

November 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: Regents' and New Century 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

This year, New Century Scholarship recipients dipped slightly to approximately 259. On the other hand, 2,927 new students qualified for the Regents' Scholarship, which is an increase of 20 percent from the previous year. Approximately two-thirds of those who qualified for the base Regents' Scholarship award also qualified for the exemplary award (which requires a higher GPA and ACT score). Additionally, 15 percent of recipients also qualified for the Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) savings match. This year in the Regents' budget request, it is estimated \$8,000,000 in new money will be necessary to fully fund new 2016 recipients and those students with continuing eligibility for both programs. Budget estimates will be updated in February 2016, taking into account applicant increase. The budget request will be modified as needed during the legislative session.

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

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.

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Attachment

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Commissioner of Higher Education

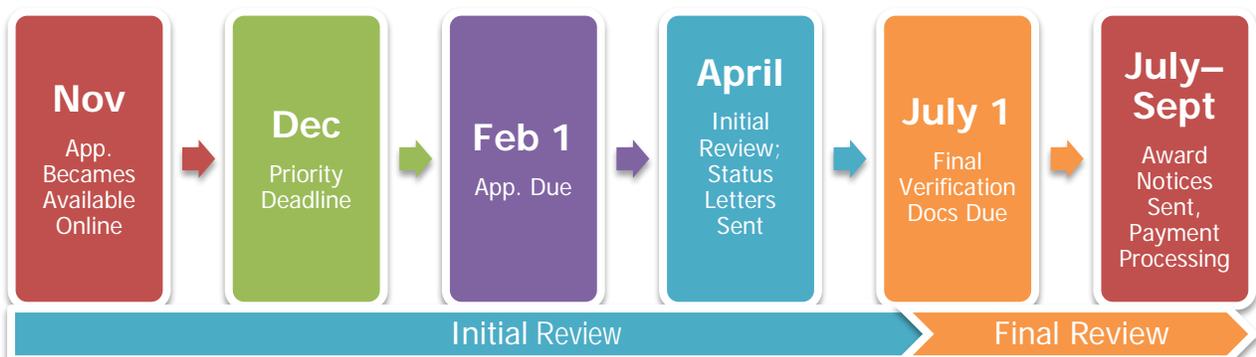


The Utah State Board of Regents administers two scholarship programs established by the Legislature: the New Century Scholarship and Regents' Scholarship.

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, have no criminal record, and be a United States Citizen or a noncitizen that would be eligible to apply for federal financial aid. 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 no grade lower than a C in the required classes, meeting a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA, and submitting an ACT score. Students qualify for the Exemplary Achievement Award by having no grade lower than a B in the required classes, meeting a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and submitting a composite ACT score of 26. The Exemplary Award is a flat dollar amount and the maximum amount a recipient may receive is \$1,250 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).

