

BOARD OF REGENTS Existing Board policy under Title 4, Chapter 18
Section 9 Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship
and establishes related provisions.

The 2015 Legislature passed Senate Bill 128, which increases from 6 to 9 the minimum number of credit hours in which a community college student must be enrolled in order to be eligible for the Millennium Scholarship. This bill also increases the amount a student may receive from a Millennium Scholarship for a semester from not more than the cost of 12 semester credits to 15 semester credits.

Senate Bill 128 is based on the recommendation of the Nevada System of Higher Education support of the Board of Regents' completion agenda and its "15 to Finish" campaign that encourages students to enroll full time and graduate on time.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

To comply with the provisions of Senate Bill 128 and Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9.5 of the Handbook to increase from 6 to 9 the minimum number of semester credits a student must enroll in at an eligible community college in order to receive a Millennium Scholarship. In addition, Amend Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9.10 to provide that total semester disbursements under the Millennium Scholarship shall not exceed the cost of 15 credits per semester. (See attached proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?): and

This proposal is brought forward to revise Board policy regarding Millennium Scholarship in response to the passage of Senate Bill 128, which was passed by the 2015 Legislature and is effective on July 1, 2015

making the appropriate disbursements at the institutional level and by the Treasurer's Office.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented at this time.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been presented at this time.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

% Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____

% Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 18 Section # 9.5 and 9.10

% Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____

% Other: _____

% Fiscal Impact Yes _____ No

Explain: There is no fiscal impact on the NSHE or its institutions, but the statutory changes from S.B. 128 will increase disbursements from the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund by approximately \$5 million to \$6.5 million per fiscal year.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 9.5
Millennium Scholarship ~~Minimum Semester Credits~~
CommunityCollegeStudents
Effective July 1, 2015

Additions appear in *boldface italic*, deletions are ~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

9.5 A Nevada resident who meets the requirements set forth in section 9.1, 9.2 or 9.3 shall receive a Millennium Scholarship if the student:

- a. Enrolls in at least ~~9~~ **12** semester credits at an eligible community college or 12 semester credits at another eligible institution; and
- b. Enrolls in a program of study leading to a recognized associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or prebaccalaureate certificate.

Credits taken at another eligible institution to meet degree requirements at the student's home institution shall count towards the requirement of 9.5(a) provided the student enrolls in at least 12 credits.

"Home institution" means the institution at which the student is enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized degree or certificate.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, SECTION 9.10
Millennium Scholarship –