

Financial Aid

The Board of Higher Education oversaw the distribution of \$20.1 million to 10,313 students who received awards from 11 state aid programs in fiscal year 2022. These state aid programs were created and funded by the Legislature and are summarized in the report below.

Though this report is focused on programs funded by the state, the Commissioner's Office also administered five programs primarily funded by the federal government for thousands of students in fiscal 2022. Additionally, institutions administer legislatively-created waivers and institution-specific scholarships and grants.

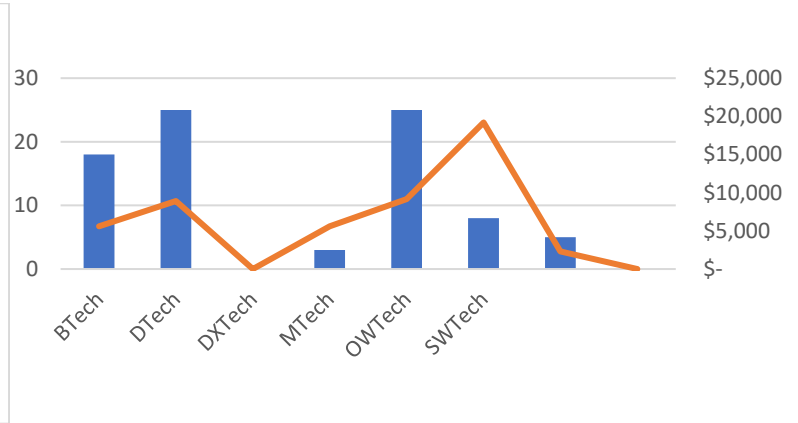
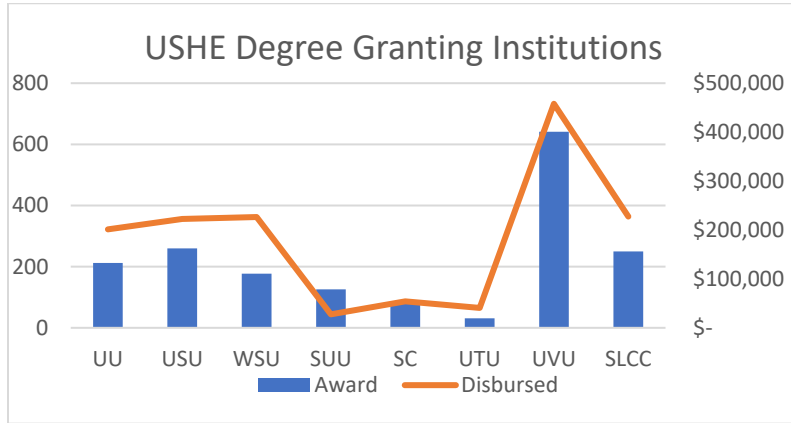
Since the beginning of 2022, the Legislature changed the Talent Development Incentive Loan and the Public Safety Office Career Advancement Reimbursement programs to grant programs, merged the Higher Education Success Stipend Program (HESSP) with the Utah Promise Grant, transformed the Regents' Scholarship into the streamlined Opportunity Scholarship, and created four new grant programs. Additionally, the Board of Higher Education approved a consolidation of ongoing and one-time funding from the retired New Century program with the Utah Promise Grant, increasing ongoing funding by more than 50 percent to this need-based grant.

In 2022, the Board of Higher Education created the USHE Employee Scholarship and collaborated with industry to create a Promise Partner Scholarship. Including these two new programs, the Commissioner's Office currently administers 22 financial aid programs that are primarily funded by state and federal governments.

Higher Education Success Stipend (HESSP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A statewide grant program that expands access to higher education opportunities to all Utahns by providing financial assistance to students who demonstrate financial need. **The Legislature combined the HESSP with the Utah Promise Grant in FY 2023.**

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (USHE institutions only)

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Utah resident or qualify for resident tuition
- Complete a FAFSA
- Demonstrate financial need

ELIGIBLE USES: Up to cost of attendance

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding, up to \$5,000

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions
- Public, technical colleges
- Private, non-profit Utah institutions

