

# New Century Scholarship 2020 Checklist and FAQ

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Congratulations! You received a message notifying you that you are on-track to earn a New Century Scholarship and that you must submit final documents by September 1, 2020 to verify that you have met all of requirements.

## THE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

A document checklist in your student account provides details regarding the required documents. To track the receipt of your final documents, log in to your New Century Scholarship account and view your Document Checklist.

The document checklist is updated as documents are submitted and verified. Verification may take 7-10 business days and could be longer during peak submission times. For mailed documents, we recommend certified mail as a way to track the delivery of the documents.

### IMPORTANT!

You must have applied for graduation through the college in order to have your associate degree posted on your official college transcript. The last semester you can apply for graduation is Summer 2020; however, no course work can be completed over the summer.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS DUE (POSTMARKED) SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

DOCUMENT	HOW TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS
<b>1. COMPLETE THE ONLINE CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE FORM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This form is available in your account, you must log into your account, select the form found in the left hand menu then complete the form.</li> </ul>
<b>2. FINAL OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the high school where you graduated.</li> <li>Must show the date of when you graduated, high school cumulative GPA of a minimum 3.5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred method</u>: Have your high school send it via an electronic transcript exchange or through another secure method.</li> <li>Can be submit by mail but there will likely be processing delays.</li> <li>Cannot be emailed or uploaded by the student. Faxed transcripts are not accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>3. OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT</b> must show the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The associate degree earned, date of graduation and a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0.</li> <li>For those who attended the University of Utah, you must also provide an <a href="#">Associate Degree Equivalent Verification Form</a> completed and signed by the University's Registrar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred method</u>: Use the colleges electronic transcript exchange system to send to our office. If you are required to provide an e-mail address for the recipient, use newcentury@ushe.edu.</li> <li>If mailed, transcripts must be in a college/university sealed envelope to be official.</li> <li>Cannot be emailed or uploaded by the student. Faxed transcripts are not accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>4. AN ACT SCORE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you were home schooled or earned your high school diploma on line, submit documentation showing you have taken the ACT test by June 15, 2020, and have earned a minimum composite score of 26.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred method</u>: Obtain your ACT score report then upload the document through your scholarship account.</li> </ul>
<b>5. DOCUMENTATION REGARDING PLANS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to qualify for the scholarship you must be enrolled at an eligible college/university Fall semester 2020 OR receive an approved deferment from the New Century Scholarship office.</li> <li>In order to receive an award payment you must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.</li> <li>If your deferment request is not approved, you will be required to enroll at an eligible college/university Fall Semester 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Preferred method</u>: Upload documents related to your plans for Fall Semester 2020 through your New Century account.</li> <li>Step-by-step instructions of how to obtain the necessary documents are found at <a href="#">newcenturyscholarship.org</a>, click on current applicants.</li> <li>For information regarding deferments, visit <a href="#">newcenturyscholarship.org</a>, click on current applicants.</li> </ul>
<b>6. STUDENT INFORMATION RELEASE FORM</b> (optional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is STRONGLY recommended that you complete and submit this form if you are also submitting a request for a deferment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be uploaded through your New Century account.</li> </ul>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. **When are the documents due for the final review, and how do I know what I need to Turn in?**

All documents must be submitted (postmarked) by September 1, 2020. A list of the required documents is provided in your New Century Scholarship account.

### 2. **Are late documents accepted?**

No, late documents are not accepted. In addition, submitting documents that are not filled out correctly or are missing required information may impact your eligibility and may cause you to lose consideration for the scholarship

### 3. **Can I submit the required documentation by fax or e-mail?**

No. See the chart above to learn how to submit the documents. If you choose to mail documents you are highly encouraged to send the documents via certified mail as a way to track their delivery.

### 4. **What do I do if I am not going to be enrolled in school Fall Semester?**

If you do not intend to enroll in classes for Fall Semester 2020 due to medical, military or humanitarian/religious service reasons, you request the deferment as part of the Conditional Acceptance form and submit the supporting documents. If your deferment application is not approved, you will be required to enroll in college Fall Semester 2020.

### 5. **When will I know if I received the New Century Scholarship?**

Due to the high volume of applicants, a final review may take 4-6 weeks to complete once we have received all required documents. You will be notified of the outcome via your Message Center in your student account.

### 6. **I heard the award parameters have changed, can you explain the changes?**

The key parameters are as follows:

- The award can be used towards tuition and fees and is applied after other state aid has already been applied to tuition and fees.
- A student may receive up to 4 award disbursements, subject to meeting renewal requirements.
- Students have five years from the date of their high school graduation to use the award.
- A student who has tuition and fees covered by other state aid can use of the scholarship during a future semester.

Below are examples of how the awarding will work.

- Example 1: Tuition and fees costs \$1000 and you have another state scholarship that covers \$1000 during your first semester. You cannot receive a Regents' Scholarship award disbursement for your first semester, but could receive it later, for example during your second semester.

Note: if you do not receive a disbursement you need to remain enrolled at an eligible college/university but you do not have meet a minimum GPA and credit hour requirements.

- Example 2: Tuition and fees cost \$1000. You have another scholarship that covers \$700 of your tuition and fees. The Regents' Scholarship will be used to help cover the remaining \$300. Because you received an award disbursement, you must maintain enrollment in at least 12 credit hours and earn a minimum semester GPA of a 3.3 in order to remain in good standing.

### 7. **If I earned the New Century Scholarship, how do I get the money?**

Once you have been approved for the scholarship, the college you are attending will evaluate your financial aid package to determine the amount of your award, remember the award is be applied to tuition and fees after other state aid. The money will be sent directly to the college/university you are attending and deposited into your account.

### 8. **What if I have earned the scholarship but have not received the funds, and tuition is due?**

Although every effort is made to complete the final review and process payments quickly, in some cases you may not receive the award payment until after school has started and tuition deadlines have passed. In such cases, it is your responsibility to comply with and meet any payment deadlines and the scholarship payment will act as a reimbursement.

### 9. **If I have questions, what do I do?**

Send a message through your student account or call the New Century Scholarship office directly at 801-321-7221. The accuracy of information provided by other sources cannot be guaranteed, rely only on information provided by our office.