$100 per year for each \$100 contributed to their account).



### Award History (as of October 20, 2014)



\*First year with an application deadline established for New Century Scholarship.

\*\*First year that applicants for New Century Scholarship were required to complete an associate degree by the time they graduate from high school (instead of by September 1 following high school graduation) and maintain a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA.

# New Century Scholarship

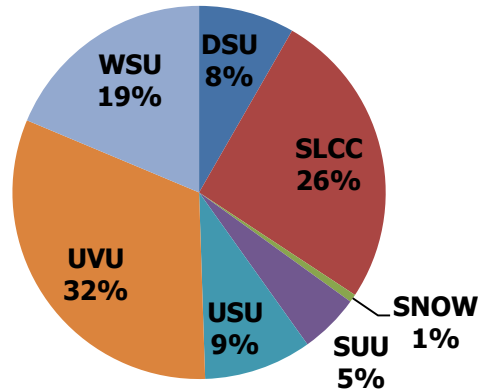
Graduate Year	Number of Approved Applications
*2010	568
**2011	332
2012	347
2013	278
***2014	289

\*This is the first year with an application deadline.

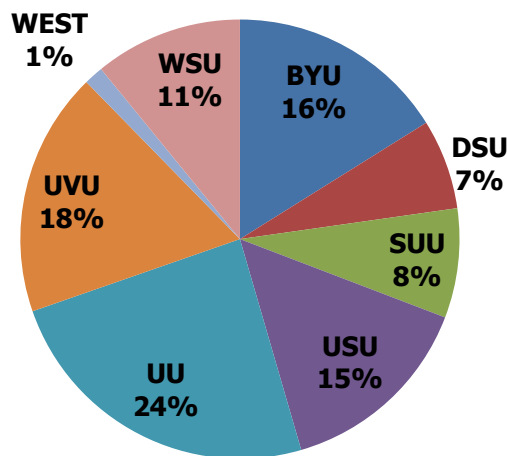
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\*\*\*The data for 2014 is as of October 20, 2014.

## New Century 2014 Recipients Insitution Awarding Associate Degree



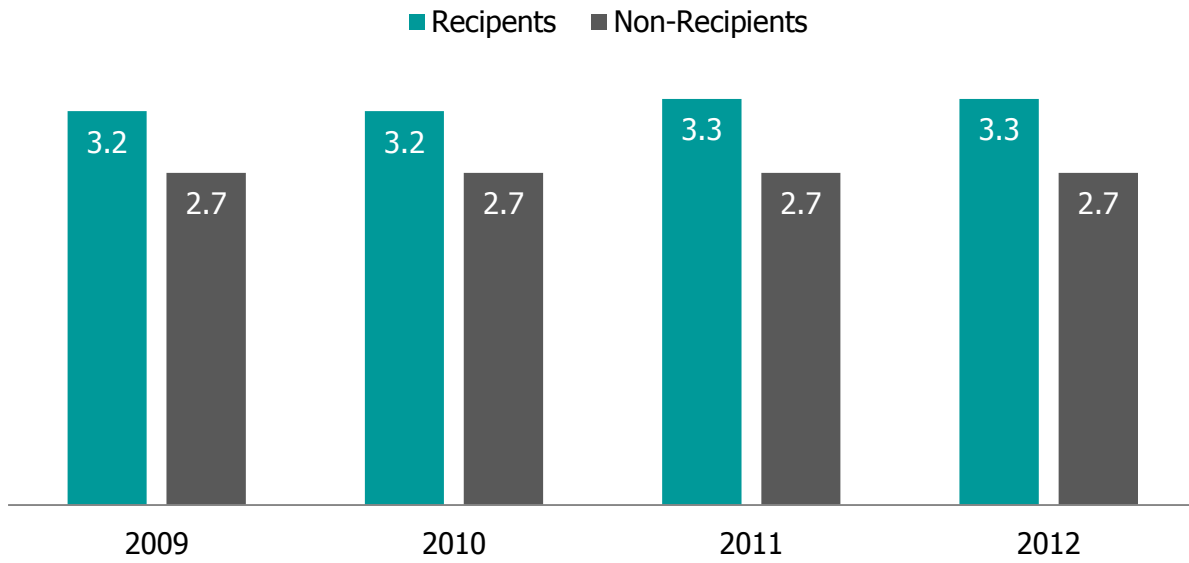
## New Century Scholarship 2014 Cohort College Enrollment Fall 2014