AWARD DURATION: Up to completion of bachelor degree

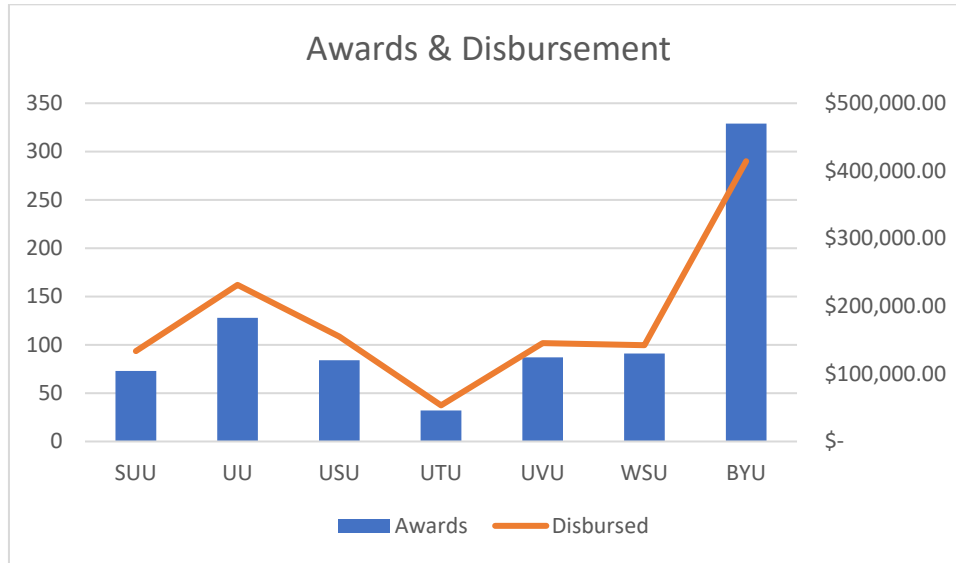
New Century Scholarship

Program Statistics

AWARDS:	824
DISBURSED:	\$1,276,000
AVERAGE AWARD:	\$1,550

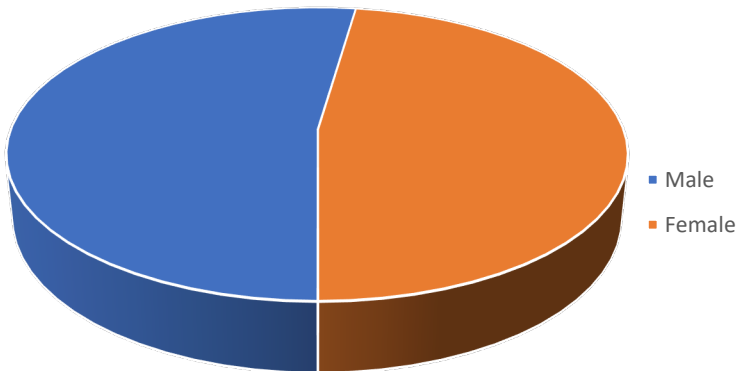
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: “The New Century Scholarship encourages students to accelerate their education by earning an associate degree in high school from an institution within the USHE.” (Board Rule R765-604-1). **New awards to this program were discontinued in FY 2023.**

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

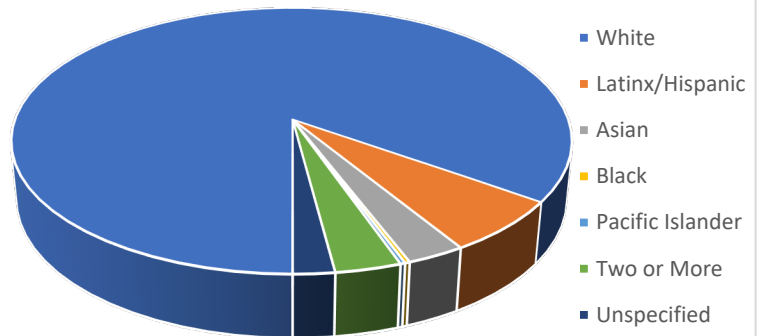


DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender



Race / Ethnicity



AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the requirements for associate degree with a minimum of a 3.0 college GPA before high school graduation
- Maintain a minimum of a 3.5 GPA in H.S.
- Graduate from a Utah high school or, if homeschooled, receive an ACT score of at least 26
- Complete a FAFSA or opt out

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions (4-year)
- Private, non-profit Utah institutions (4-year)

AWARD DURATION: The least of four semesters, 60 credit hours, or first bachelor degree

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition and fees

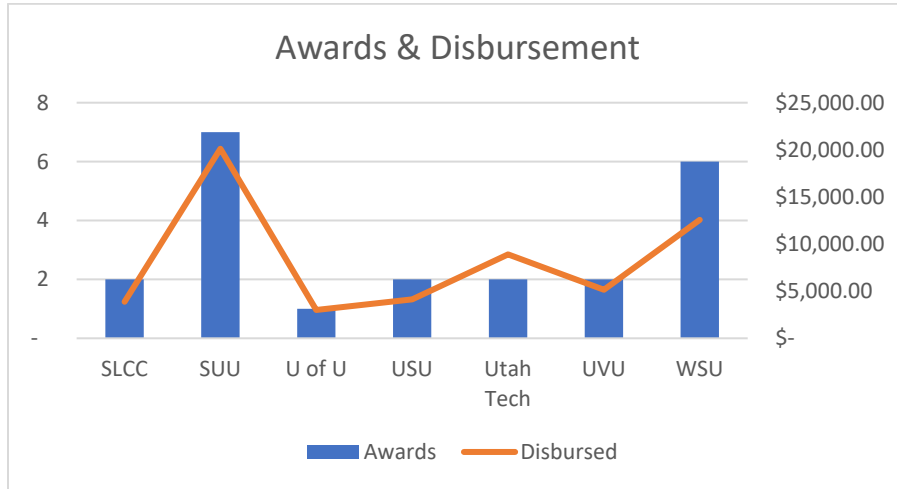
Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement

