BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:
During the 23rd Special Session of the Nevada State Legislature, Senate Bill 5 (Chapter 5, *Statutes of Nevada 23rd Special Session*) was enacted requiring that the Board of Regents establish a procedure by which an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an affidavit declaring his eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship. The measure provides that the affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the applicant has filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an application to legalize his immigration status as soon as he is eligible to do so. This provision is effective on July 1, 2008.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:
Amend Title 4, Chapter 19, Section 19 to address the citizenship affidavit required pursuant to Senate Bill 5 of the 23rd Special Session. (See attached Policy Proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):
The addition of a Millennium Scholar affidavit is effective for the high school graduating class of 2008. It is important to publicize the change as soon as possible so that it may reach a wide audience, especially this year’s seniors and their families.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:
- The affidavit is required pursuant to state law (NRS 396.930).

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:
None have been brought forward at this time.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:
Failing to amend the policy as proposed will result in non-compliance with state law.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 19
- Other:
- Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No X____
  Explain:____________________________________________________________

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HANDBOOK REVISION: Millennium Scholarship Affidavit
All students eligible to receive the Millennium Scholarship are required to execute an affidavit declaring the student’s eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes 396.930. The affidavit shall appear on both the printed and on-line acknowledgment of the award form that a student is required to complete prior to receiving the Millennium Scholarship. The affidavit shall consist of a declaration that the student is a citizen of the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the student has filed an application to legalize the student’s immigration status or will file an application to legalize the student’s immigration status as soon as the student is eligible to do so. This affidavit shall not require a notarized signature.