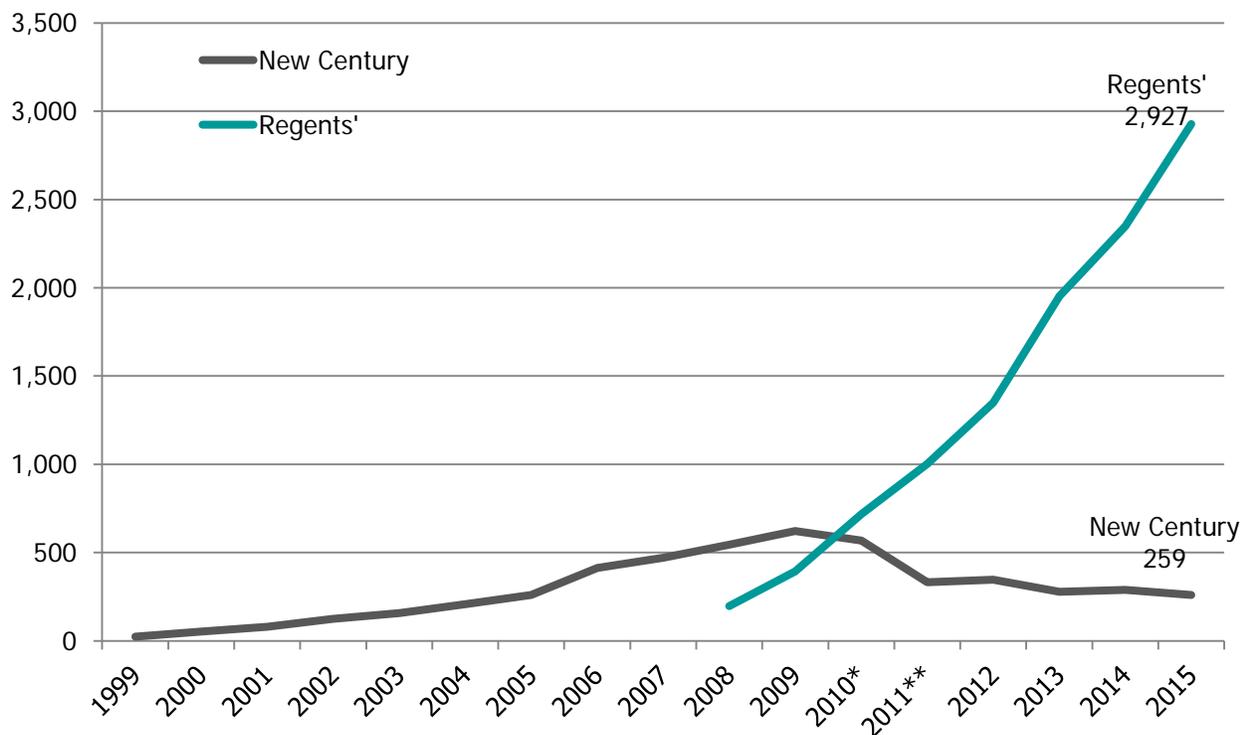


New Century Scholarship

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 \$1,250 per semester, renewable for up to 60 credits or four semesters (whichever is first). The scholarship may be used at baccalaureate degree-granting institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University and Westminster College.



Scholarships Award History (as of October 26, 2015)



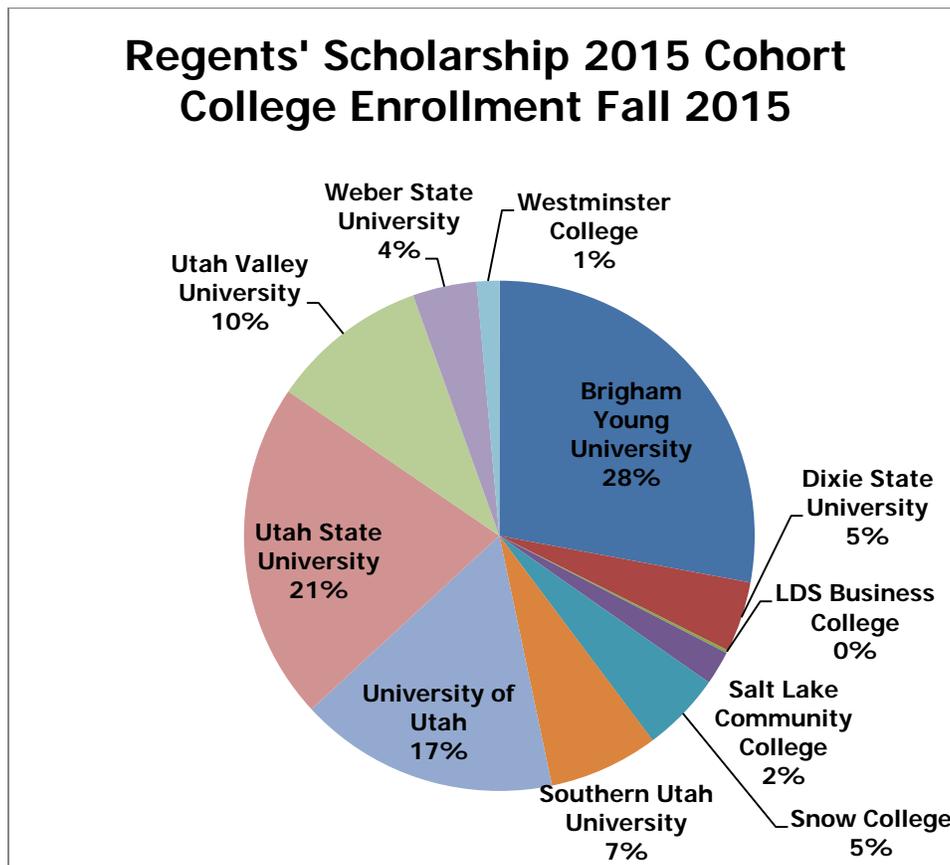
*First year with an application deadline established for New Century Scholarship.

