State Aid Programs

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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

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*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 uTREX
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

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