

# Overview of State Financial Aid Programs

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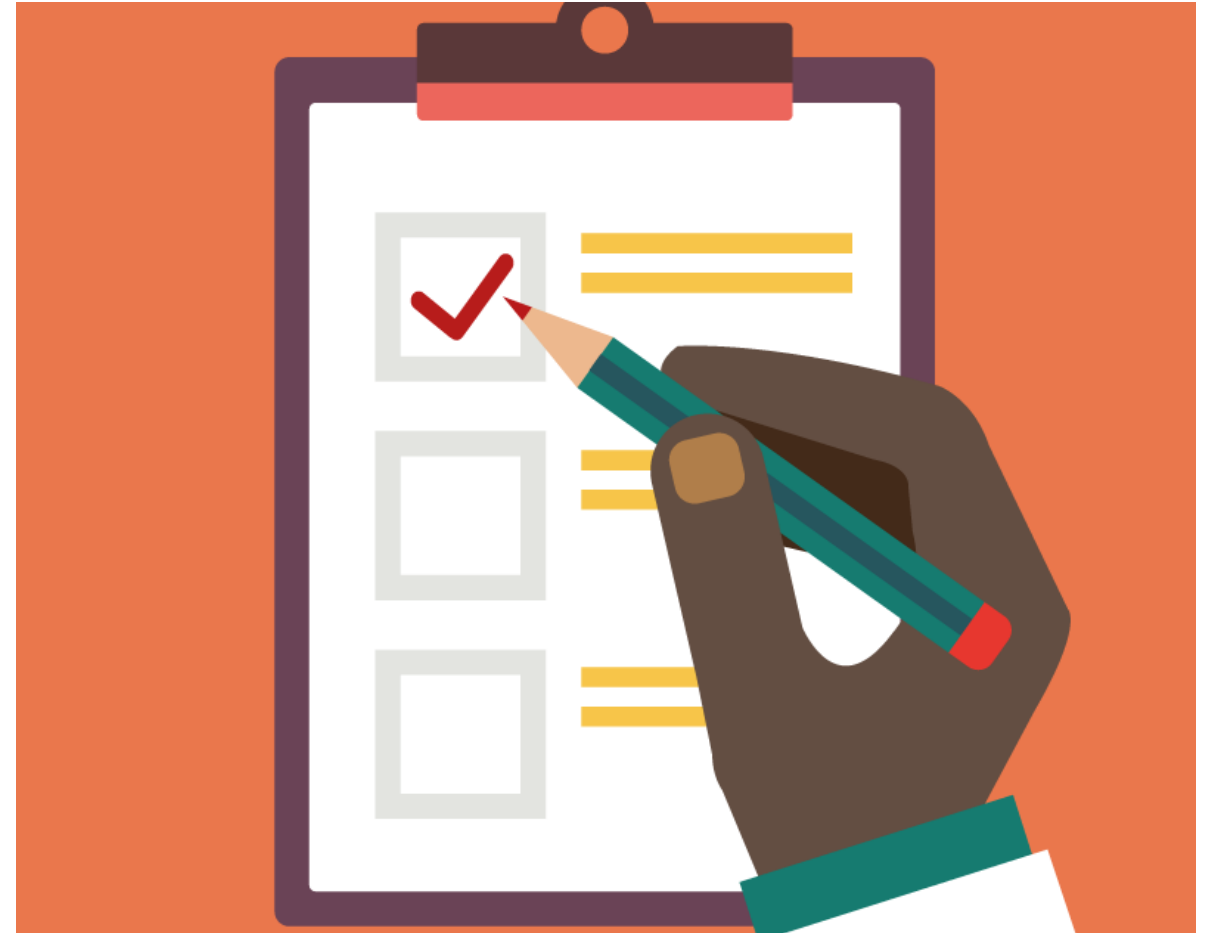
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# Today's Agenda

