



Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Data Sheet

The Millennium Scholarship Program, 2000 to 2010

	Class of 2000	Class of 2006	Class of 2007	Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2010
GPA Requirements	3.0	3.10	3.25	3.25	3.25*	3.25*
Nevada public high school graduates	12,953	16,367	17,080	18,715	20,082	20,901
Millennium eligible graduates	7,359	8,745	8,174	8,790	8,450	9,117
% of graduates who are eligible	56.80%	53.50%	47.90%	46.90%	42.10%	43.60%
Activated scholarships	5,657	6,229	5,721	6,019	5,687	5,682
% of eligible scholars who activate the scholarship	76.90%	70.70%	69.50%	67.70%	65.90%	58.70%

*GPA requirement plus completion of the core curriculum.

Source: Nevada State Treasurer's Office 4/03/2012; Nevada Department of Education (Nevada public high school graduates include standard and advanced diplomas)

The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship program disbursed \$24.1 million to students in 2010-11, representing 34.7 percent of the overall Nevada financial assistance programs for students in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Source: NSHE Financial Aid Report



Top 5 Majors for Millennium Students

Four-Year Institutions

- Business
- Education
- Psychology
- Biological Sciences
- Engineering

Community Colleges

- Associate of Arts
- Business
- General Studies
- Associate of Science
- Nursing

Enrollment of Millennium Scholars in programs that lead to degrees in high-demand fields is crucial to meeting the workforce needs in Nevada. Business students will help diversify the rapidly changing economy, while students from biology and engineering will meet workforce needs in the growing renewable energy field. Students who achieve Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees at NSHE community colleges contribute to a higher-skilled workforce capable of fulfilling Nevada's future employment needs. Community infrastructure will greatly benefit from higher numbers of teachers and nurses.



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Historically, data show that Millennium recipients have been more successful in than students who did not receive the scholarship.

Recent NV High School Graduates Enrolling in at Least One Remedial Mathematics or English Course Immediately Following Graduation

	Millennium Scholars	Non-Millennium Scholars
2009	22.7%	41.4%
2010	27.3%	40.9%
2011	28.4%	39.4%

Source: NSHE Remedial Report



Over time, the remediation rate for Millennium Scholars has remained substantially lower than the rate for those who did not receive the scholarship, reflecting their enhanced preparation for the academic rigor of college-level coursework.

Freshman Persistence Rates to Spring Semester Cohort: First-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman, entering Fall 2009

Institution Type	Retention Rate	
	Millennium	Non-Millennium
Community Colleges	83.0%	56.1%
Four-Year Institutions	94.9%	87.7%
NSHE	90.2%	59.6%

Source: NSHE Data Warehouse



The higher retention rates of Millennium students are evidence of the important role that the assurance of financial assistance and academic preparation play in the success of students in higher education.

University Graduation Rates Cohort: First-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman, entering Fall 2004

	Millennium Students	Non-Millennium Students
Graduated with 6 years	47.2%	39.4%
Still Enrolled Spring 2010	18.4%	12.4%
Non-Completers	34.4%	48.2%

Source: NSHE Data Warehouse



Students receiving the Millennium Scholarship are more likely than non-Millennium students to graduate within 150 percent of expected time at NSHE universities.