



# Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Data Sheet

## The Millennium Scholarship Program, 2000 to 2013

	Class of 2000	Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
GPA Requirements	3.0	3.25*	3.25*	3.25*	3.25*
Nevada public high school graduates	12,953	20,901	21,137	21,833	23,013
Millennium eligible graduates	7,359	9,124	9,306	9,754	10,534
% of graduates who are eligible	56.8%	43.7%	44.0%	44.7%	45.8%
Activated scholarships	5,657	6,047	5,808	6,049	5,828
% of eligible scholars who activate the scholarship†	76.9%	66.3%	62.4%	62.0%	55.3%

\*GPA requirement plus completion of the core curriculum.

†Students have six years after graduation to activate their scholarship. Therefore, the percentage of eligible scholars who activate the scholarship will change as more students activate their scholarship during the six year period.

Source: Nevada State Treasurer's Office 12/12/2014; Nevada Department of Education (Nevada public high school graduates include standard and advanced diplomas)

The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship program disbursed \$23.1 million to students in 2012-13, representing 38.8 percent of the overall Nevada financial assistance programs for students in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Source: NSHE Financial Aid Report



## Top 6 Majors for Millennium Students—Fall 2013

Business, Management, Marketing  
Health Professions  
Biological & Biomedical Sciences  
Engineering  
Psychology  
Education

Enrollment of Millennium Scholars in programs that lead to degrees in high-demand fields is crucial to meeting the workforce needs in Nevada.





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Historically, data show that Millennium recipients have been more successful than students who did not receive the scholarship.

## Recent NV High School Graduates Placed into at Least One Remedial Mathematics or English Course

	Millennium Scholars	Non-Millennium Scholars
<b>2013</b>	<b>46.2%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>

Source: NSHE Remedial Placement and Enrollment Report

Note: In 2013, NSHE began reporting placement into remedial courses instead of enrollment as was reported in previous reports. For this reason, the remedial rate reported for the class of 2013 is not comparable to prior years.



Over time, the remediation rate for Millennium Scholars has remained substantially lower than the rate for those who did not receive the scholarship, reflecting their enhanced preparation for the academic rigor of college-level coursework.

## Freshman Persistence Rates to Spring Semester *Cohort: First-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman, entering Fall 2013 and returning to any NSHE institution for spring or summer 2014*

Retention Rate		
Institution Type	Millennium	Non-Millennium
<b>Community Colleges</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>
Four-Year Institutions	95.5%	90.9%
<b>NSHE</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>

Source: NSHE Data Warehouse



The higher retention rates of Millennium students are evidence of the important role that the assurance of financial assistance and academic preparation play in the success of students in higher education.

## Graduation Rates *Cohort: First-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman, entering Fall 2008 and graduating within 150 percent of normal time to degree (6 years for bachelor's degree, 3 years for associate's degree, 1.5 years for a certificate).*

	Millennium Students	Non-Millennium Students
<b>Community College</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Four-Year Institutions	49.7%	39.9%

Source: NSHE Data Warehouse



Students receiving the Millennium Scholarship are more likely than Non-Millennium students to graduate within 150 percent of expected time at NSHE universities.