## Review of State Financial Aid Programs

1. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program
  2. Career & Technical Education Scholarships
  3. Higher Education Success Stipend Program
  4. New Century Scholarship
  5. Regents' Scholarship
  6. Talent Development Loan Program
  7. TH Bell Education Scholarship Program
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8. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program (PSOCAR)
  9. Veterans Tuition Gap Program



# Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program (Promise Scholarship)

- New in 2019-20
- Modeled after SLCC Promise & Dream Weber
- Available at public institutions – USHE (including tech colleges)
- Allocation formula
$$\frac{\text{A participating institution's Utah resident Pell disbursements}}{\text{All participating institutions' Utah resident Pell disbursements}}$$
- Covers tuition and fees after all other aid is considered (last dollar)
  - Beginning July 1, 2020 – flexibility for tuition and fee waivers

# Promise Scholarship cont.

- Recipient may receive awards until the earliest of the following:
  - two years after initially receiving a Promise scholarship;
  - four semesters;
  - an associate's degree is earned; or
  - 60 earned credit hours at an institution that does not offer associate's degrees (University of Utah & UTECH)

2020-2021 funding: \$2,278,900

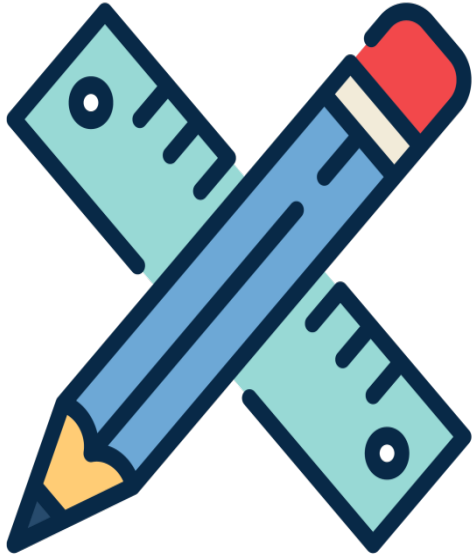


# Career and Technical Education Scholarship



- Available to students who enroll in high-demand, non-credit certificate programs
- Up to tuition, fees, and books
- Priority for underserved populations
- Can be used at Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, USU-Eastern, and USU-Moab
  - Note: these colleges have more students enroll in CTE programs than UTECH
- 2020-21 funding: \$300,000