**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 GP

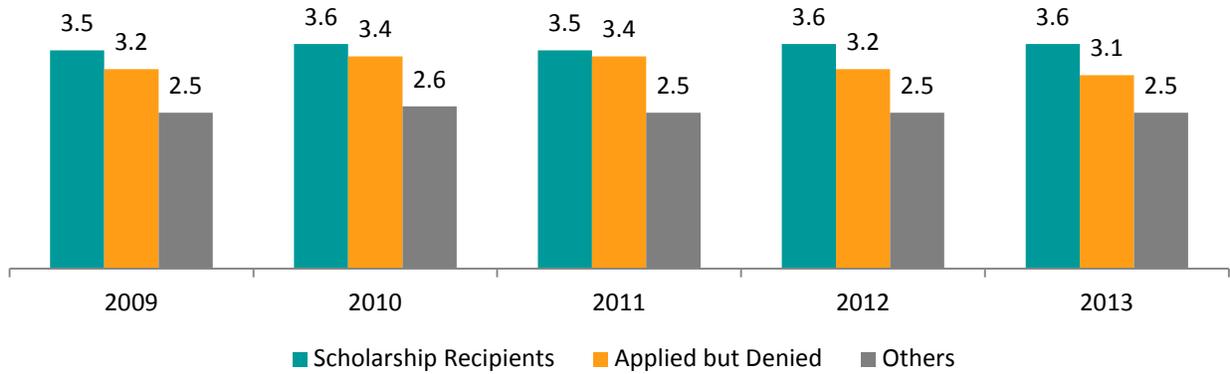
Regents' Scholarship

Awards	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change from 2014
Base Only	201	296	398	536	675	850	21%
Base and Exemplary	448	583	788	1172	1358	1630	17%
Base and UESP Supplemental	14	26	35	49	77	107	28%
Base, Exemplary, and UESP	55	97	127	196	239	340	30%
Total	718	1,002	1,348	1,953	2,349	2,927	20%

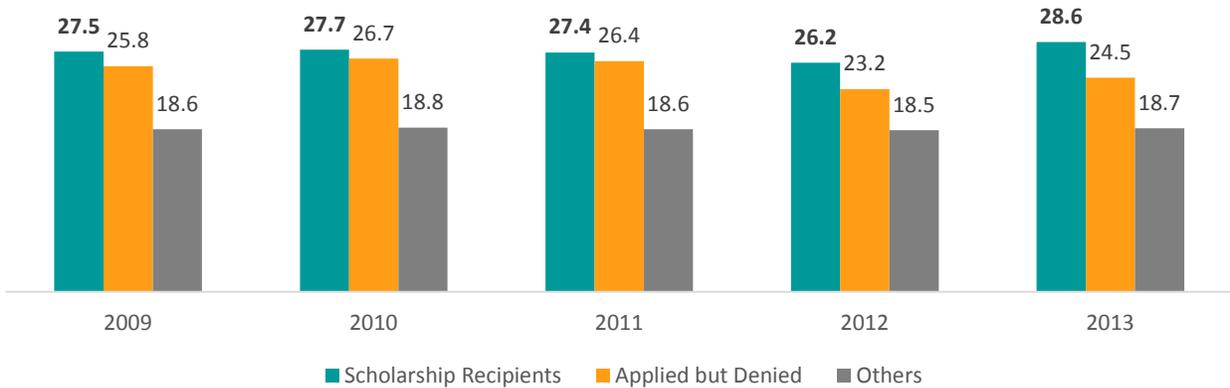
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First Year Average GPA by Scholarship Status



