

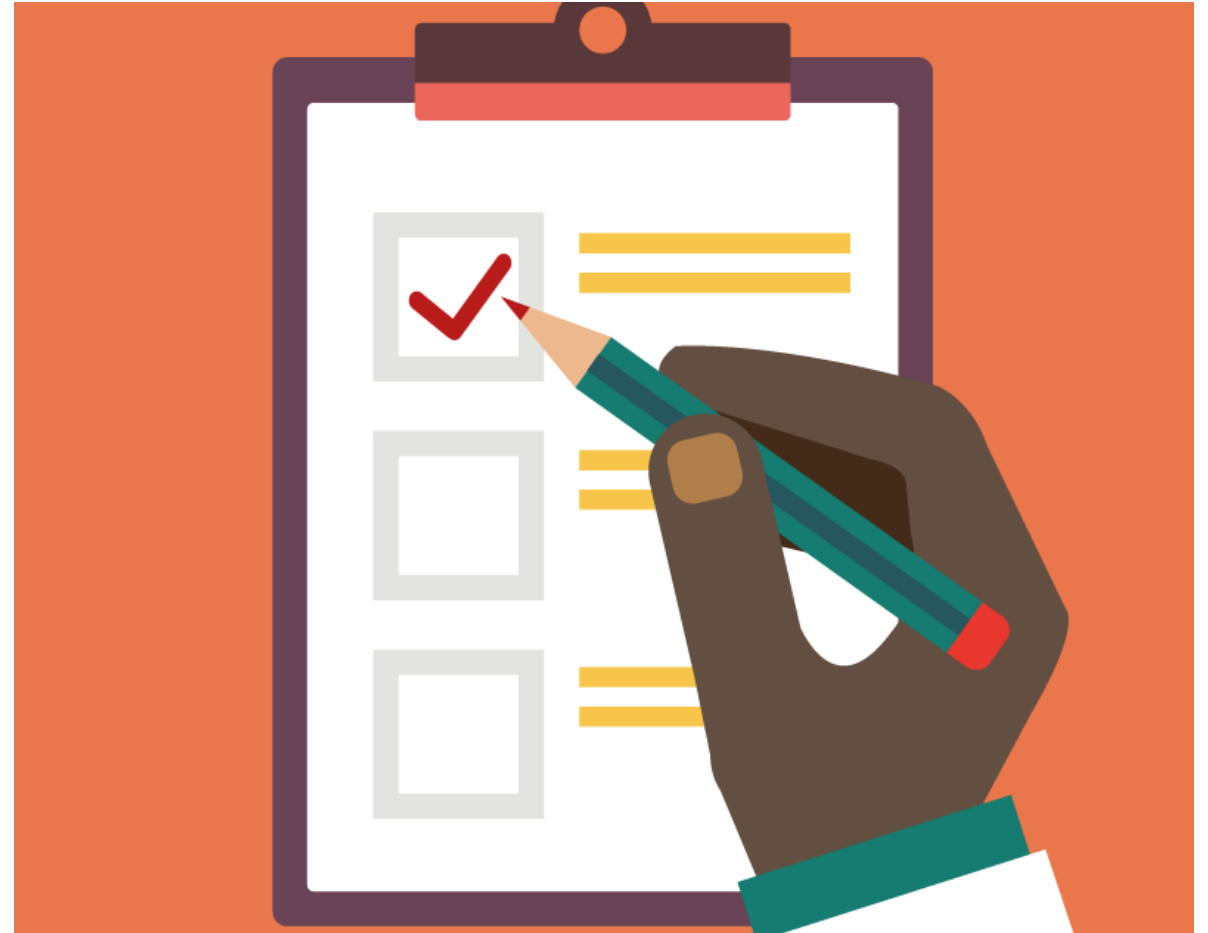
State Aid Programs

September 2023



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Utah Institutions

USHE Public Degree-Granting Institutions

- Salt Lake Community College*
- Snow College*
- Southern Utah University
- University of Utah
- Utah State University*
- Utah Tech University
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University