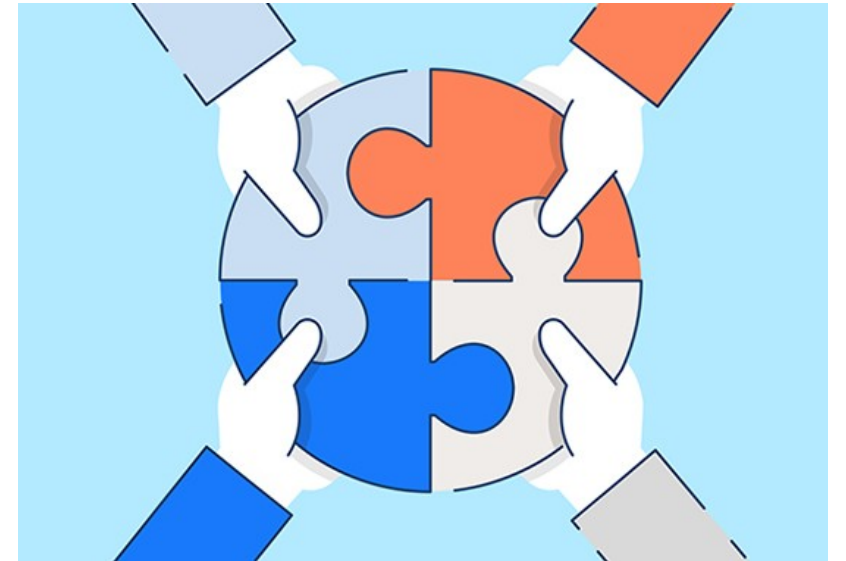
# Technical College Scholarship



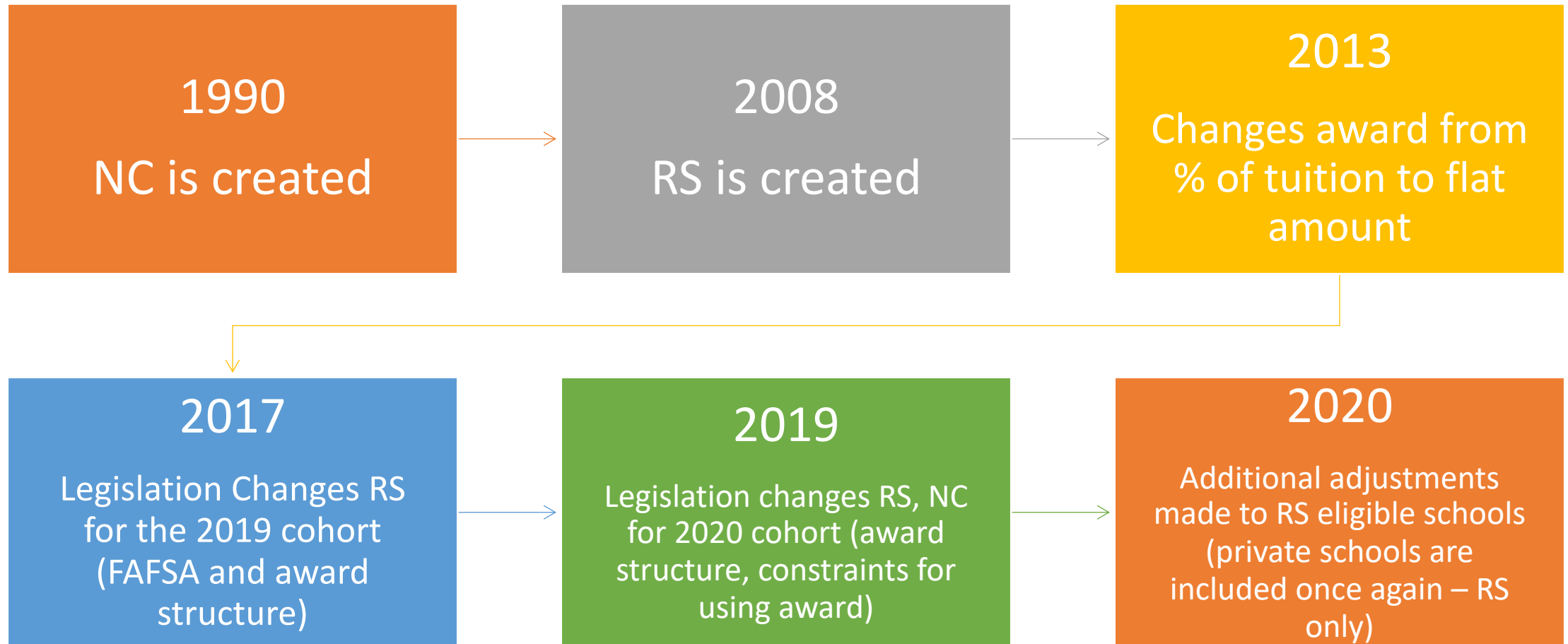
- Available to students enrolled in technical college programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs
- Up to tuition, program fees, and required books
- Available for 12-month period following graduation
- Apply through technical college
- \$800,000 ongoing funding

# Higher Education Success Stipend Program (HESSP)

- Need-based grant or work-study awards
- Public and private non-profit institutions
- For Utah resident undergraduates attending at least half-time
- Demonstrated need through FAFSA
- Award size: \$300 - \$5,000
- Allocation formula – same as Promise
- 2020-2021 funding: \$2,088,000



# Brief Timeline of New Century and Regents'





# New Century—2021

- Encourages students to accelerate their education by earning an associate degree in high school.
- 3.5 High School GPA
- 3.0 College GPA
- Can be used at USHE baccalaureate degree granting institutions.



