

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2022



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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MEMBERS:

Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair) *Present*
John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair) *Present*
Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
*Present *enters at 9:02am*
Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA *Present*
Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA *Present*
Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN *Present*
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA *Present*
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA *Absent*
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
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1. ROLL CALL

The NSA Secretary will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

9:00 am Chair Stanfill calls meeting to order, requests roll call by Secretary, Yvette Machado.

****Yvette Machado experiences technical difficulties and logs off.***

9:01 am Vice Chair John Fenton takes role

9:02am Yvette Machado re-enters the call

Dionne Stanfill *Present*

John Fenton *Present*

Yvette Machado, *Present Left at 9:01 am *enters at 9:02am (Tardy excused)*

Tessa Espinosa, *Present*

Matthew Hawn, *Present*

Issac Hernandez, *Present*

Zachary Stamp, *Present*
 Nicole Thomas, *Absent*

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9:02 am No Public Comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on July 8, 2022.

9: 03 President Hawn motions to approve the minutes.

- *John Fenton seconds the motion*
- *Unanimously approved by voting members in voice vote.*

4. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Board of Regents Chair Cathy McAdoo to discuss aspirations and concerns for the higher education system.

9: 05 Chair McAdoo was not present in the meeting during this agenda item.

President Stanfill moves on to agenda item number 5, will revisit agenda 4 once Chair McAdoo returns.

9:57am Chair McAdoo enters the meeting and Chair Stanfill re-visits Agenda item 4.

9:58 am Chair McAdoo opens the floor for questions

9:58 am Chair Stanfill

- *Asks for Legislative priorities over the next 6 months in consideration that the role would end in December*

9:59 am Chair McAdoo states Legislative priorities are focused on the budget.

9:59 am Chair Stanfill

- *Opens the floor for questions, as there is none, she proceeds with her question: What was the highlight of your term as Regent?*

10:00 am: Chair McAdoo

- *Affirms that she will not seek to extend her term, and shares that the highlight of her terms as a Regent has been working for students that she loves and being an advocate for students of all ages.*
- *She is pleased with the current Chancellor and the work that Chancellor Erquiaga has done thus far.*
- *Shares her love for Nevada and gratitude for the students she's worked with.*

10:03am President Espinosa

- *Asks what trends are being considered in prioritizing the budget in making the most impact.*

10:03am: Chair McAdoo

- *Affirms that all 13 regents have input into the budget and explains how budgets are prioritized.*
- *States her passion for recruiting scholarships for students.*

10:06am President Hawn

- *Gives thanks to Chancellor McAdoo, for all her work in the last six years.*

10:07am Chancellor McAdoo

- *Reciprocates gratitude.*

10:08 am Vice Chair Fenton

- *References technology at the institution he serves in regard to the budget.*

10:10 am Chair McAdoo

- *Will make note of the information and deferred to Terina.*

10:11 am Terina:

- *Defers to Chancellor Erquiaga about tasks force.*

10:11am Chancellor Erquiaga

- *States there is a recommendation coming from the tasks force in relation to online education.*
- *Gives an example of shared licensing with Workday, PeopleSoft, to reference existing history of shared licensing.*

10:13am President Hernandez

- *Expresses gratitude for Chair McAdoo.*
- *Discusses student fees at UNLV and refers to funding that has been received from emergency support funding.*
- *Concerned with decreased funding in Lee Business School at UNLV.*

10:15 am Chair McAdoo

- *Discusses experience with differential fees.*

10:16 am Chair Stanfill

- *States that we are approaching the time allocated for this item and thanks body for their input.*

10:17am Chair McAdoo

- *Offers her contact information and welcomes the NSA to connect with her.*

10:17 Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel

- *Interjects to remind Chair McAdoo that this is a public meeting to make Chair McAdoo aware that the public will also receive her contact information if she discloses it in the meeting.*

10:18 am Chair McAdoo:

- *Confirms that her number is on the NSHE website and is open to the constituents*

CHAIR STANFILL PROCEEDS TO AGENDA ITEM 9

5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Dale Erquiaga. They will learn of the Chancellor's priorities and share updates of their respective institutions.

9:05 am: Chair Stanfill opens agenda item 5 and welcomes Chancellor Erquiaga, and welcome questions from the body.