Program Statistics

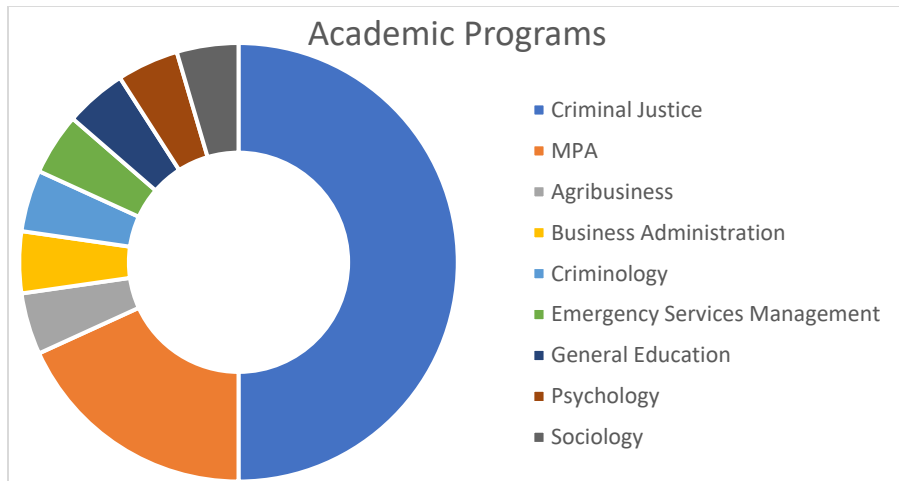
AWARDS:	22
DISBURSED:	\$58,000
AVERAGE AWARD:	\$2,600

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: "A state-funded tuition reimbursement program for certified peace officers enrolled in criminal justice related programs at a credit-granting institution in the Utah System of Higher Education." **This reimbursement program transitioned to a grant program in FY 2023.**

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION*



*Gender and race/ethnicity are not available for this program year.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a certified peace officer at a Utah agency for at least three consecutive years prior to application and one year after completion of coursework
- Enroll in an approved criminal justice related degree program
- Earn credit for reimbursed courses

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition and fees

AWARD AMOUNT: 50% tuition and fees up to \$5,000/year

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS: Public, degree granting institutions

AWARD DURATION: Up to eight academic years

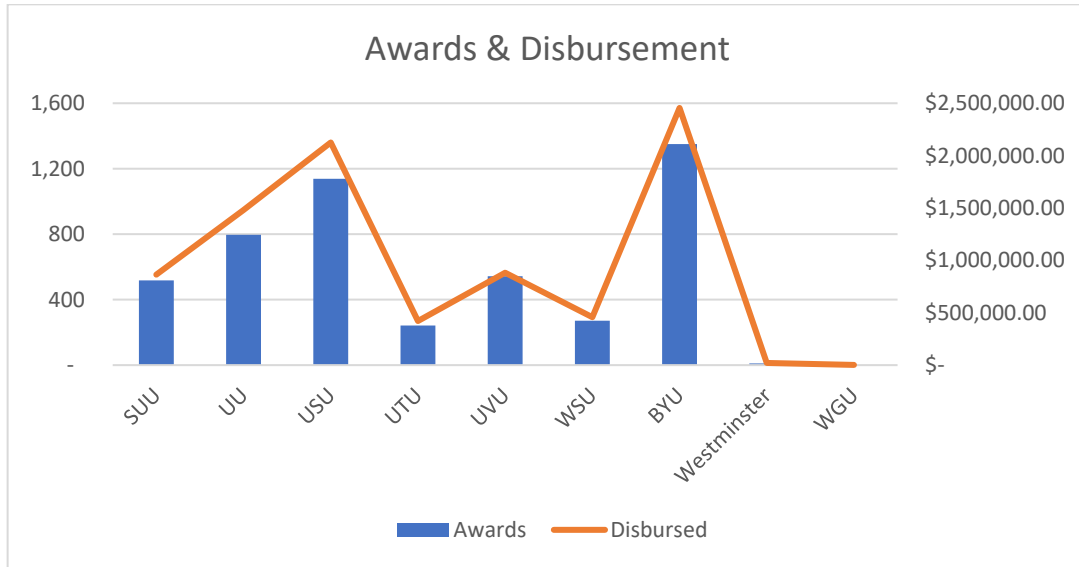
Regents' Scholarship

Program Statistics

AWARDS: 4,870
 DISBURSED: \$8,700,000
 AVERAGE AWARD: \$1,880

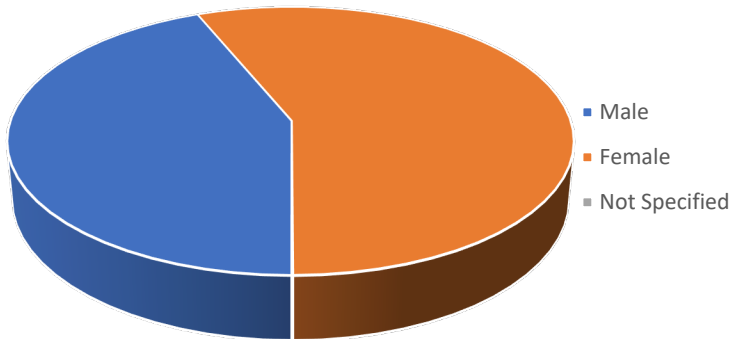
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: "The Regents' Scholarship encourages students to complete [recommended] curriculum... to provide better access to higher education opportunities." (Board Rule R765-609C-1). **New awards for this program were discontinued in FY 2023.**