# Regents' Scholarship—2021

| Graduation Requirements     | Scholarship Requirements<br>(Classes must be taken in 9-12 grade) | The Difference |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 4 Credits of English        | 4 Credits of English                                              | 0              |
| 3 Credits of Math           | 4 Credits of Math                                                 | 1              |
| 3 Credits of Social Science | 3 Credits of Social Science                                       | 0              |
| 3 Credits of Science        | 3 Credits of Science                                              | 0              |
| World Language not required | 2 Credits World Language                                          | 2              |

- Encourages students to take a college prep curriculum
- 3.3 High School GPA
- 22 ACT
- Complete the FAFSA
- Enroll at eligible school/defer
- Can be used at USHE (including tech colleges) Institutions and private, non-profit (BYU, Ensign College, Westminster, WGU)

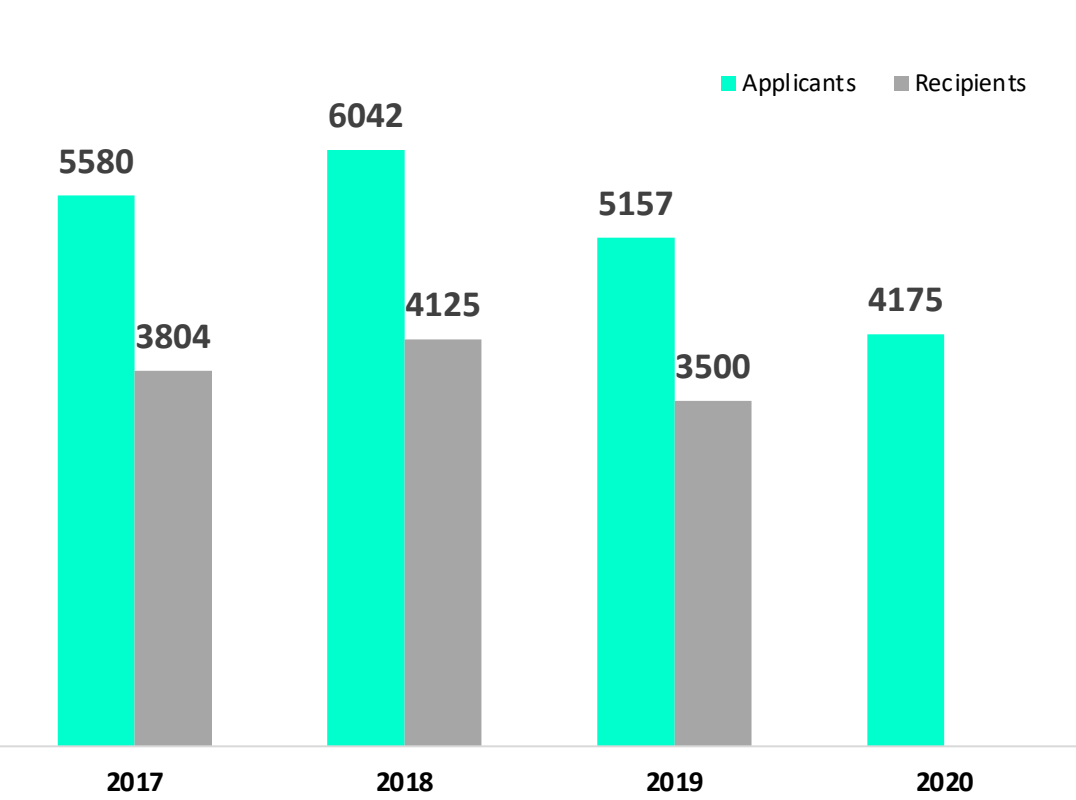
# Award Information for Both Programs

- Can be used for tuition and fees after other state aid is applied
- 5 year window to use the award, but must be enrolled at an eligible institution Fall after graduation (or deferred)
- Available for up to 4 semesters
- Must be enrolled in 12+ credits to receive disbursement.
  - Maintain a 3.0 GPA when receiving an award.
- Award will be individualized, but there will be a max