- *Chair Stanfill poses question to Chancellor Erquiaga on how the last 30 days have been in his position.*

9:07 am: Chancellor Dale Erquiaga greets the NSA body and shares excitement for working with the Nevada Student Alliance.

9:10 am Chancellor Dale Erquiaga States:

- *His role as acting chancellor is one of restoring order and normalcy through policy execution.*
- *He has begun meeting with the college presidents.*
- *Working through the start of the school year.*
- *Preparing for his job includes successfully getting the Board [of Regents] through the legislative session, on August 26th there will be a meeting held to go over budget requests for the 24-25 biannual budget and discusses the budget.*
- *Discusses steep budget cuts through the pandemic and through this session will be working on restoring budgets from those cuts.*
- *Updates on strategic planning initiatives by the prior Chancellor.*
- *In September, during the meeting in Elko he will have a conversation about a continuance from high school into k-12 education policy. Proposing that the Regents allow him to conduct research.*
- *Opens the floor for questions.*

9:11am President Hernandez:

- *Comments that the most effective way to learn about high school students is by talking to them and getting to know their concerns.*
- *References research at Brookings Mountain west.*
- *Advised the use of current research along with in-person contact.*

9:15am Comment from Vice Chair Fenton:

- *Compliments Chair Erquiaga on his work in the k-12 system regarding IEP.*

- *Mentions his personal role as a veteran on campus and delayed college start time.*
- *Recommends recruitment of students as adults in order to empower adult students and students who are parents to reenter college.*

9:16am Chancellor Erquiaga:

- *Thanks President Fenton for his comment and states that high school matriculation is the first data set for research focus but confirms that research is being done by DETR in nontraditional student return.*

9:17 Chair Stanfill

Thanks the Chancellor for his commitment to students.

6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will revisit the April 2022 NSA approved resolution in support of engaging the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. Chair Stanfill will provide a briefing of the resolution's background and will lead a discussion of what the next steps may be for continued support.

9:18 Chair Stanfill

- *States the history of the resolution and the potential to place this initiative in the ballot in working toward an amendment to Nevada Constitution to add a voting member to the NSHE Board of Regents.*

9:20am Vice Chair Fenton

- *States that he was a senator when this was presented last year when his senate opposed the resolution based on a strong opposition from his Senate in regard to the age requirement.*

9:21 President Hernandez:

Asks for clarity on the selection criteria and asks if this is just a call to action from legislature.

9:22am President Hawn

- *Clarifies that the selection process was not a focal point, because of the potential of being highly debated in the legislature.*
- *The purpose of the resolution was to urge the legislature to add this to the ballot.*

9:23am Tina Russom Deputy General Counsel:

- *Recommends visiting constitution Article 2 Section 1 regarding the provision that requires age of an elector of 18 years old.*

9:25 am Chair Stanfill

- *Asks for additional comments.*
- *Encourages follow through on this item.*
- *Moves forward to Agenda 7.*

7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND STIPEND INCREASE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA members Matthew Hawn and Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of the proposed NSA resolution supporting graduate student tuition assistance and stipend increases. The body will discuss the proposed resolution as well as suggested modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

9:25 am Chair Stanfill opens the agenda item and defers to President Hawn to begin.

9:25 am President Hawn

- *States that this document is set to be presented in our September meeting.*
- *Potential additions would include more information regarding UNLV's research areas and asking individuals who are running for office, and/or elected in the working year whether they support graduate studies, during the upcoming legislative session.*
- *As this is a draft, President Hawn requests that the NSA adds input and present to their institutions for input.*
- *Opens the floor for questions.*

9:29 am Chancellor Erquiaga

- *Thanks President Hawn and recommends referencing this item for special consideration, in the budget for NSHE include funding for this expense and if it is approved that it would roll over into the upcoming biannual budget.*
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9:31 am Vice Chair Fenton:

- *States the item is well-written and compliments research.*
- *Shares concern on the potential student wage increase affecting tuition increases as a result.*
- *Requests that a special consideration be requested for this funding to come from a state pool of money.*
- *Discusses personal research finding hindrances for students seeking SNAP benefits due to student work week of 30 hours. Suggests language to be added to increase graduate students work hours.*

9:33 am President Hawn

- *Clarifies the current allowances for grad students.*

9:31 am Chair Stanfill

- *States that Zachary Stamp leaves the meeting.*

9:34 am: Secretary Machado

- *Shares support for the agenda item.*
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9:36 Chair Stanfill

- *Opens for additional questions.*

9:37 President Hawn

- *Thanks Chancellor Erquiaga, Vice Chair Fenton, and Secretary Machado.*

9:37 am Chair Stanfill

- *Leads into agenda 8.*

8. COLLABORATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will introduce the topic of increasing voter registration on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating between institutions to this end.

