The following shows the top five majors or degrees selected by new, degree-seeking freshmen who are Millennium Scholars.

**UNLV**
- Business
- Biological Sciences
- Education
- Psychology
- Engineering

**UNR**
- Business
- Engineering
- Education
- Biology
- Journalism

**NSC**
- Nursing
- Education
- Business
- Psychology
- Biology

**CSN**
- Associate of Arts
- General Studies
- Business
- Nursing
- Education

**GBC**
- Associate of Arts
- Education
- Nursing
- General Studies
- Associate of Science

**TMCC**
- Associate of Arts
- General Studies
- Business
- Nursing
- Education

**WNC**
- Associate of Arts
- Nursing
- General Studies
- Business
- Criminal Justice

### The Millennium Scholarship Program

**Comparison**

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<th>Class of 2000</th>
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<td>Nevada public high school graduates</td>
<td>12,953</td>
<td>13,467</td>
<td>16,367</td>
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<td>Millennium eligible graduates</td>
<td>7,362</td>
<td>7,947</td>
<td>8,727</td>
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<td>% of graduates who are eligible</td>
<td>56.8%</td>
<td>59.0%</td>
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<td>Activated scholarships</td>
<td>5,651</td>
<td>6,038</td>
<td>5,745</td>
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<td>% of eligible scholars who activate the scholarship</td>
<td>76.8%</td>
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*Source: Nevada State Treasurer's Office 9/5/2008; Nevada Department of Education*

Increased eligibility requirements, the limit on the number of credit hours covered (12 credits per semester) and the declining value of the scholarship, are resulting in fewer activated Millennium Scholarships.

### Disbursements vs. Enrollment

Over a four-year period, NSHE Millennium Scholarship disbursements decreased **12.5** percent, hitting a low of **$26.0** million in 2007-08. NSHE Millennium Scholar enrollment grew to **21,635*** students in 2007-08, a **3.7** percent increase for the same time period.

*(Source: NSHE Institutional Financial Aid Data Collection)*

*Duplicate student count.

### College Continuation Rates

**Since Implementation of the Millennium Scholarship**

Recent Nevada High School Graduates Enrolling in College

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<td>Nevada HS Graduates (public &amp; private)</td>
<td>13,521</td>
<td>15,583</td>
<td>16,131</td>
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<td>% of NV HS Graduates Attending College</td>
<td>45.3%</td>
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<td>% of NV HS Graduates Attending In-state</td>
<td>33.7%</td>
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<td>% of NV HS Graduates Attending NSHE</td>
<td>32.9%</td>
<td>43.1%</td>
<td>41.0%</td>
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*Source: Nevada Department of Education, WICHE, IPEDS*

The implementation of the Millennium Scholarship in 2000 was intended to increase the number of Nevada residents who enroll in and attend an NSHE institution (Chapter 536, Statutes of Nevada 1999). Initially, the Millennium Scholarship was successful as the rate of students attending an NSHE institution increased from **32.9** percent to **43.1** percent in 2004. Since 2004, the college continuation rate at NSHE institutions declined to **38.3** percent due to the same reasons that fewer scholarships are activated by eligible Nevada high school graduates.
Millennium Scholars are better prepared for the rigors of college-level coursework, evident by the lower remediation rates of Millennium Scholars compared to non-Millennium Scholars. Over time, the remediation rate for Millennium Scholars has declined.

Students receiving a Millennium Scholarship are more likely to graduate within 150 percent of the time than non-recipients of the Scholarship.