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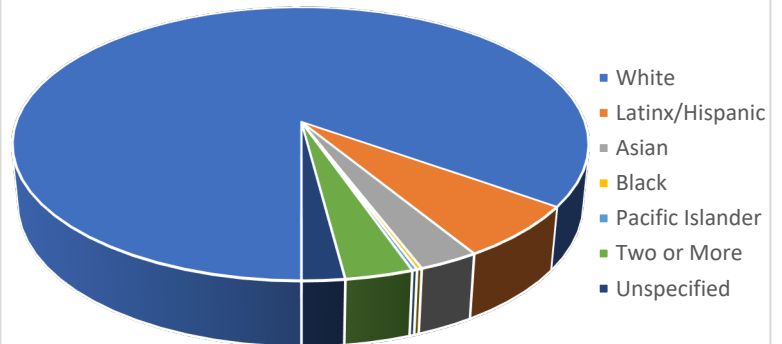


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Race / Ethnicity



AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete core courses in English, math, social studies, science, and a world language
- Graduate from a Utah high school with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA
- Earn a composite ACT score of at least 22
- Complete a FAFSA

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition and fees

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions
- Public, technical colleges
- Private, non-profit Utah institutions

AWARD DURATION: The least of four semesters, 60 credit hours, or first bachelor degree

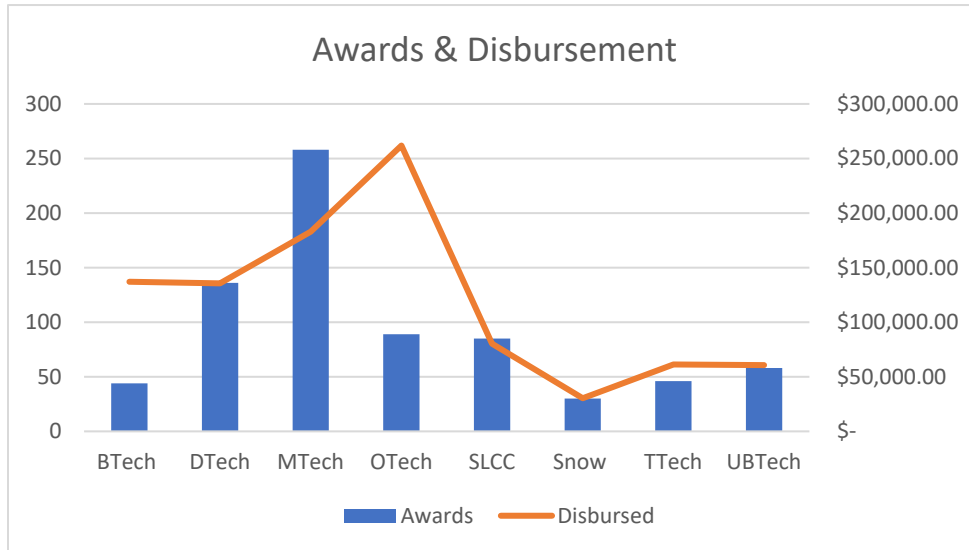
Technical Education Scholarship

Program Statistics

AWARDS: 746
DISBURSED: \$950,000
AVERAGE AWARD: \$1,300

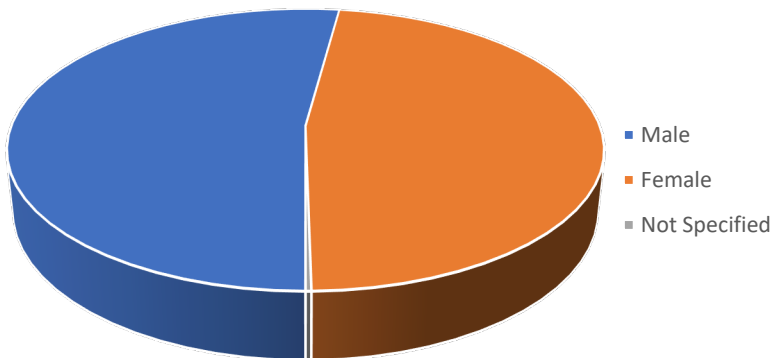
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Provides financial assistance to students pursuing technical education in designated high-demand industries.