USHE Public Technical Colleges

- Bridgerland Technical College
- Davis Technical College
- Dixie Technical College
- Mountainland Technical College
- Ogden-Weber Technical College
- Southwest Technical College
- Tooele Technical College
- Uintah Basin Technical College

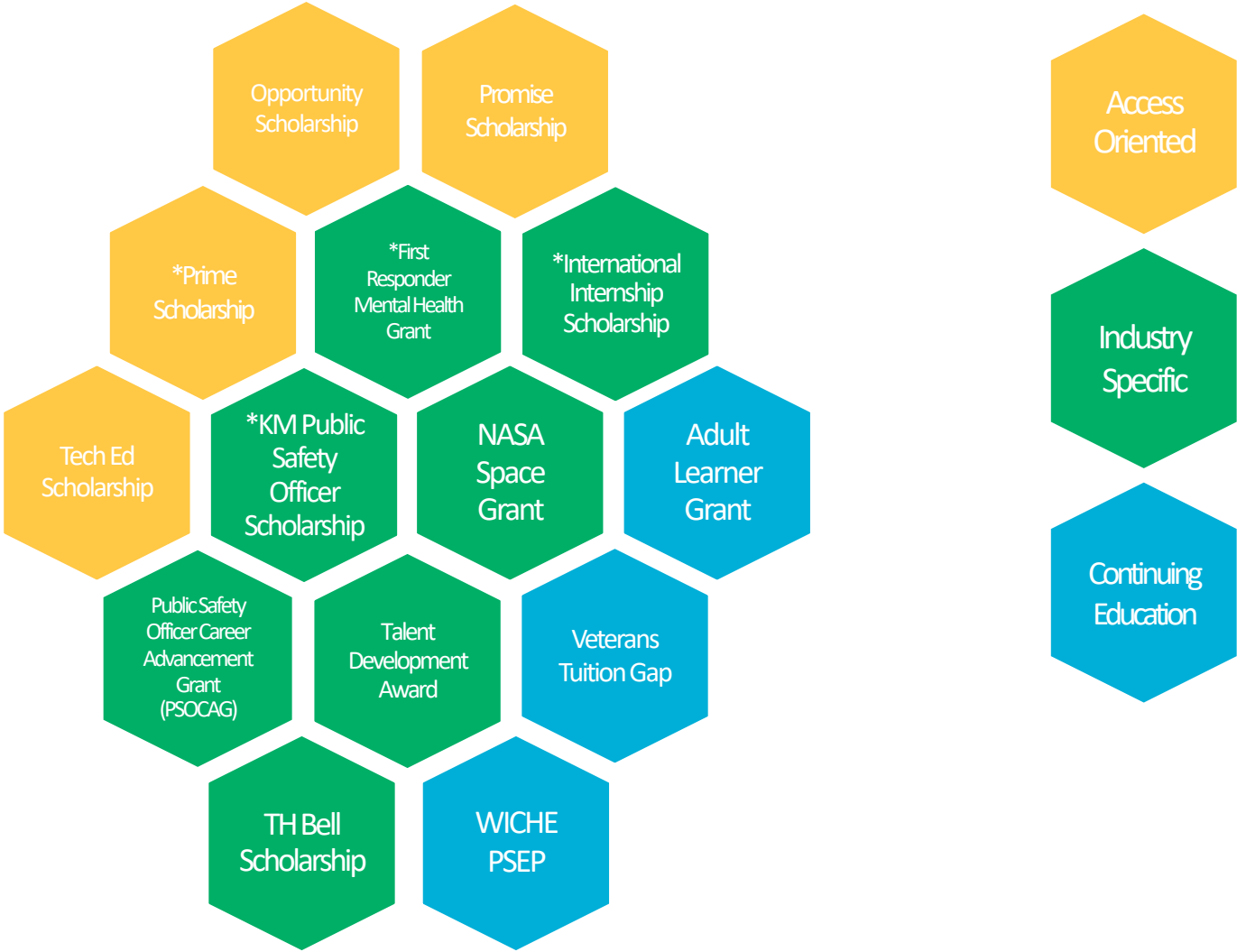
Private Non-Profit Utah Institutions**

- Brigham Young University
- Ensign College
- Western Governors University
- Westminster University
(formerly Westminster College)

