

# State Scholarships

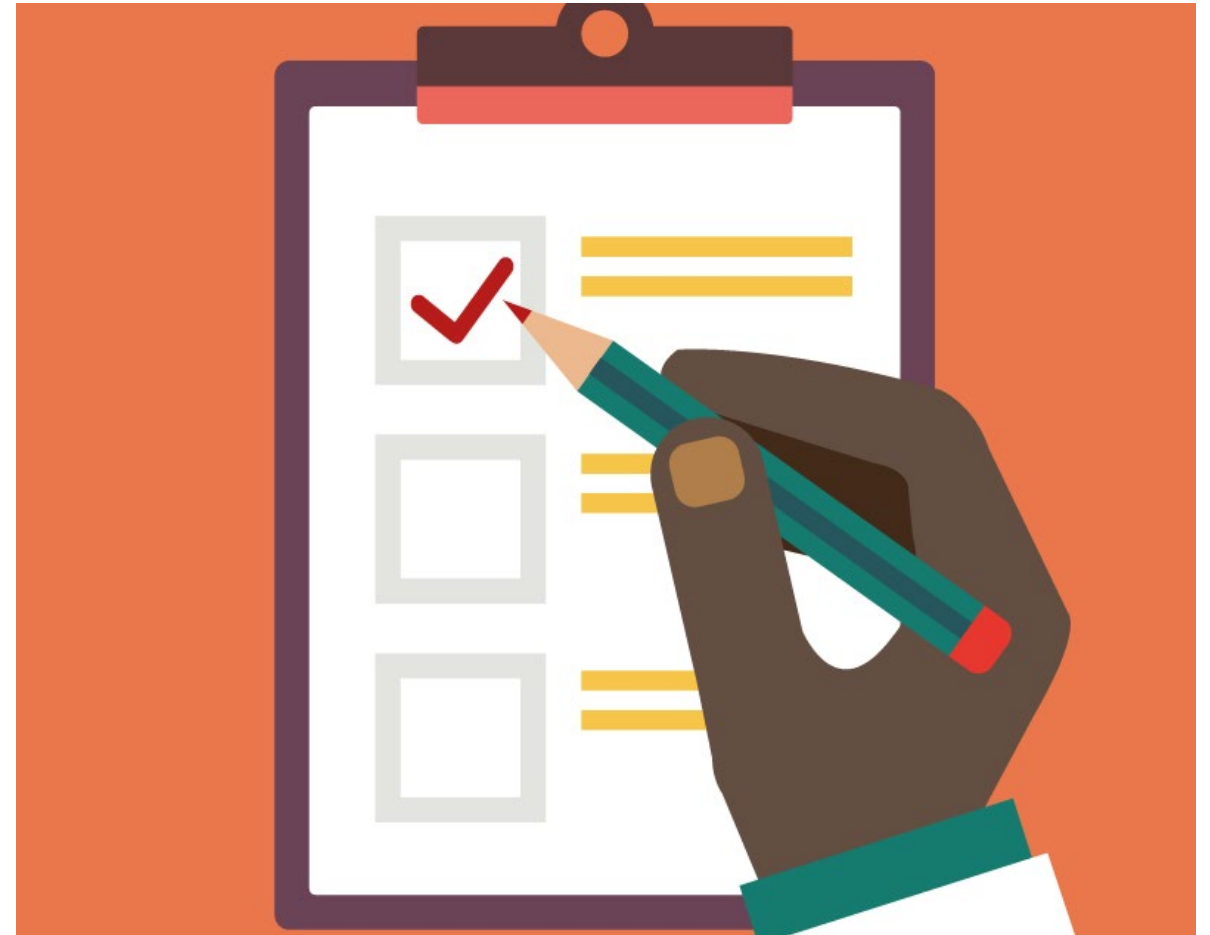
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# Today's Agenda

## Review of State Financial Aid Programs

1. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program
  2. Opportunity Scholarship
  3. Technical Education Scholarships
  4. T.H. Bell Education Scholarship Program
  5. Higher Education Success Stipend Program
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6. Talent Development Loan Program
  7. Adult Learners Grant Program
  8. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program (PSOCAR)
  9. Veterans Tuition Gap Program



# Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program (Promise Scholarship)

- Recipient must be a Utah resident
- Need-based eligibility – determined by institution
- Covers tuition and fees after all other aid is considered (last dollar with exception for tuition waivers)
- Can be used for up to 4 semesters/2 years (or until earned 60 credits or an associate degree)
- FAFSA completion required
- Stackable with Opportunity and Tech Ed Scholarships
- Contact financial aid office for more information



# Opportunity Scholarship



- Opportunity Scholarship available for class of 2022
- Award may be used toward tuition and fees after other state aid is considered
  - All students who meet the requirements will be eligible for the same award
- Simplified achievement-based requirements
  - Graduate from Utah high school with 3.3 cumulative GPA
  - Complete Advanced Course track or Regents' Track (class of 2022 only)
  - Complete FAFSA
- [opportunityscholarship.org](https://opportunityscholarship.org)

# Opportunity Scholarship Requirements

## Regents' Track

- Complete 4 credits of English
- Complete 4 credits of Math (including at 1 advanced course)
- Complete 3 lab-based Science credits (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Complete 3 credits of Social Science
- Complete 2 credits of the same World Language