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

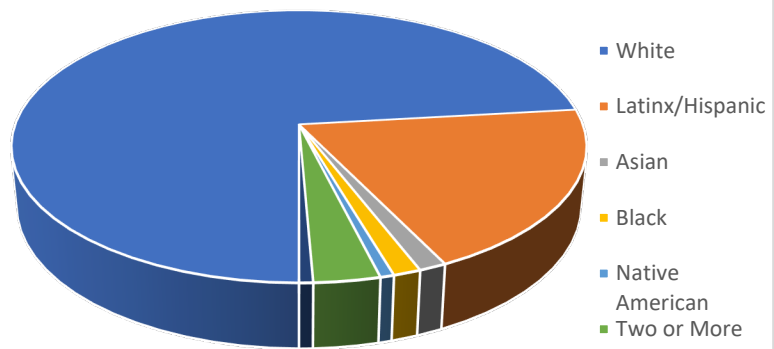


DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender



Race / Ethnicity



AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Enroll in a designated high-demand technical education program
- Complete a FAFSA
- Priority to individuals from underserved populations

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition, fees, and books

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS: USHE technical colleges and technical education programs

AWARD DURATION: Up to three academic years

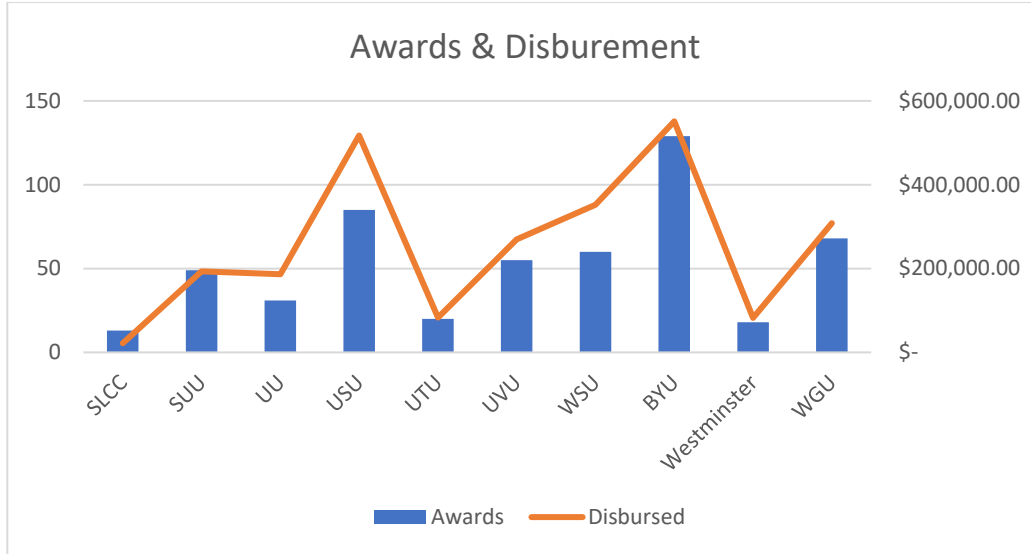
T.H. Bell Education Scholarship

Program Statistics

AWARDS:	528
DISBURSED:	\$2,566,000
AVERAGE AWARD:	\$4,960

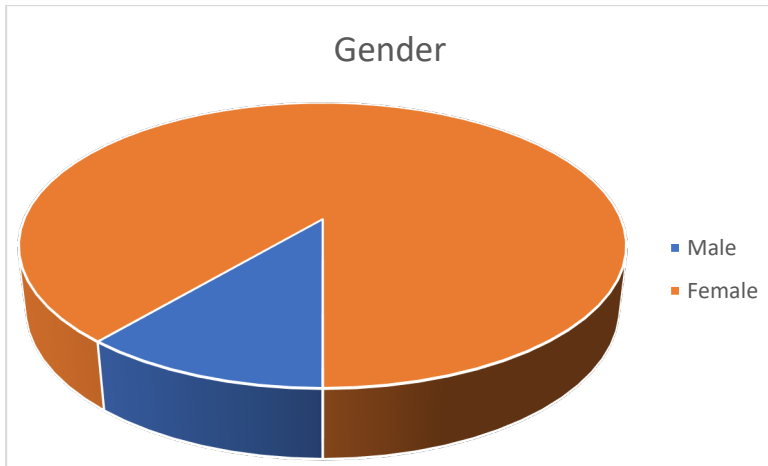
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: To recruit and support students who are interested in serving as public educators in Utah and who enroll in an approved education program.

