

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 96—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Clarifies eligibility for and the administration of Millennium Scholarships for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible institution. (BDR 34-441)

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; clarifying eligibility for and the administration of Millennium Scholarships for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible institution; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides that to be eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium
2 Scholarship a student must be enrolled in at least 6 semester credit hours in a
3 community college or 12 semester credit hours in another eligible institution. (NRS
4 396.930) The law does not specify whether enrollment in more than one eligible
5 institution affects a student's eligibility for a Scholarship or how to administer the
6 Scholarship for such a student.
7 This bill clarifies that a student who is enrolled in more than one eligible
8 institution is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship if the student meets certain
9 requirements, and that the Scholarship must be administered by the eligible
10 institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of study leading to a
11 recognized degree or certificate. This bill also directs the Board of Regents of the
12 University of Nevada to establish procedures and guidelines for the administration
13 of Millennium Scholarships for students who are enrolled in more than one eligible
14 institution. (NRS 396.930, 396.934)
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
4 Scholarship if he:

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
6 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before he
7 applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
9 from a public or private high school in this State:

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

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

14 (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:

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

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

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

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

24 (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he
25 was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

26 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he
27 was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

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

31 (e) Is enrolled in at least:

32 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within
33 the System; ~~for~~

34 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
35 institution ~~for~~; or

36 (3) *A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible*
37 *institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible*
38 *institution.*

39 2. The Board of Regents:

40 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
41 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.



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

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

(d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a documented physical or mental disability or who were previously subject to an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for those students from:

(1) The 6-year limitation on applications ~~that is~~ set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph (e) of subsection 1.

(e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the residency requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or subsection 3.

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

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

(b) Other criteria that students must meet,
➤ to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents shall enhance its outreach to students who:

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

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

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



5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an affidavit declaring his eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. 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.

Sec. 2. NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.934 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, within the limits of money available in the Trust Fund, a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship is entitled to receive:

(a) If he is enrolled in a community college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$40 per credit for each lower division course and \$60 per credit for each upper division course in which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the community college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less. The Board of Regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower division courses for the purposes of this paragraph. ~~In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship receive more than the cost of 12 semester credits per semester pursuant to this paragraph.~~

(b) If he is enrolled in a state college within the System, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$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. ~~In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship receive more than the cost of 12 semester credits per semester pursuant to this paragraph.~~

(c) If he is enrolled in another eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, \$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.

(d) If he is enrolled in more than one eligible institution, including, without limitation, a summer academic term, the amount authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or a combination thereof, in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by the Board of Regents.



1 ➡ In no event may a student who is eligible for a Millennium
2 Scholarship receive more than the cost of 12 semester credits per
3 semester pursuant to this ~~paragraph.~~ subsection.

4 2. No student may be awarded a Millennium Scholarship:

5 (a) To pay for remedial courses.

6 (b) For a total amount in excess of \$10,000.

7 3. A student who receives a Millennium Scholarship shall:

8 (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized
9 degree or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents
10 pursuant to subsection 7; and

11 (b) If the student graduated from high school after May 1, 2003,
12 maintain:

13 (1) At least a 2.60 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
14 for each semester during the first year of enrollment in the Governor
15 Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.

16 (2) At least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
17 for each semester during the second year of enrollment in the
18 Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and for each
19 semester during each year of enrollment thereafter.

20 4. If a student does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 3
21 during one semester of enrollment, excluding a summer academic
22 term, he is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for the
23 succeeding semester of enrollment. If such a student:

24 (a) Subsequently satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 in a
25 semester in which he is not eligible for the Millennium Scholarship,
26 he is eligible for the Millennium Scholarship for his next semester
27 of enrollment.

28 (b) Fails a second time to satisfy the requirements of subsection
29 3 during any subsequent semester, excluding a summer academic
30 term, he is no longer eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

31 5. A Millennium Scholarship must be used only:

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

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

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

37 6. The Board of Regents shall certify a list of eligible students
38 to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall disburse a
39 Millennium Scholarship for each semester on behalf of an eligible
40 student directly to the eligible institution in which the student is
41 enrolled, upon certification from the eligible institution of the
42 number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must
43 meet or exceed the minimum number of credits required for
44 eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing and
45 making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree



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1 or certificate, as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to
2 subsection 7. The Millennium Scholarship must be administered by
3 the eligible institution as other similar scholarships are administered
4 and may be used only for the expenditures authorized pursuant to
5 subsection 5. *If a student is enrolled in more than one eligible*
6 *institution, the Millennium Scholarship must be administered by*
7 *the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled in a*
8 *program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.*

9 7. The Board of Regents shall establish ~~criteria~~ :

10 (a) *Criteria* for determining whether a student is making
11 satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
12 certificate for purposes of subsection 6.

13 ~~{8.—The Board of Regents shall establish procedures}~~

14 (b) *Procedures* to ensure that all money from a Millennium
15 Scholarship awarded to a student that is refunded in whole or in part
16 for any reason is refunded to the Trust Fund and not the student.

17 (c) *Procedures and guidelines for the administration of a*
18 *Millennium Scholarship for students who are enrolled in more*
19 *than one eligible institution.*

20 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