*Also offer technical education programs

**Not an exhaustive list of private institutions in Utah

Utah State Aid Programs

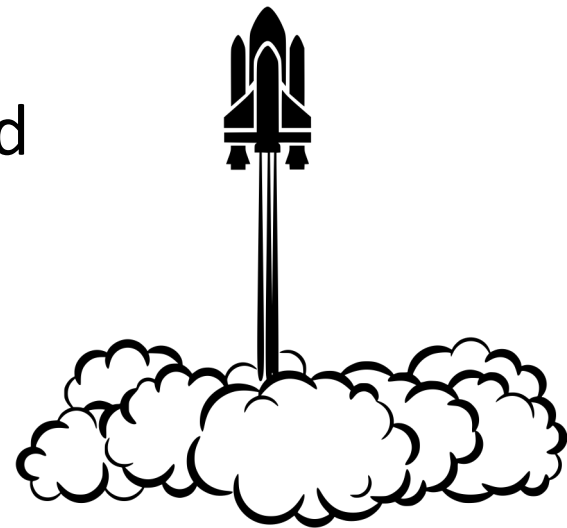


*new program beginning 2023-24 academic year

NASA Space Grant

- Recipient must have an interest in working in aerospace and be enrolled in an applicable program
- Available at Bridgerland, Davis, Dixie, Mountainland, and Southwest Technical Colleges
- Limited funds available
- U.S. Citizenship required
- Prioritization for women and historically underrepresented students

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.



Utah Promise Grant

- Recipient must be a Utah resident or qualify for resident tuition
- Need-based eligibility (determined by the institution)
- Available at all USHE and private non-profit institutions
- FAFSA completion required
- Award can cover up to the cost of attendance
- Can be used up to completion of a bachelor's degree

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.

Talent Development Award

- Purpose: recruit and train Utah residents for high-demand jobs through a qualifying degree program
 - Students should verify eligible degree programs with the institution
 - Students must sign a *Declaration of Intent* to work in a qualifying job in Utah
- Awards cover up to the cost of tuition, fees, and books
- Available at degree-granting USHE institutions
- FAFSA completion required

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.

Technical Education Scholarship

- Available to students who enroll in technical education programs that lead to high-demand, high-wage jobs
- Awards can cover up to the cost of tuition, fees, and books for up to three academic years
- Available at 8 technical colleges, plus Salt Lake Technical College, Snow College, and Utah State University statewide campuses
- FAFSA completion required

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.

T.H. Bell Scholarship

- Available to those intent on entering the teaching profession at a public school in Utah
- Awards cover up to the cost of tuition, fees, and books for up to four years
 - Prioritization for first-generation students and those who intend to work in a high-needs area
- Available at Utah public and private institutions with a state-approved teacher education program
- FAFSA completion required

Contact the education department and/or financial aid office for more information.

Class of 2024 USHE Application Deadlines

Applications Open: **January 2, 2024**

Priority Deadline: **January 19, 2024**

Final Deadline: **March 20, 2024**

Karen Mayne Public Safety Officer Scholarship

- Available to prospective public safety officers who commit to working as a certified peace officer for at least five years
 - Awards intended to fund education between the time of high school graduation and the age at which student may work as a certified peace officer
- Students apply during their senior year of high school
- Applicants must:
 - Submit the online application to USHE
 - Enroll or defer the fall semester after high school graduation
 - Complete the FAFSA
 - Enroll in basic training for POST certification when eligible
- Awards cover up to the cost of tuition, fees, and books for up to four years and may cover the cost of POST certification
- Available at all USHE and private, non-profit institutions