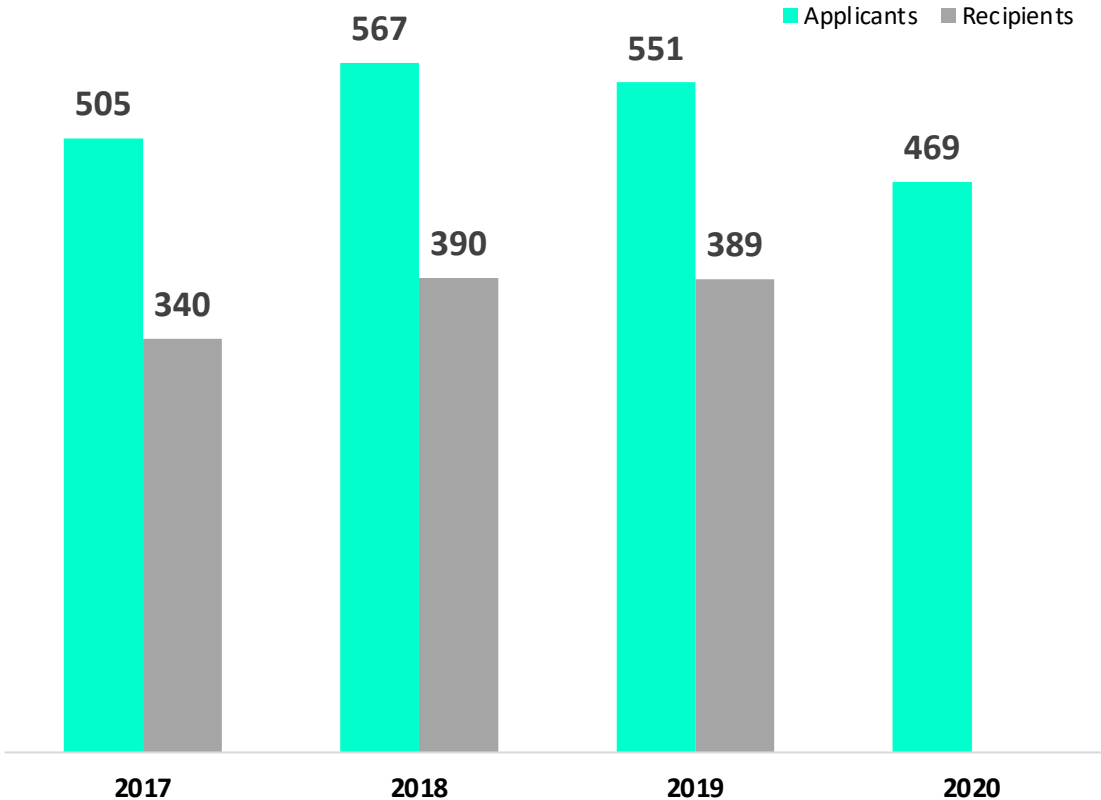


# Applicants and Recipients

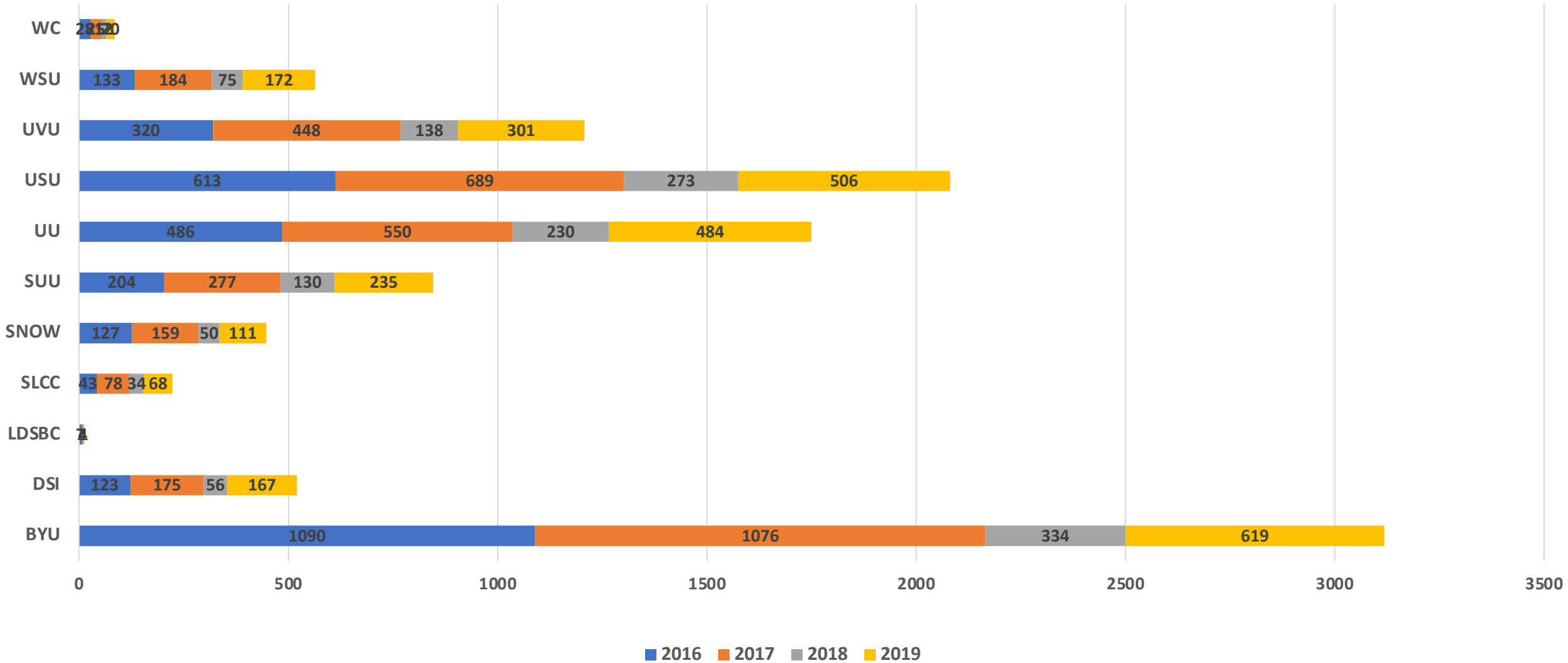
Regents' Scholarship



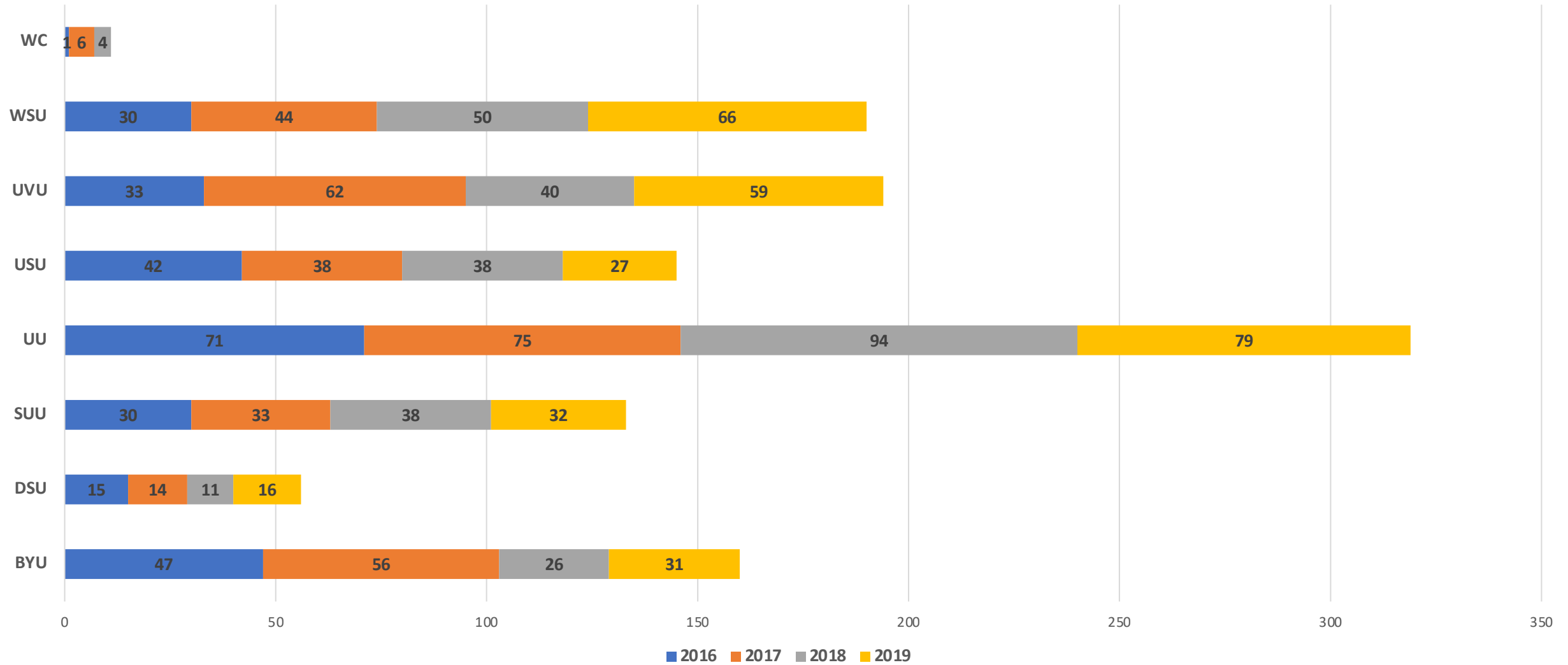
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## Regents' Scholarship College Attendance by Institution 2016-2019 Cohorts