9:37 am Chair Stanfill:

- *Reinforces her commitment to collaborating with other institutions.*
- *Looking to increase collaboration with partner institutions through this initiative to increase voter registration on campuses.*

9:38 am Secretary Machado:

- *Supports the initiative but foresees a potential hindrance due to Nevada being an automatic registration state. Asks for guidance on how to encourage registration of students who don't think they have to update registration.*

9:39 am Chair Stanfill:

- *References the success of her legislative affairs committee [ASUN].*
- *Clarifies that this friendly competition/ collaboration be tracked as a percentage per institution versus exact numbers due to calculate equitably.*

9:40 am: President Hawn

- *Gives suggestions to encourage students to updating their voter registration.*

9:42 am: President Hernandez

- *Mentions the new Nevada DMV appointment policy and that this may affect the number of people who register at the DMV.*
- *States a concern with this initiative being a competition and the metrics being used for tracking registrations due to other organizations registering students to vote.*
- *Encourages civic engagement by welcoming independent and nonpartisan organizations to register students to vote so the CSUN body can remain nonpartisan.*

9:46 am: Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel:

- *Cautions against pushing people into any registering with any specific voting party in order to remain nonpartisan.*
- *Makes a comment regarding non-verbal communication that occurred in the chat, to remain compliant with Nevada open meeting law. Reads comments written by President Espinosa and response by President Hawn.*
- *Wants to ensure that this body is not engaging in serial quorum using the chat.*

Text copied from the Chat feature of the meeting:

- *Tessa Espinosa to Everyone: I will be copying and pasting that from the minutes Matthew great response/comeback.*
- *Matthew Hawn to Everyone: Glad I could be helpful!*

9:47 am Chair Stanfill

- States that her student representatives get accredited training on voter registration processes.

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9: 48 Secretary Machado

-States for the record that President Zachary Stamp mentioned in the chat “I have a work emergency happening right now I have to log off” at 9:31 am.

9:49 President Hawn:

- Discusses previous measures used by organizations at his institution to increase voter registration drive.

9:50 Chair Stanfill

- Requests permission to market this initiative as a friendly competition

9:51am Secretary Machado

- Supports percentage calculations for metric calculation in competition.

9:52 am Chair Stanfill asks Terina if a vote may be taken on this agenda item.

9:51 am Terina confirms that this item is for possible action and eligible for a vote.

9:52 am Secretary Machado motions to approve

9:52am Vice Chair Fenton seconds the motion

9:52 am Chair Stanfill asks if there are any further questions on this item.

9:53 am: President Espinosa asks if this was not to pass through her institution, would it be ok to opt out.

9:54am Chair Stanfill confirms it will be ok, and proceeds with vote.

9:54am President Hernandez

- States concerns regarding the word “collaboration” in this initiative but prefers verbiage being eliminated surrounding the word “competition” in this agenda item.

9:55 am Chair Stanfill states that the agenda item does not read with the word competition and asks if anyone would like to amend the items to strike the word competition in exchange for collaboration.

9:57 Secretary Machado Takes Roll call vote:

Dionne Stanfill, YES

John Fenton, YES

Yvette Machado, YES

Tessa Espinosa, YES

Matthew Hawn, YES

Issac Hernandez, NAY

Zachary Stamp, N/A

Nicole Thomas, Absent

MOTION PASSES

9:57 Move back up to agenda number 4, as Chair McAdoo entered the call.

9. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stanfill will revisit the recently approved 2022-23 NSA goals from the July 8, 2022, NSA meeting. She may ask for members of the NSA to provide further insight and prioritization of the approved goals.