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

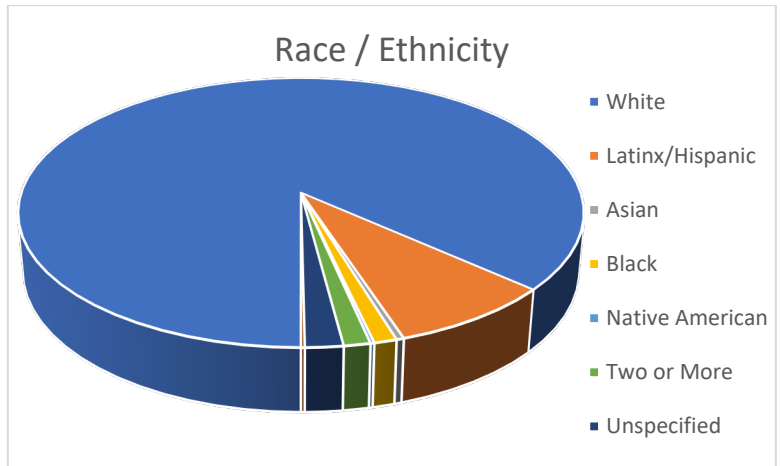


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AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Declare intention to earn a degree in an approved teacher education or speech language pathology program
- Declare intention to teaching in Utah after graduation
- Complete a FAFSA
- Priority given to first generation students and those who intend to teach in a high-need area in the state

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions that offer eligible programs
- Private, non-profit Utah institutions that offer eligible programs

AWARD DURATION: Up to four consecutive years

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition, fees, and books

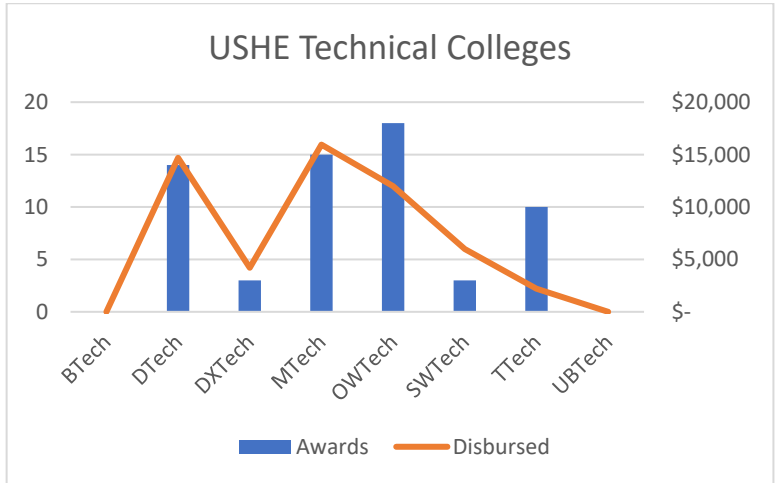
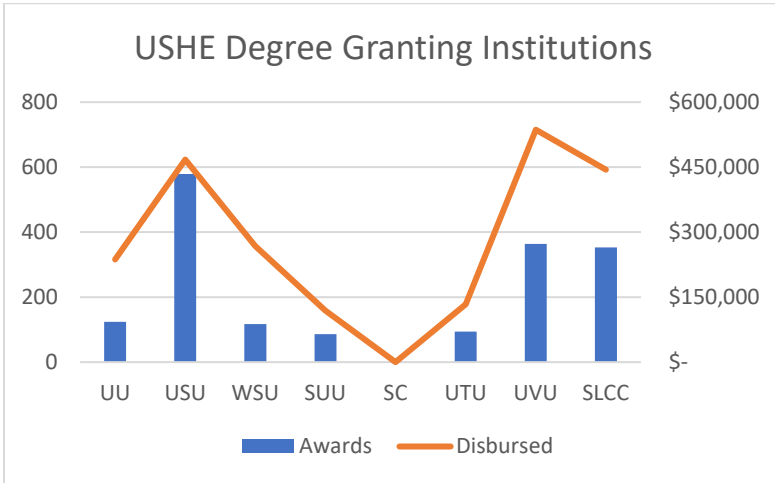
Utah Promise Grant

Program Statistics

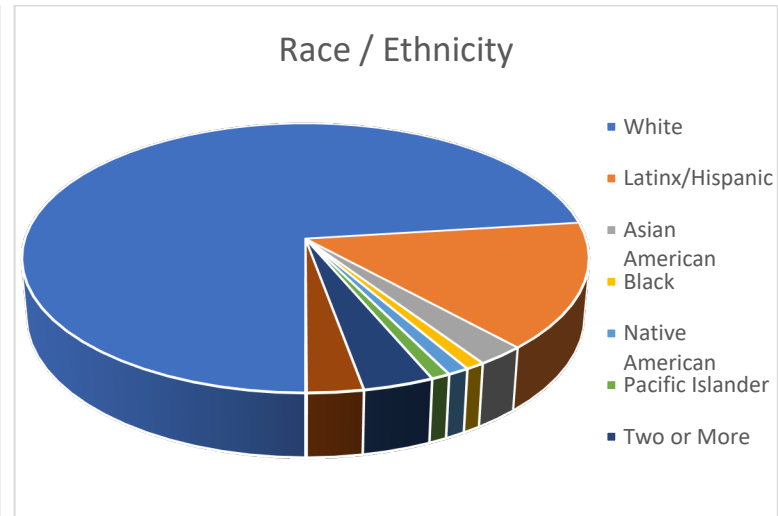
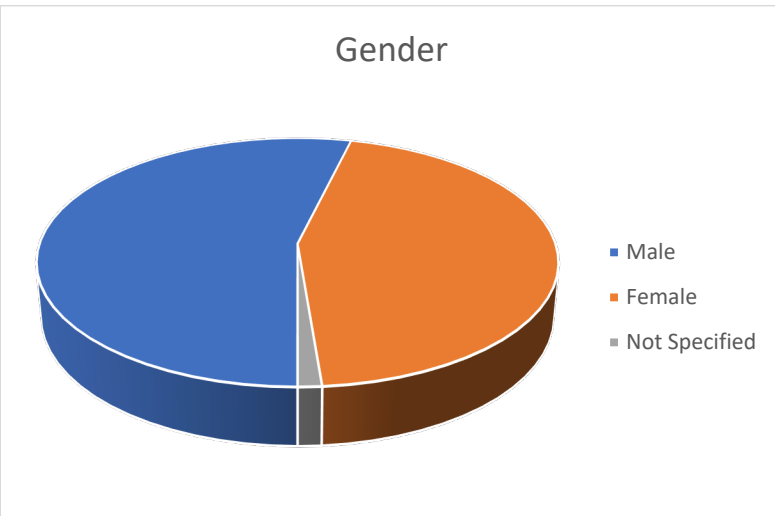
AWARDS: 1,780
 DISBURSED: \$2,260,000
 AVERAGE AWARD: \$1,270