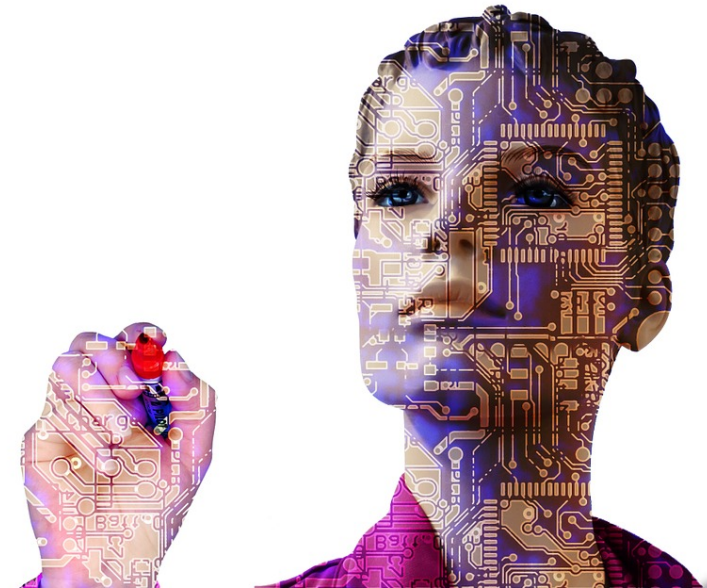
## New Century College Attendance by Institution 2016-2019 Cohorts



# Talent Development Incentive Loan Program

- Forgivable loan program
- Purpose: recruit and train Utah residents into high demand jobs through a qualifying degree program
  - GOED selects qualifying jobs and associated degree programs every 2 years
  - Eligible programs for 2020-21 & 2021-22\*
    - Information Science/Studies
    - Computer Science
    - Computer & Info Sciences
    - Information Technology
    - Computer Systems Networking & Telecommunications
    - Computer & Info Systems Security/Info Assurance
    - Management Information Systems

