

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 223—ASSEMBLYMEN GANSERT, HARDY,
ALLEN, ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, GIUNCHIGLIANI,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HETTRICK, HOLCOMB,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MABEY, MARVEL, MCCLAIN,
MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS,
PARNELL, PERKINS, PIERCE, SEALE, SHERER, SIBLEY,
SMITH AND WEBER

MARCH 17, 2005

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding millennium scholarship
program. (BDR 34-1170)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ***omitted material*** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising the eligibility requirements
for millennium scholarships; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law establishes millennium scholarships and the eligibility
- 2 requirements for receipt of a millennium scholarship. (NRS 396.911-396.938)
- 3 In addition to the existing eligibility requirements for receipt of a millennium
- 4 scholarship, this bill requires a student to submit annually a Free Application for
- 5 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if the student is eligible to apply.
- 6 Under existing law, a student who is eligible for a millennium scholarship must
- 7 receive a prescribed dollar amount per credit for each semester that the student is
- 8 eligible for a scholarship. (NRS 396.934)
- 9 This bill amends existing law to require that the amount of the millennium
- 10 scholarship a student receives must be reduced by the amount of any grants or
- 11 scholarships that the student receives which he does not have to repay. This
- 12 reduction in the amount of the millennium scholarship must not be made for merit-
- 13 based scholarships or loans that must be repaid.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

An applicant for a millennium scholarship must submit his application on or before February 1 of each year.

Sec. 2. NRS 396.914 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.914 As used in NRS 396.911 to 396.938, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 396.916, 396.918 and 396.922 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a millennium scholarship if he:

(a) Has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before he applies for the scholarship;

(b) *Submits annually a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if he is eligible to apply;*

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:

(1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or

(2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before he applies for the scholarship;

~~(e)~~ (d) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) and:

(1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;

(2) Received his high school diploma within 4 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

(3) Applies for the scholarship not more than 6 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;

~~(d)~~ (e) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

(1) A 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

(2) A 3.1 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

(3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class; and



1 ~~He)~~ (f) Is enrolled in at least:

2 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within
3 the System; or

4 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
5 institution.

6 2. The Board of Regents:

7 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
8 in high school to be eligible for a millennium scholarship.

9 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
10 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph ~~(d)~~ (e) of
11 subsection 1.

12 (c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been
13 on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to
14 exempt such student from the 6-year limitation on applications
15 that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) of
16 subsection 1.

17 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) of
18 subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or
19 private high school in this State and who have been residents of this
20 State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

21 (a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students
22 must receive; or

23 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
24 ➔ to be eligible for millennium scholarships.

25 4. In awarding scholarships, the Board of Regents shall
26 enhance its outreach to students who:

27 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

28 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
29 to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
30 institution; or

31 (c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
32 antialcohol program during high school.

33 **Sec. 4.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 396.934 1. ~~[Within]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in*
35 *subsection 2, within* the limits of money available in the Trust
36 Fund, a student who is eligible for a millennium scholarship is
37 entitled to receive:

38 (a) If he is enrolled in a community college within the System,
39 \$40 per credit for each lower division course and \$60 per credit for
40 each upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the
41 amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of
42 attending the community college , ~~[that are not otherwise satisfied~~
43 ~~by other grants or scholarships.]~~ whichever is less. The Board of
44 Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower
45 division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.



(b) If he is enrolled in a state college within the System, \$60 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state college , ~~[that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships,]~~ whichever is less.

(c) If he is enrolled in another eligible institution, \$80 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the university , ~~[that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships,]~~ whichever is less.

➤ No student may be awarded a scholarship for a total amount in excess of \$10,000.

2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the total amount of a millennium scholarship for which a student is eligible pursuant to subsection 1 must be reduced by the amount of any grant or scholarship, including, without limitation, a Federal Pell Grant, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1070 et seq., that a student receives which he is not required to repay. The reduction required by this subsection must not be made for merit-based scholarships or loans that must be repaid.*

3. A student who receives a millennium scholarship shall:

(a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection ~~[5-]~~ 6; and

(b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003, maintain at least a 2.6 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale.

~~[3-]~~ 4. A millennium scholarship must be used only:

(a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and expenses;

(b) To purchase required textbooks and course materials; and

(c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the eligible institution.

~~[4-]~~ 5. The Board of Regents shall certify a list of eligible students to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall disburse a millennium scholarship for each semester on behalf of an eligible student directly to the eligible institution in which the student is enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to subsection ~~[5-]~~ 6. The scholarship must be administered by the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered and



1 may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to
2 subsection ~~3.~~ 4.
3 ~~5.~~ 6. The Board of Regents shall establish criteria for
4 determining whether a student is making satisfactory academic
5 progress toward a recognized degree or certificate for purposes of
6 subsection ~~4.~~ 5.
7 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