For more information, contact scholarships@ushe.edu

PRIME Scholarship



- Created during the 2023 legislative session; expands PRIME Pilot Program
- Students must earn a TRANSFORM certificate
 - Complete 5 general education Concurrent Enrollment courses, each from a different general education category OR
 - Complete a CTE program that is at least 300 hours or 6 courses
- FAFSA completion required
- Students apply for the scholarship during their senior year of high school
- \$500 one-time award (subject to available funding)
- Can be used at all USHE and private, non-profit Utah institutions

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Opportunity Scholarship

- Award may be used toward tuition and fees after other state aid is considered
- Students apply during senior year
- Can be used at USHE and private, non-profit degree-granting institutions
- Simplified achievement-based requirements
 - Graduate from Utah high school with a 3.3 cumulative GPA
 - Complete 3 Advanced Courses (AP/IB/CE)
 - 1 Language Arts, 1 Math, and 1 Science course
 - Complete FAFSA or approved alternative (for those ineligible to complete a FAFSA)



For more information, visit: opportunityscholarship.org

New Opportunity Scholarship Application Process

Student completes online application (by supplying basic demographic information and permissions)

The system connects data:

1. Collects transcript info from uTRES
2. Confirms completion of FAFSA

Student receives notice of award status; award information is shared with financial aid office

Adult Student Focused Programs

Adult Learner Grant

- A grant for adult students who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled in eligible online programs in a designated field of industry need
- Applicants must:
 - Be at least 26 years old
 - Enroll in an eligible online program at a participating institution
 - Be a Utah resident or qualify for resident tuition
 - Complete a FAFSA and qualify for a Pell Grant
- Awards can help cover up to cost of attendance

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.

First Responder Mental Health Grant

- New program created during the 2023 legislative session
- Available to current and retired first responders seeking a degree or certificate to become a mental health therapist
- Applications must be submitted during annual application window
- Awards can cover tuition and fees (up to \$6,000/year, subject to available funding)
- Applicants can be eligible for up to 4 academic years

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International Internship Scholarship

- Available to students participating in an international internship program who are enrolled at a USHE degree-granting institution
- Applicants must:
 - Submit the application to USHE during the application window
 - Complete the FAFSA
 - Demonstrate financial need
- \$5,000 one-time award (subject to available funding)

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Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Grant (PSOCAG)

- Available for current public safety officers who are enrolled in coursework to advance their career
- Applicants must:
 - Be currently employed as a certified peace officer in Utah
 - Be seeking a degree in a criminal justice related program
 - Complete a FAFSA
- Awards can cover tuition and fees (up to \$5,000/year)
- Applicants can be eligible for up to 4 academic years

Contact the institution's financial aid office for more information.

Veterans Tuition Grant

- Assistance for veterans who have exhausted federal veterans benefits to complete their first bachelor's degree
- Applicants must:
 - Be Utah residents or qualify for resident tuition
 - Be a military veteran
 - Be in the final year of their first bachelor's program at an eligible institution
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward degree
 - Have exhausted federal veteran education benefits
 - Complete a FAFSA
- Awards may cover up to cost of tuition, fees, books, education-related supplies, and housing allowance

Contact the institution's financial aid office or veteran resource center for more information.

WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

- Support to reduce the tuition cost for Utah residents enrolled in cooperating out of state optometry & podiatry professional programs
- Applicants must:
 - Be Utah residents for at least 5 consecutive years prior to application
 - Enroll in a cooperating optometry or podiatry program
 - Commit to return to Utah to practice upon completion of degree
 - Submit an application to USHE by October 15 (prior to fall enrollment)

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Paying for College

- Complete classes for college credit in high school
- Complete FAFSA as early as possible
 - 2024-25 FAFSA updates and delayed release
- Check the institution's website for application dates
 - Look for priority deadlines
- Follow up with the financial aid office for other scholarship opportunities
- Ask high school and local businesses about scholarship opportunities
- Start saving for college with my529
- Apply early!

Resources

- ushe.edu/initiatives/state-aid-programs/
- opportunityscholarship.org
- ktsutah.org

Contact: scholarships@ushe.edu