\* Students should verify eligible degree programs with institution



# Talent Development Incentive Loan Program cont.

- Available at degree granting USHE institutions
- Up to the cost of resident tuition, books, and fees
- Awards available up to the expected time to complete the qualifying degree
- Students must first attend one semester in an associate's program and two semesters in a bachelor's program



# Talent Development Incentive Loan Program cont.

- Loan forgiveness program:
  - 1 year work = 1 year loan forgiveness
  - Turns to a loan if graduation/work requirements not met
  - Administered at institutional level

2020-2021 available funds: \$1,418,200

# Terrel H. Bell Education Scholarship Program (T.H. Bell Scholarship)

- Formerly T.H. Bell Incentive Loan Program
- Changed to a scholarship program July 1, 2019
- Available to those intent on entering the teaching profession at a public school in Utah
- Applications processed by the education department and/or financial aid offices at each institution



# T.H. Bell Scholarship cont.

- Tuition, fees, and books up to four years FTE enrollment
- Utah residents at public or private institutions with a state-approved teacher education program
- Priority for awarding
  1. First-generation students
  2. Those intending to work in high-need fields
  3. All other applicants

2020-2021 funding: \$2,281,800

# Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program (PSOCAR)

- Reimbursement program for certified peace officers who return to school
- Program eliminated in 2019 as part of legislation for Promise Scholarship
  - Re-instated with the 2020 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Utah Legislature
  - Effective immediately.
  - \$146,000 one-time funding for 2020, \$200,000 ongoing



## PSOCAR cont.

- Requires four years of work, including one year after the completion of the coursework being reimbursed.
- Up to half of tuition and fees, \$5,000 maximum per year
  - Appropriation designation for service in rural counties
  - If available funds insufficient for full award, reduced on pro rata basis.
    - May apply for remainder for up to two additional years
- Up to eight academic years, no enrollment requirements
- Visit <https://ushe.edu/psocar> for more information.

# Veterans Tuition Gap Program (VeT Gap)

- Grant program to assist veterans with completion of a bachelor's degree
- Up to tuition, fees, and books
- Public and private non-profit institutions
- Recipient must:
  - Be a resident of the State of Utah
  - Be a veteran as defined by Utah Code 68-3-12.5
  - Be in the final year of first baccalaureate program
  - Have exhausted the federal benefit
- Less than half-time enrollment eligible



# Program Administration & Contact Summary

| Program                         | Who administers?       | Who should students contact?                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Access Utah Promise Scholarship | UHEAA – Ashley Reyes   | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |
| CTE Scholarship                 | USHE – Blair Carruth   | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |
| HESSP                           | UHEAA – Ashley Reyes   | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |
| New Century Scholarship         | USHE – Cassidy Stortz  | NewCenturyScholarship.org<br><a href="mailto:newcentury@ushe.edu">newcentury@ushe.edu</a><br>801-321-7221              |
| PSOCAR                          | UHEAA – Ashley Reyes   | Criminal Justice Contact at Institution                                                                                |
| Regents' Scholarship            | USHE – Cassidy Stortz  | RegentsScholarship.org<br><a href="mailto:regentsscholarship@ushe.edu">regentsscholarship@ushe.edu</a><br>801-321-7159 |
| Talent Development Loan Program | USHE – Spencer Jenkins | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |
| TH Bell Teaching Scholarship    | USHE – Cassidy Stortz  | Financial Aid Office/College of Education                                                                              |
| VeT Gap                         | UHEAA – Ashley Reyes   | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |
| UHEAA Grants                    | UHEAA – Ashley Reyes   | Financial Aid Office                                                                                                   |

<https://ushe.edu/initiatives/state-aid-programs/>

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