First-Year Average Credit Hours Earned



2015 Regents' Scholarship Award Information By District *

District	Applicants	Ineligible	Incomplete Applications	Recipients	Base	Base and UESP	Base and Exemplary	Base, Exemplary and UESP
Alpine	718	142	10	566	147	10	340	69
Beaver	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Box Elder	94	22	1	71	23	0	41	7
Cache	198	39	5	154	43	3	101	7
Canyons	449	156	9	284	84	21	138	41
Carbon	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Charter	43	12	1	30	9	0	17	4
Davis	534	113	21	400	84	22	214	80
Duchesne	6	2	0	4	0	0	3	1
Early College High School	35	19	0	16	4	1	9	2
Emery	18	2	0	16	7	0	9	0
Grand	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Granite	220	65	9	146	46	7	74	19
Iron	29	5	0	24	8	0	15	1
Jordan	292	80	5	207	54	7	119	27
Juab	9	2	0	7	1	1	4	1
Kane	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Logan	59	19	1	39	13	0	25	1
Millard	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Morgan	15	9	0	6	4	1	1	0
Murray	18	4	2	12	2	1	9	0
Nebo	373	84	8	281	101	10	154	16
North Sanpete	17	2	0	15	2	0	12	1
Ogden	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Park City	33	8	3	22	9	1	6	6
Private	26	15	1	10	3	1	5	1
Provo	84	13	2	69	14	3	43	9
Salt lake	110	37	1	72	26	4	35	7
San Juan	9	2	0	7	3	0	2	2
Sevier	23	3	0	20	5	0	14	1
South Sanpete	40	8	3	29	16	0	12	1
South Summit	12	5	0	7	2	0	5	0
Tooele	92	25	1	66	21	3	33	9
Uintah	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	0
Wasatch	86	30	5	51	14	2	29	6
Washington	327	104	1	222	88	6	112	16
Weber	82	15	4	63	14	3	41	5
Grand Total	4066	1045	94	2927	850	107	1630	340

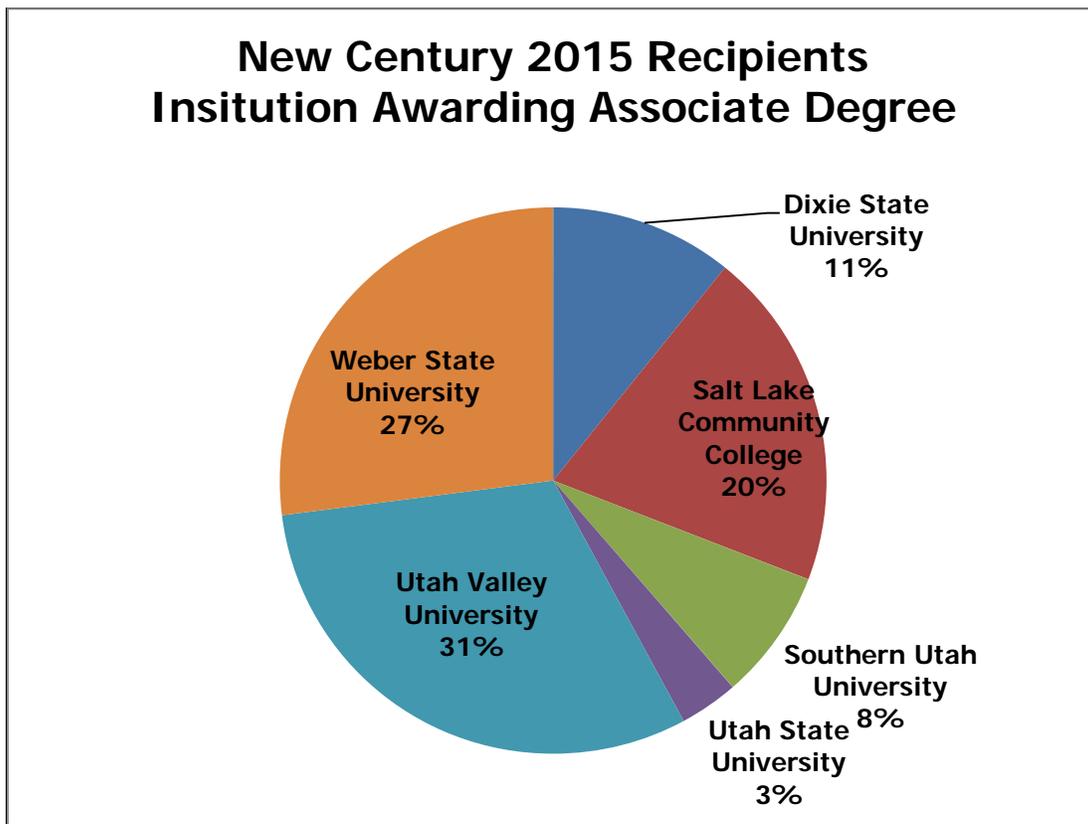
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New Century Scholarship

