



Governor Guinn MILLENNIUM Scholarship

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN HIGH SCHOOL TO QUALIFY?

Students in Graduating Classes of 2017 & later* will be eligible for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship when all of the following conditions are met:

FIRST

You must graduate with a diploma from a Nevada public or private high school**



GPA

You must finish high school with an overall 3.25 GPA for all coursework, or receive a qualified score on a college entrance examination.***

Finally, you must have completed the minimum core curriculum requirements:

| HIGH SCHOOL COURSES | UNITS |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| English | 4 |
| Math (including Algebra II or higher) | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies or History | 3 |

RESIDENCE

You must have been a resident of Nevada at least two of your High school years.



For the class of 2016 and **beyond**, the Nevada Board of Regents established the minimum score as follows:

SAT

- Students who take the SAT **before** March 1st of 2016 must obtain a combined reading and math score of 990 or higher.
- Students who take the SAT on March 1, 2016 or later must obtain a combined reading, writing and math score of 1070 or higher.

ACT

- Students must obtain a combined score of 21 or higher.

All requirements for the scholarship are outlined in both *Nevada Revised Statutes* Chapter 396 and the NSHE Board of Regents *Handbook and Procedures and Guidelines*. Access to these documents can be found on-line at NVGGMS.gov.

+++ *All requirements must be met by the time of high school graduation.*

*This information is subject to any changes in State law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters thereto.

**Applications for students who did not graduate from a Nevada public or private high school can be found on the GGMS website www.nvggms.gov.

***A qualified SAT/ACT score only replaces a GPA below 3.25. Students are still required to meet the other requirements.

MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY

- To receive the benefits of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program (GGMS), you must enroll in an eligible institution of higher education in Nevada.
- It is important to remember receiving a Millennium Scholarship does not guarantee your admission to any institution.

After your admission to an eligible institution, you must meet the following requirements to receive and maintain the benefits of the scholarship:

- Enroll each semester in a minimum of 9 credits at a NSHE community college or 12 credits at any other eligible institutions.
- You must enroll in a program of study leading to a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or pre-baccalaureate certificate.
- You must maintain a 2.60 semester GPA for each semester of your first year of enrollment if earning less than a total of 30 credits. Once you earn a total of 30 or more credits, you must earn a 2.75 semester GPA for that semester and each semester thereafter. Beginning July 2020, all students, regardless of number of credits earned, must earn a 2.75 semester GPA.

If you fail to meet the minimum requirements in any semester in which you receive funding, you will receive a strike and your scholarship will be suspended. Eligibility for the Millennium Scholarship can be regained only once by meeting all the requirements listed above in a subsequent semester. Loss of eligibility a second time will permanently remove you from the program.

FAQ'S

1. What is the dollar value of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS)?

The GGMS is a merit scholarship that pays up to \$10,000 award paid on a per-credit hour basis, up to 15 credit hours each semester. GGMS students who use the award at an eligible community college will receive \$40 per credit hour. GGMS students at Nevada State College will receive \$60 per credit hour. GGMS students at all other eligible universities will receive \$80 per enrolled credit hour.

2. Will the GGMS pay for all my classes?

The GGMS will **NOT** pay for remedial or graduate courses. NSHE defines remedial as any class with a course number less than 100.

3. Do I have to notify the GGMS Office if I switch institutions?

No, you don't have to notify our office that you are changing schools. However, please make sure you declare a major at your new institution and follow up with the financial aid office.

4. What do I have to do if I'm taking classes at two eligible institutions?

If you are enrolled at two institutions and wish to receive funds at both institutions, you must submit a "Co-Enrollment Form" which can be found at nvggms.gov under "Forms and Documents". *A co-enrolled student must be enrolled in at least 12 credits between both institutions and may only be funded for a total of 15 credits. Credits taken at the host institution must meet degree requirements at student's home institution.*

5. Can I use my GGMS funds for books or other educational purposes?

Yes, but only under certain circumstances. If you are receiving other financial aid, your institution may provide the remaining value of your GGMS award in a residual check. These funds may be used for other educational purposes such as registration fees, required textbooks, and other costs related to attendance at your eligible institution.

6. Will I lose my GGMS funds if I drop one of my classes?

Possibly. Any semester, in which you receive funding from the scholarship, you must always finish the term meeting all the minimum requirements. For example, if you are at a university and drop from 12 credits to 9 credits, you will lose your scholarship; however, at a community college, if you drop from 12 credits to 9 credits you are still meeting the minimum requirements for that institution.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

College of Southern Nevada
(702) 651-4047 financial aid
www.csn.edu

Great Basin College
(775) 753-2399 financial aid
www.gbcnv.edu

Nevada State College
(702) 992-2150 financial aid
www.nsc.edu

Roseman University of Health Sciences
(702) 968-2004 financial aid
www.roseman.edu

Sierra Nevada College
(775) 831-1314 financial aid
www.sierranevada.edu

Truckee Meadows Community College
(775) 673-7072 financial aid
www.tmcc.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
(702) 895-3424 financial aid
www.unlv.edu

University of Nevada, Reno
(775) 784-4666 financial aid
www.unr.edu

Western Nevada College
(775) 445-3264 financial aid
www.wnc.edu

ISSUES

ANSWERS



If you want to know your MSID number

Use the lookup tool at nvggms.gov



If you could not find your name in the lookup tool

Give us a call at (702) 486-3383.



If you acknowledged your award, but your status still says "ineligible"

Wait 3 days for your status to change.



If you acknowledged your award but haven't received any funds

Contact the **Financial Aid office** at your institution.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

In 2019, the Nevada Legislature passed SB 453 which raised the required grade point average to 2.75 for each semester of enrollment at any Nevada eligible higher education institution, to maintain the scholarship.

Beginning July 2020, all students must maintain a semester GPA of 2.75 or higher regardless of total credit hours earned or year of enrollment at eligible Nevada Higher Education Institutions.

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