

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

Governor Guinn Millenium Scholarship: Policy and Procedures

June 6-7, 2024

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

During 2023 Session the Nevada Legislature passed [Assembly Bill 443](#) (Chapter 451, *Statutes of Nevada 2023*), expanding the definition of an eligible institution that may award the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS) to certain students. The proposed *Handbook* revision to Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9 will bring Board policy into alignment with the revisions to NRS 396.916.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Revise Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9, to align the definition of an eligible institution that may award the GGMS aligning Board policy with State law as revised by Assembly Bill 443 (Chapter 451, *Statutes of Nevada 2023*).

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This proposal is brought forward to align Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9) with State law as revised by Assembly Bill 443 (Chapter 451, *Statutes of Nevada 2023*).

CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- Access (Increase access to higher education)
- Success (Improve student success)
- Close Institutional Performance Gaps
- Workforce (Meet workforce needs in Nevada)
- Research (Increase solutions-focused research)
- Coordination, Accountability, and Transparency (Ensure system coordination, accountability, and transparency)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

N/A

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- This policy revision is required for Board policy to remain in alignment with State law.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been presented.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends the proposed policy revision

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amends Current Board Policy: <i>Title 4 Chapter 18 Section 9</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Impact: Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 9

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Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 9. Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship: Policy and Procedures [~~(Effective July 1, 2020)~~]

9.0 The State of Nevada established the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship in order to increase the number of Nevada students who perform well in high school and then enroll in, and graduate from an eligible institution of higher education in Nevada.

An eligible institution is an institution at which a qualified student may receive a Millennium Scholarship. Eligible institutions are:

- a. A university, state college or community college of the NSHE [~~(NSHE)~~]; or
- b. Any other nonsectarian institution of higher education in Nevada that^[5]:
 1. Was originally established in, and is organized under the laws of the State, *or operates a clinical program within the State in which students enrolled in the institution receive training,*
 2. Is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3), and
 3. Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

To receive a Millennium Scholarship, a student must meet the requirements of this Millennium Scholarship policy and enroll in an eligible institution. The admission requirements of eligible institutions may be different from the requirements for the Millennium Scholarship. The receipt of a Millennium Scholarship does not guarantee admission to all eligible institutions, nor does it guarantee admission to all programs at eligible institutions. The NSHE recommends that students who plan to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, or the University of Nevada, Reno, seek an advanced high school diploma and check with the institution for information on admission requirements.

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