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A statewide grant program that expands access to higher education opportunities to all Utahns by providing financial assistance to students who demonstrate financial need. **The Legislature combined HESSP with the Utah Promise Grant in FY 2023.**

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION



AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Utah resident or qualify for resident tuition
- Complete a FAFSA
- Demonstrate financial need

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions
- Public, technical colleges

ELIGIBLE USES*: Tuition and fees

AWARD DURATION*: Up to completion of first associate degree, four semesters, or 60 credit hours at institutions that do not offer associate degrees

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

**Modifications in the 2023 Legislative General Session expanded eligible uses to the cost of attendance and extended the award duration to up to the completion of a bachelor degree or 120 attempted credit hours. Also, students can use the Utah Promise Grant at all 16 USHE institutions and accredited private, nonprofit institutions.*

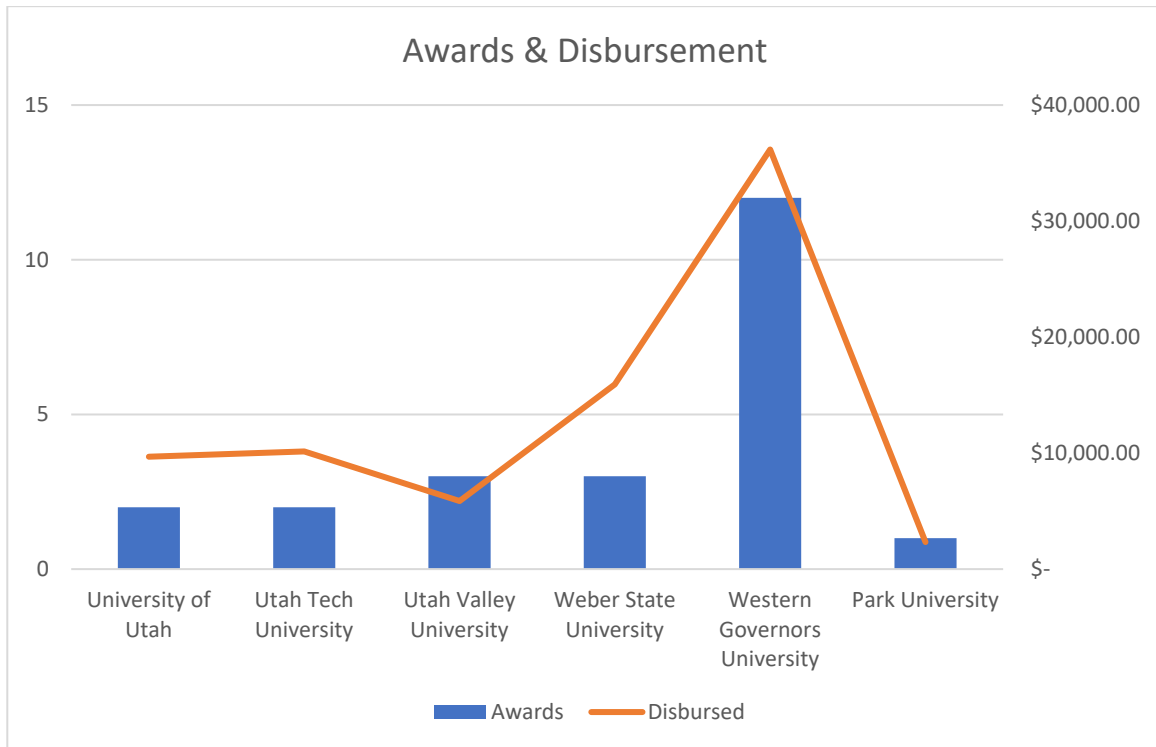
Veterans Tuition Gap Program

Program Statistics

AWARDS:	23
DISBURSED:	\$81,000
AVERAGE AWARD:	\$3,500

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Serves veterans who have exhausted federal veteran education benefits and are in the final year of their program to complete their first bachelor's degree.

