# Final Review Information, Checklist & FAQ for 2020



Congratulations! You received a message notifying you that you are on-track to earn a Regents' Scholarship. You need to complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Read the information provided in this document as well as any information sent to you in your account NOW to help you plan ahead and take required action.
- Step 2: Submit all required documents to our office by July 1, 2020.

are also submitting a request for a deferment.

## YOUR DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

An updated checklist of required documents that is specific to your application is in your account. It is specific to your application, and is only as accurate as the information you have provided to us. If you changed your course schedule or where you were completing the course please reach out to us to updated your account.

The document checklist is updated as documents are submitted and verification of documents submitted electronically may take 7-10 business days and could be longer during peak submission times. Mailed documents will take 2-3 weeks to process. If you choose to mail a document, we recommend certified mail as a way to track the delivery of the documents.

# TIME LINE

July 1

Verification documents

Aug-Sept

Application notices are sent

FINAL REVIEW

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS DUE JULY 1, 2020 DOCUMENT HOW TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS** Preferred method: Have your high 1. FINAL OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT for the high school from school send it via an electronic transcript which you will graduate. exchange or through another secure • This transcript needs to reflect all final credits, grades, cumulative GPA and method. the date of graduation. Can be can be mailed, but there will be Schools have irregular summer hours so plan ahead to allow for processing significant processing delays. time when requesting your transcripts. This applies to requests to have your Cannot be emailed or uploaded by transcript sent electronically or mailed. In most cases electronic transcripts the student. Faxed transcripts are not are not automatically generated and sent, a school representative has to accepted. process the request. 2. OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT(S) are required if you earn college credit Preferred method: Use the college's electronic transcript exchange system to for any English, Math, Science, Social Science or World Language course during send to our office. If you are required to grade 12. provide an e-mail address for the recipient, • Your application is evaluated off of the college credits earned; therefore you use regentsscholarship@ushe.edu. must submit the college transcript even if these classes are included on your If mailed, transcripts must be in a college/ high school transcript. university sealed envelope to be official. • College credit may have been earned through early college programs, Plan on significant processing delays. concurrent enrollment, or distance education even if you never attended Cannot be emailed or uploaded by class on a college campus. the student. Faxed transcripts are not accepted. Preferred method: Have transcripts sent ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S) are required if you took a required course during GRADE 12 from a school or educational entity other than via an electronic transcript exchange Can be mailed but there will likely be the one from which you graduated, and the course is not accurately reported processing delays. on your high school transcript. For example, if the course is not recorded on your transcript, the name of the course is different from the original transcript Cannot be emailed or uploaded by or the grades have been changed. the student. Faxed transcripts are not accepted. COMPLETE THE ENROLLMENT PLANS FOR FALL FORM AND SUBMIT This form is in your Regents' Scholarship account. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS You will upload the proof of enrollment • In order to qualify for the Scholarship you must be enrolled at an eligible or deferment documents through your college/university Fall semester 2020 OR receive an approved deferment from account. the Regents' Scholarship office. Deferment request information is built into The step-by-step instructions for the Enrollment Plans for Fall form. obtaining proof of enrollment are found • In order to receive an award payment you must be enrolled 12 or more at regentsscholarship.org, under Current Applicants. • If you are attending a college/university that requires you to attend an orientation session prior to enrolling you will need to do so before July 1. 5. STUDENT INFORMATION RELEASE FORM (optional) Can be uploaded to the student's account. • It is STRONGLY recommended that you complete and submit this form if you

# 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 July 1, 2020. A checklist of the required documents is provided in your Regents' Scholarship account. 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.

# 2. The university/college I am going to attend Fall Semester 2020 requires that I attend an orientation before I can enroll in classes. Because of this, can I submit the proof of enrollment after the deadline?

No, you will need to plan ahead and register for an orientation session that will allow you to meet the deadline. Documents received after the deadline will not be accepted.

# 3. 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. Deferment or leave of absences do not extend the five year time-frame.
- 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.

# 4. When will I know if I qualify for a Regents' Scholarship?

Due to the high volume of applicants, a final review may take 8-10 weeks to complete once the Regents' Scholarship Office has received all of your required documents. You will be sent a notification regarding your eligibility through your Regents' Scholarship account. In addition, once you have been approved for the scholarship, the college/university you are attending will also need to evaluate your financial aid package to determine if you qualify to receive an award disbursement.

# 5. What if I have earned the scholarship but have not yet 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 tuition payment deadlines.

#### 6. What do I do if I am not going to be enrolled in school Fall Semester 2020?

As you are completing the Enrollment Plans for Fall form (provided through your Regents' Scholarship account) you will be asked to indicate why you will not be enrolled in college Fall Semester 2020. You will be required to submit documentation that supports your request for a deferment. Requests are granted on an individual basis. See current applicants section on our website for more information regarding deferment requests.

## 7. Where can the Regents' Scholarship be used?

Students who are part of the 2020 high school graduating class can use the scholarship at the following college and universities: <a href="Public Utah Colleges">Public Utah Colleges</a> and Universities: Dixie State University, Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, Southern Utah University, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University.

<u>Public Utah Technical Colleges</u>: Bridgerland Technical College, Davis Technical College, Dixie Technical College, Mountainland Technical College, Ogden-Weber Technical College, Southwest Technical College, Tooele Technical College, and the Uintah Basin Technical College.

<u>Utah Private Non Profit Colleges and Universities</u>: Brigham Young University, LDS Business College (Ensign College), Westminster College, Western Governors University. (Please note: The inclusion of private schools became effective April 27, 2020.)

#### 8. If I have questions, what should I do?

Send a message through your Message Center in your Regents' Scholarship account or contact the Regents' Scholarship Office directly at 801-321-7159. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of information provided by other sources.