10:19am: Chair Stanfill

- *Opens the agenda item with introduction into the legislative priorities.*
- *Opens the floor for opinions and suggestions*

10:20am Vice Chair Fenton:

- *States that federal benefits and students' ability to achieve them may be more complicated than what could be achieved in one year, but perhaps minor resolutions could be passed.*
- *States that high quality childcare is available at his institution at a subsidized rate for student and efforts to expand these measures may be possible.*

10:23 President Hernandez:

- *Questions whether if a new priority is necessary since it was already brought up.*
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10:23am Chair Stanfill asks for clarification

10:24 Point of clarification made by President Hawn:

- *Clarifies that the stipend wasn't necessarily a priority brought up in past years.*
- *Discusses housing priorities on graduate students and that this priority would be in relation with stipends.*
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10:25am President Hernandez:

- *Makes comments on prior resolution made by NSA with graduate students housing in relation to stipends.*

10:26am President Hawn

- *Clarifies that the other resolutions did not reference stipends, only housing and living expenses.*

10:27am: President Hernandez

- *Confirm that clarity was provided by President Hawn.*
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10:27 am: Chair Stanfill would like to include the top three focal points:

- *Graduate Student Stipends*
- *Food Insecurity and Affordable Student Housing*
- *Affordable Child Care for students.*

10:28 am: President Hernandez

- *Would like to address sustainability in the state of Nevada as a top priority.*

10:30am Chair Stanfill

- *Welcomes priorities that encompass all Nevada institutions.*

10:30am President Espinosa

- *States that her top three priorities are different from the top three President Stanfill stated.*
- *Her top priorities are Sustainability, Mental Health, and Graduate Stipends.*

10:31 am: Chair Stanfill

- *Welcomes dialogue from the body.*

10:34am Secretary Machado

- *Comments on what term could include Health and Human Services for students to encompass the multiple focal points on well-being of students to make sure that sustainability is an added priority.*

10:34 am President Hernandez

- *Point of clarification with mental health being a top priority in relation to the low number of mental health professionals.*
- *Discussed support from Regent Brooks in food insecurity at UNLV.*
- *Encourages body to find other ways to tackle the issue of food insecurity for their institutions.*

10:36am Vice Chair Fenton:

- *Would like to see leadership from this body on sustainability and environmental concerns.*
- *States that and his staff took part in free training in suicide prevention and took part in Safe Talk.*
- *Encourages everyone in the body to look into community resources.*

10:39am President Stanfill:

- *Calls point of order for sake of time.*

10:40 am President Hawn:

- *Motions to accept the 3 primary focuses for the 2022-2023 NSA priorities:*
- *Graduate student stipends*
- *Health and Human Services*
- *Sustainability*
- *All within NSHE in the state of Nevada.*

10: 40 am : Secretary Machado seconds the motion.

*10:41 am: Voice-vote- Motion **passes**, unanimously.*

10. EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS IN NEVADA

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA member Issac Hernandez will discuss the ongoing efforts of UNLV's Consolidated Students of UNLV (CSUN) in supporting a proposed revision of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) Chapter 236: Holiday and Periods of Observance to more equitably recognize federal holidays.

10:41 am President Hernandez

- *Opens agenda item*
- *Shares student concerns with UNLV not formally recognizing Juneteenth, even though President Biden signed into order the recognition of Juneteenth as a national holiday.*
- *Expresses concerns with the lack of equitable recognition of diverse holidays within the state of Nevada.*
- *According to NRS 236, only 4 holidays have the designation of being recognized on the following or previous Monday or Friday, when falling on a weekend. Such as; New Years Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Christmas Day.*
- *Also, Recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day as another holiday that is missing from being officially recognized.*
- *States for the record that he will not be supporting any action on this agenda item if a motion is to be made, due to his constituents who brought this to his attention not wanting to act prematurely on this order of business.*
- *Sharing for Information only, to encourage student opinions about this item.*
- *CSUN hopes to survey their students to put forth an effort in updating NRS 236.*

10:46am Chair Stanfill

- *States we will not be taking a motion but encourages the body to take these items back to their institutions. Opens the floor for questions.*

10:46 Vice Chair Fenton

- *Discusses origin of holidays with political associations*

10:48am Chair Stanfill:

- *Opens floor for additional questions*

10:48 President Hernandez:

- *Acknowledges the political association with holidays.*

11. NSA APPAREL

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion and may poll NSA members on the interest in creating NSA apparel for the membership to wear. The discussion will include ideas for designing apparel and possible funding sources.