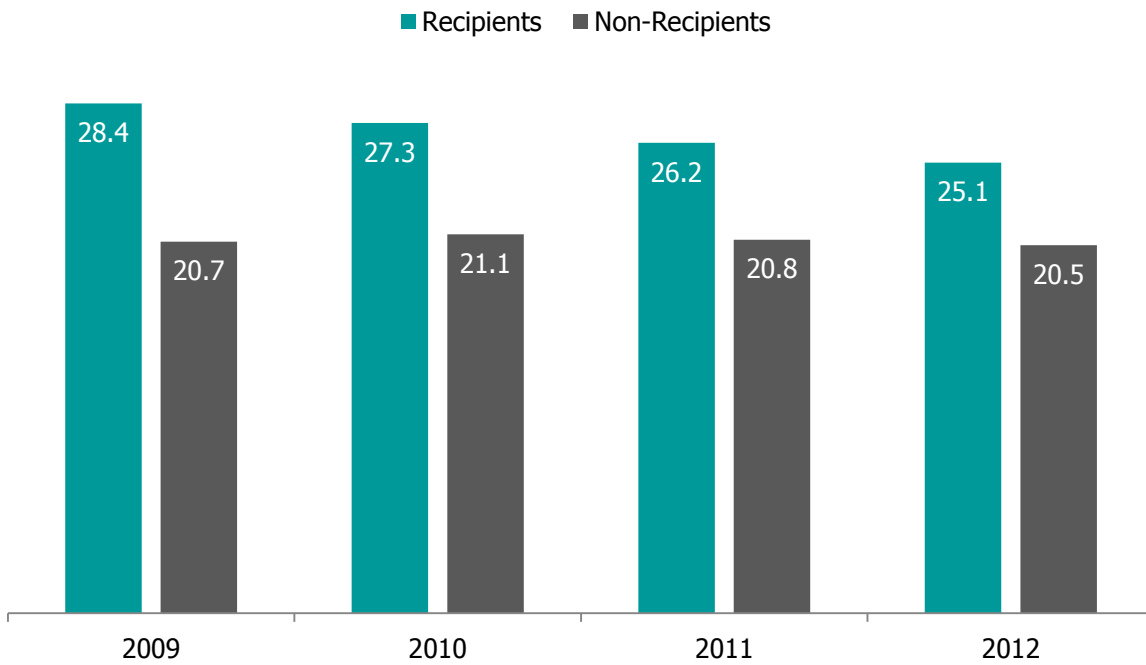
<b>2014 New Century Scholarship Awards by School District*</b>			
<b>District</b>	<b>Applied</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Non-Eligible</b>
Alpine	42	21	21
Beaver	C	14	4
Cache	3	2	1
Canyons	14	9	5
Charter	14	8	6
Davis	15	9	6
Early College	243	156	87
Emery	1	1	0
Granite	5	5	0
Home School	7	3	4
Jordan	34	29	5
Murray	7	6	1
Nebo	7	5	2
North Summit	4	2	2
Ogden	1	0	1
Out of State	1	0	1
Provo	2	2	0
Rich	8	4	4
San Juan	3	3	0
Sevier	1	1	0
South Sanpete	1	0	1
South Summit	3	3	0
Tooele	1	0	1
Wasatch	2	2	0
Washington	2	0	2
Wayne	1	1	0
Weber	6	3	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>157</b>

\*As of 10-20-14

## Average First-Year GPA



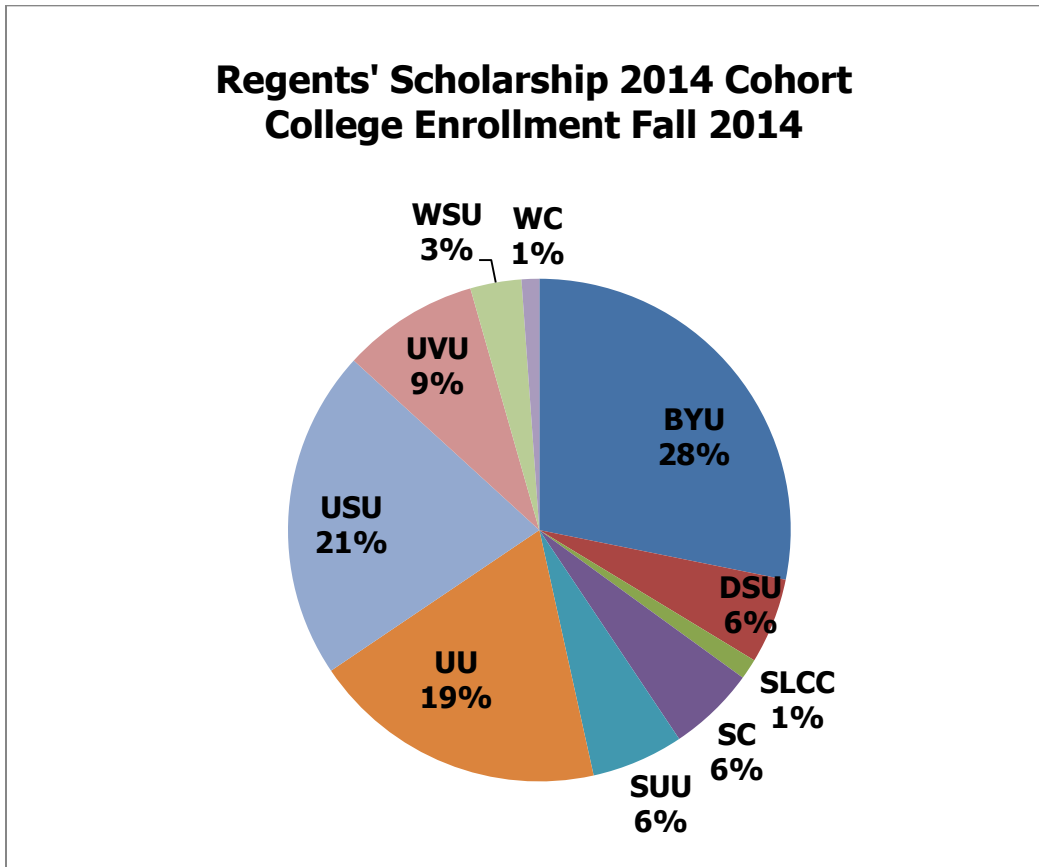
## Average First Year Earned Credit Hours