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Demographic data is not available for this program

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Utah resident or qualify for resident tuition
- Military veteran
- In final year of first bachelor degree at eligible institution
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Exhausted federal veteran education benefits
- Complete a FAFSA

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:

- Public, degree granting institutions (4-year)
- Private, non-profit Utah institutions (4-year)

AWARD DURATION: One rolling calendar year

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition, fees, books

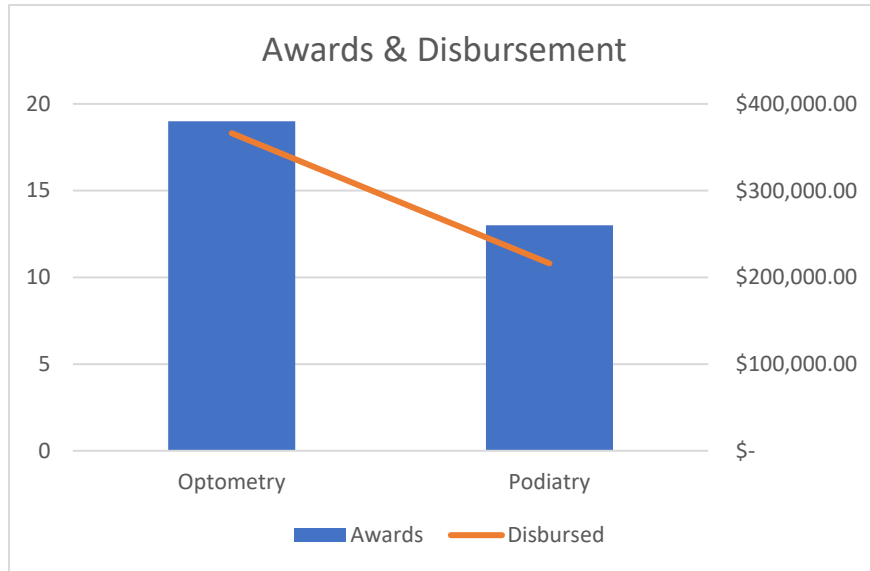
WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program

Program Statistics

AWARDS:	32
DISBURSED:	\$582,000
AVERAGE AWARD:	\$18,200

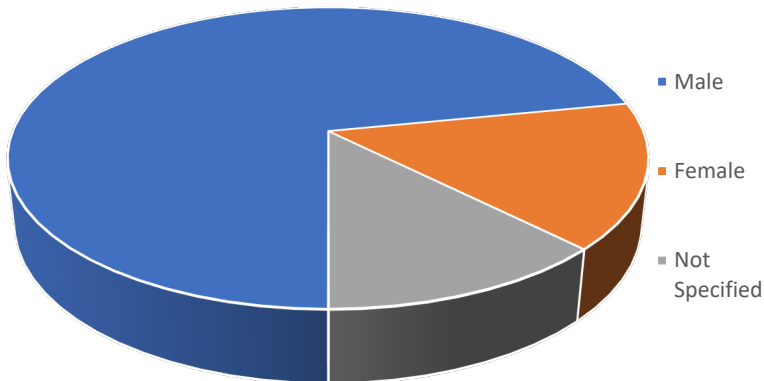
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: "A regional exchange program for students pursuing certain professional healthcare degrees (that are not offered in their home state) at participating universities in other WICHE states and territories." (Board Rule R765-628-3(1))

AWARDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

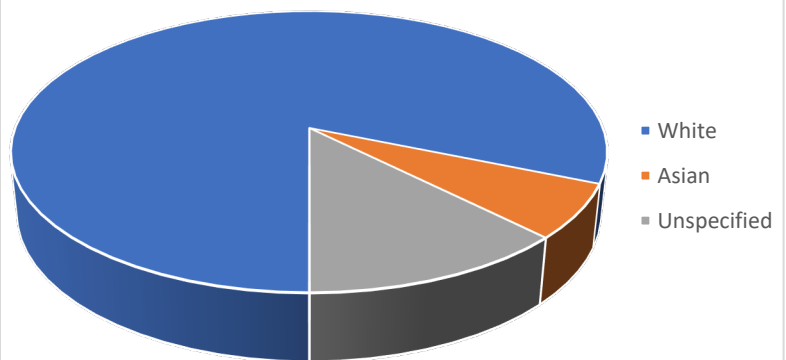


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AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- At least five years consecutive Utah residency
- Enroll in an eligible program at a regional WICHE program (podiatry or optometry)
- Commit to practice in Utah upon completion

ELIGIBLE USES: Tuition and fees

AWARD AMOUNT: Based on available funding

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS: Visit [WICHE website](#)

AWARD DURATION: Completion of program (up to four academic years)