10:50 am Chair Stanfill

- *Opens agenda item for consideration, seeking feedback on whether the NSA body would be interested in purchasing apparel, designs, or ordering.*

10:50 am Secretary Machado:

- *Supports interest in having apparel to unify NSA and promote our delegation within our own institutions.*
- *Does not have any ideas for design or budget at this time but encourages dialogue.*

10:51 am: President Hernandez

- *Questions when apparel would be worn or used.*
- *Opposes the idea of institution Presidents to return to their delegation with merchandise that is not available to their governing bodies.*
- *Opposes the idea of seeking funding from institutions.*
- *Poses the question of where funding would come from.*

10:51am: Chair Stanfill

- *Suggests that we would wear as a collectively body and hopes that this could be something to unify the body on the alliance and promote the NSA at our institutions.*
- *States that NSA does not have a budget and does not feel comfortable seeking funding form the institutions.*
- *Suggests out of pocket expense or fundraising.*

10:53am Vice Chair Fenton

- *Supports the idea and suggests blue windbreakers with blue lettering reading "NSA".*
- *Supports other options and would be open to sponsoring up to 3 items up to \$100.00 from his own funds.*

10:54 Chair Stanfill

- *Thanks Vice Chair Fenton for the offer.*
- *Supports the wind breaker idea.*

10:55 am: Secretary Machado

- *States that she would be willing to pay for her own item of NSA apparel if the body decides to move forward on this item to show pride in the being a member of NSA*
- *Does not feel comfortable seeking funding from her institution due to a deficit in enrollment and an added level of caution for their budget at this current time.*

10:55am President Espinosa

- *Supports the initiative as well and offers to pay for her apparel if it comes to a decision.*
- *Agrees that this initiative could help increase engagement.*
- *Feels uncomfortable using student fees for this item but would participate from her own funds.*

10:56 am: President Hernandez:

- *Asks whether the Regents wear any NSHE or delegation representative apparel.*

10:57 President Stanfill defers to Terina.

10:57 Terina cannot confirm at the moment but is open to looking into this further if asked to.

10:58am Chair Stanfill

- *Requests designs via email if we would like to move forward on this initiative.*

10:58am President Hawn

- *Asks Terina if the members of NSA are able to convene outside of a formal meeting on this initiative.*

10:59 am Terina defers to Deputy Counsel Tina Russom.

10:59am Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel

- *States she is referring to NRS 241 to confirm but is not certain.*
- *Cautions the use of NSHE seal per Title 1, Article 2, Section 3 of the Handbook in the Bylaws, which discusses utilization of the NSHE seal on documents but not on documents, thus she cautions the use of the NSHE seal on regalia.*
- *Recommends utilizing additional channels to research whether use of a logo would need to be on an agenda or not.*

11:01am Vice Chair Fenton

- *Shares logo design idea*

11:02 am Chair Stanfill moves to next agenda item.

12. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Stanfill will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2022-23 year.

10:48 Chair Stanfill:

- *States she will skip this agenda item in the sake of time.*

13. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

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11:03 am Tina Russom Deputy General Counsel:

- *Updates the body on behalf of Chair McAdoo who reached out to this association regarding differential fees.*
- *Referring to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 29 which indicates that differential fees do up to the board, typically during the December meeting*

11:04: Chair Stanfill asks for any other New Business

11:04am: President Hernandez

- *Presents information regarding Student Loan Debts in Mountain West states.*

11:05: Chair Stanfill

- *Welcomes any other new business.*

11:05am Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel

- *Asks if Chair Stanfill will forgo agenda item 12.*

11:05 am: Chair Stanfill

- *Restates that her will was to skip that agenda item, as mentioned.*

11:06 am President Hernandez:

- *Asks if it is appropriate to send the fact sheet in the chat.*

11:06am: Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel

- *Suggests that if this is something that the board could use to make a future decision then it could be provided to Terina to add it as a supplemental document. Otherwise, then it could be sent out to additional members. President Hernandez provides Terina an email with fact sheet to be included in the Meeting Minutes (ATTACHED).*
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11:07am Chair Stanfill

- *Opens floor for other new business.*
- *Mentions that Terina is requesting an email in preparation for September meeting and will need all members to respond in a timely manner.*

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11:08 am Chair Stanfill opens floor for public comment

11:08 am Terina states that she has received a phone message that she will check at this time to share with the body during public comment. Terina checks the phone message and confirms that it did not pertain to Public Comment.