# Regents' Scholarship

Awards	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	% Change from 2013
Base Only	201	296	398	536	675	26%
Base and Exemplary	448	583	788	1172	1358	16%
Base and UESP Supplemental	14	26	35	49	77	57%
Base, Exemplary, and UESP	55	97	127	196	239	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>20%</b>

\*As of 10-20-14





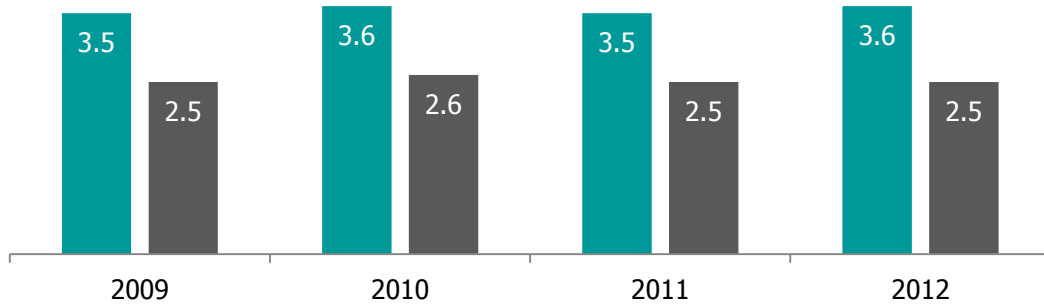
## 2014 Regents' Scholarship Cohort Applications and Award Breakdown by School District\*

District	Applicants	Ineligible	Incomplete	Base Only	Base & UESP	Base & Exemplary	Base, Exemplary & UESP
Alpine	577	121	10	117	14	263	52
Beaver	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Box Elder	71	13	2	19	4	27	6
Cache	140	22	2	30	0	81	5
Canyons	330	97	10	56	9	129	29
Carbon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Charter	44	18	1	11	0	12	2
Davis	424	101	11	69	13	190	40
Duchesne	3	0	0	1	0	0	2
Early College High School	33	20	1	1	1	8	2
Emery	8	1	0	0	0	6	1
Garfield	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
Grand	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Granite	230	71	19	47	3	78	12
Iron	17	2	1	1	0	12	1
Jordan	230	50	5	41	5	115	14
Juab	4	1	0	2	0	1	0
Logan	53	15	4	12	0	19	3
Millard	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Morgan	16	3	0	2	0	10	1
Murray	13	0	0	1	0	9	3
Nebo	306	76	7	77	5	124	17
North Sanpete	4	1	0	0	0	3	0
Ogden	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Park City	35	17	2	2	2	11	1
Private	53	29	1	5	1	14	3
Provo	66	14	0	11	0	34	7
Salt Lake	92	35	5	12	6	26	8
San Juan	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sevier	11	2	0	3	0	5	1
South Sanpete	37	13	1	11	1	8	3
South Summit	10	3	2	2	0	2	1
Tooele	59	14	3	13	4	20	5
Uintah	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wasatch	81	30	3	25	2	17	4
Washington	295	74	17	89	6	98	11
Weber	69	19	2	12	1	32	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3324</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>239</b>

\*As of 10-20-2014

## First Year Postsecondary GPA (First-time Freshmen)

■ Recipients ■ Non-Applicants



## Average First-Year Credit Earned (First Time Freshmen)

■ Recipients ■ Non-Applicants