## Advanced Course Track\*

- Complete 1 advanced (AP/IB/CE) course in each of the following areas:
  - Language Arts (USBE code 06)
  - Math (USBE code 07)
  - Science (USBE code 08)

# Technical Education Scholarship



- Available to students who enroll in technical programs that lead to high-demand, high-wage fields
- Awards can cover up to cost of tuition, fees, and books
- Can be used at 8 technical colleges, Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, USU-Eastern, and USU-Moab
- Stackable with Opportunity and Promise Scholarships
- Contact financial aid office for more information

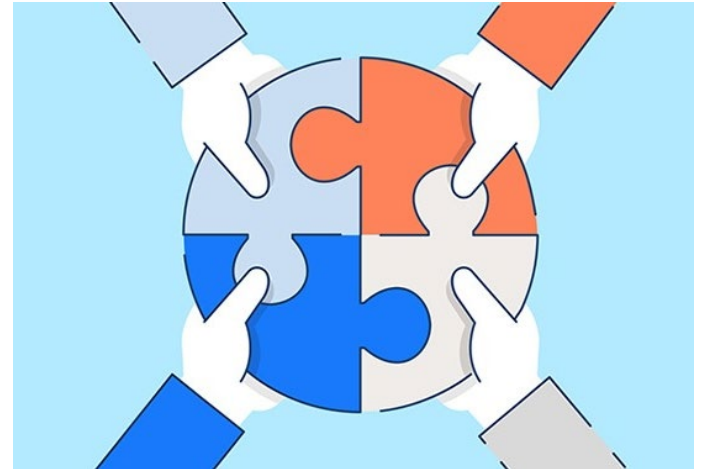
# Terrel H. Bell Education Scholarship Program (T.H. Bell Scholarship)

- Available to those intent on entering the teaching profession at a public school in Utah
- Utah residents at public or private institutions with a state-approved teacher education program
- Can cover the cost of tuition, fees, and books up to four years
- Contact the education department and/or financial aid office for more information



# Higher Education Success Stipend Program (HESSP)

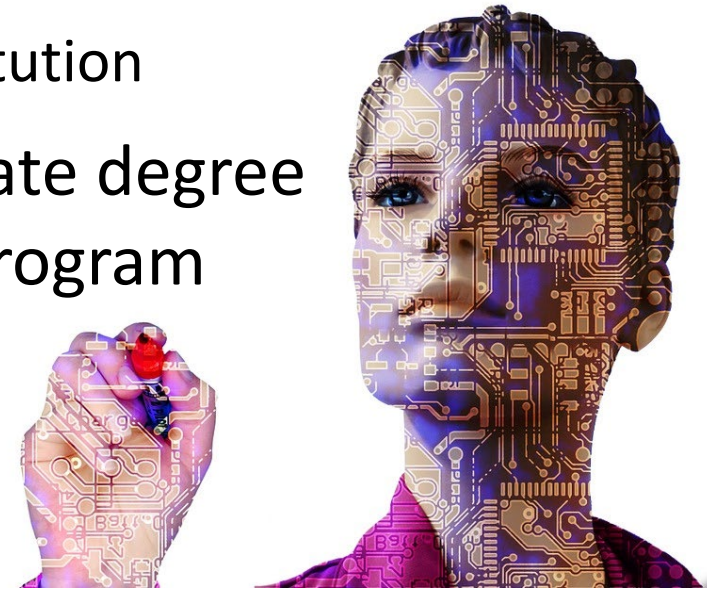
- Need-based grant or work-study awards
- Public and private non-profit institutions
- For Utah resident undergraduates attending at least half-time
- FAFSA completion required
- Award size: \$300 - \$5,000
- Contact financial aid office for more information





# Talent Development Incentive Loan Program

- Forgivable loan program (1 year work = 1 year loan forgiveness), can cover up to cost of tuition, fees, and books
- Purpose: recruit and train Utah residents into high demand jobs through a qualifying degree program
  - Students should verify eligible degree programs with institution
- Students must first attend one semester in an associate degree program and two semesters in a bachelor's degree program
- Available at degree-granting USHE institutions



# Adult Learner Grant Program

- Created in 2021 legislative session (H.B. 328)
- Need-based grant for students 26 or older enrolled in a qualified online program
- Available at Utah public institutions, as well as BYU, WGU, Westminster, and Ensign College
- Grant applied to cost of attendance
- Contact financial aid office for more information



# Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program (PSOCAR)

- Reimbursement program for certified peace officers who return to school to continue a career in law enforcement
- 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, for up to eight years

For more information, visit [ushe.edu/psocar](https://ushe.edu/psocar)



# Veterans Tuition Gap Program (VeT Gap)

- Grant to assist veterans with completion of a bachelor's degree
- Can cover up to cost of 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 bachelor's program
  - Have exhausted the federal veterans education benefit
- Less than half-time enrollment eligible



# Applying for college – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

- Complete FAFSA starting October 1 for next school year
- Check school website for application dates – most open early fall
  - Check for priority deadlines Nov-Dec
  - Final deadlines vary, often around February
- Follow up with financial aid office for other scholarship opportunities
- Ask high school and local businesses about scholarship opportunities
- **Apply early!**



# Resources

- [ktsutah.org](http://ktsutah.org)
- [ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid](http://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid)
- [opportunityscholarship.org](http://opportunityscholarship.org)

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