11:09 am Adjournment.

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STUDENT LOAN DEBT IN MOUNTAIN WEST STATES

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PURPOSE:

This fact sheet summarizes findings on student loan debt across Mountain West states from “Student Loan Debt by State,” a report by the *Education Data Initiative*.

ABOUT THE DATA:

The original report presents findings on the total student loan debt held by residents in each U.S. state, the number of resident debt holders per state, and the breakdown of debt among each state’s student population.¹ The full report divides these three main categories into a total of eight metrics for each state:

- The state’s financial total of federal student loan debt
- The state’s average student loan debt amount
- Number of residents with student loan debt
- Percent of residents with student loan debt
- Percent of residents with student loan debt under the age of 35
- Percent of indebted student borrowers owing less than \$5,000
- Percent of indebted student borrowers owing between \$20,000 and \$40,000
- Percent of indebted student borrowers owing more than \$200,000

KEY FINDINGS:

1. The majority of Mountain West states are below the national average in both the average amount of student debt held by each resident borrower (Average Student Loan Debt) and the total amount of debt held by state residents (Total State Resident Debt).
2. On average, about half of Mountain West state residents under 35 owe some amount of student loan debt, with Utah having the highest percentage (55.6% of residents), and New Mexico possessing the lowest percentage (44.3% of residents).
3. On average, about 11.5% of all Mountain West state residents owe some amount of student debt, with Utah having the lowest (9.4%), and Colorado possessing the highest proportion (13.4%) of state residents.

Table 1 presents the Average Student Loan Debt Held by Borrowers (Dollars), Total State Debt (Billions of Dollars), and Borrowers Living in State (Numeric) for each Mountain West state. The table includes the national average of both Average Student Loan debt and Total State Debt. The national averages are placed at the bottom of each table, while the states are organized from highest to lowest Average Student Loan Debt.

¹ Education Data Initiative, “Student Loan Debt by State,” 2022 (<https://educationdata.org/student-loan-debt-by-state>)

All Mountain West states except for Arizona are below the national average in Total State Resident Debt. New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah are below the national average in Average Student Loan Debt.

Table 1: Overview of Student Loan Debt in Mountain West States

State	Average Student Loan Debt	Total State Resident Debt (Billions of dollars)	Borrowers Living in State
Colorado	\$36,822	\$28.5	774,000
Arizona	\$35,396	\$31.4	887,100
New Mexico	\$34,211	\$7.8	228,000
Nevada	\$33,743	\$11.8	349,700
Utah	\$32,835	\$10.1	307,600
National Average	\$35,164	\$30.3	—

*Adapted from “Student Loan Debt by State” by the Education Data Initiative.

Table 2 presents the Percentage of Borrowers Under 35, Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt, Percentage of Borrowers Owning < \$5,000, Percentage of Borrowers Owning Between \$20-40,000, and Percentage of Borrowers Owning > \$200,000 for each Mountain West state. The states are organized by the Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt from highest to lowest.

Among Mountain West states, an average of 49.5% of all student loan borrowers are under the age of 35 years old. Approximately one fifth of Mountain West borrowers fall between \$20,000 and \$40,000 dollars owed in student debt. Borrowers Owning less than \$5,000 make up a little less than a fifth of all Mountain West state student loan debt holders.

Table 2: Student Debt Holdings in Mountain West States

State	Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt	Percentage of Borrowers Under 35	Percentage of Borrowers Owning < \$5,000	Percentage of Borrowers Owning between \$20-40,000	Percentage of Borrowers Owning > \$200,000
Colorado	13.4%	52.2%	15.6%	22.1%	2.2%
Arizona	12.4%	47.7%	17.1%	20.1%	2.2%
Nevada	11.3%	47.5%	18.0%	19.0%	2.1%
New Mexico	10.8%	44.3%	18.0%	19.3%	1.7%
Utah	9.4%	55.6%	19.1%	20.0%	2.0%

*Adapted from “Student Loan Debt by State” by the Education Data Initiative.