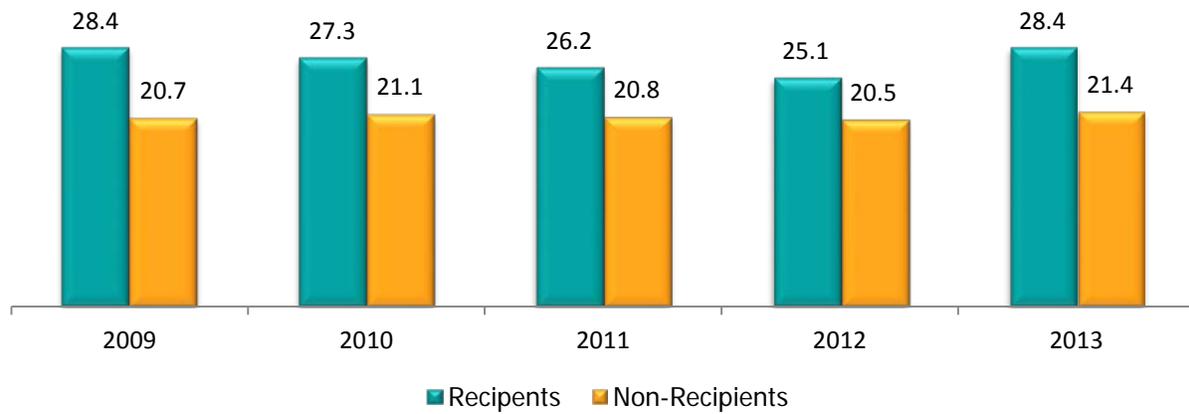
Graduate Year	Number of Approved Applications
*2011	332
2012	347
2013	278
2014	289
**2015	259

*This is the first year that applicants must 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.

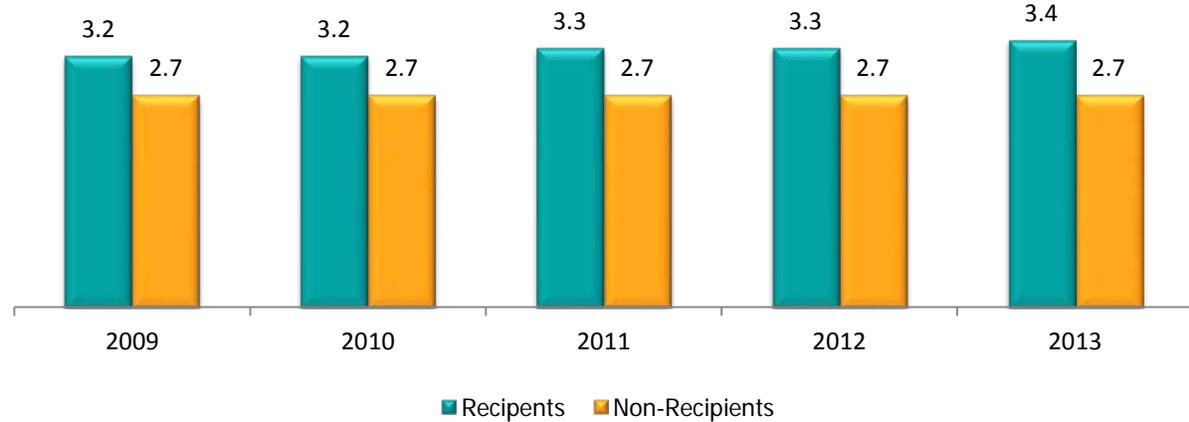
**The data for 2014 is as of October 26, 2015.



New Century First Year Average Earned Credit Hours



New Century First Year Average GPA



2015 New Century Awards By District *			
District	Applicants	Approved	Ineligible
Alpine District	31	20	11
Beaver District	8	8	0
Canyons School District	4	3	1
Charter	2	1	1
Davis District	21	13	8
Early College High School	252	150	102
Granite District	3	2	1
Home School	4	2	2
Iron District	2	0	2
Jordan District	28	23	5
Murray District	3	3	0
Nebo District	12	8	4
Ogden District	1	0	1
Private And Parochial	5	1	4
Provo District	7	6	1
Rich District	4	0	4
San Juan District	1	1	0
South Summit District	10	8	2
Tooele District	1	0	1
Washington District	1	0	1
Weber District	12	10	2
Grand Total	412	259	153

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