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## State of Nevada Assembly

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Scott Emerson, Chief Executive Officer and President  
Jackie Martinez, Human Resources and Volunteer Engagement Coordinator  
United Way of Southern Nevada  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-2301

Dear Mr. Emerson and Ms. Martinez:

Nevada's Legislative Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education voted at its final meeting on June 4, 2018, to write to service organizations encouraging such institutions to make available for students age-appropriate volunteer opportunities that do not conflict with school schedules. Community service is one of the eligibility requirements for a new scholarship available to certain students attending community colleges in Nevada. During testimony, the concern was raised that high school and community college students trying to meet the requirements of this new scholarship often have trouble finding internship opportunities that do not conflict with their school schedules.

The Nevada Promise Scholarship was created by the 2017 Legislature with the enactment of Senate Bill 391, and it is codified in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 396.961 through 396.9685. Specifically, subsection 6 of NRS 396.9655 requires each community college or local partnering organization that participates in the Nevada Promise Scholarship to "maintain a list of community service opportunities available to scholarship applicants and scholarship recipients to allow them to satisfy the requirements of [NRS 396.9665](#) and [396.967](#) concerning the completion of community service." Below are copied relevant parts of the cited statutes.

Subsection 8(b) of NRS 396.9665 relates to eligibility requirements to **receive** the scholarship

(b) Completes at least 20 hours of community service that meets the requirements of [NRS 396.9675](#) and submits to the participating community college verification of the completion of that community service. The verification must include:

(1) A description of the community service performed;

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- (2) The dates on which the service was performed and the number of hours of service performed on each date;
- (3) The name of the organization for which the service was performed; and
- (4) The name of a person employed by the organization whom the participating community college may contact to verify the information contained in the verification.

Subsection 2(g) of NRS 396.967 related to eligibility to **renew** the Scholarship

- (g) On or before May 1 immediately preceding the school year for which the student wishes to renew the scholarship:
  - (1) Completes 20 hours of community service that meets the requirements of [NRS 396.9675](#) and submits to the participating community college verification of the completion of that community service. The verification must include:
    - (I) A description of the community service performed;
    - (II) The dates on which the service was performed and the number of hours of service performed on each date;
    - (III) The name of the organization for which the service was performed; and
    - (IV) The name of a person employed by the organization whom the participating community college may contact to verify the information contained in the verification.
  - (2) Meets at least twice with the mentor assigned to the student pursuant to [NRS 396.9655](#).
  - (3) Submits to the participating community college all documentation deemed necessary by the participating community college to determine the applicant's eligibility for financial aid.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. In the future, if you are interested in hosting a student intern for the Promise Scholarship, please contact the offices at your local community college on the enclosed list. For additional information, the financial aid office of local community colleges may be able to assist you. Please contact me or Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst ([jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us) or 775/684-6825) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Assembly Member Amber Joiner, Chair  
Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning  
the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education

**Contact any of the offices listed below if you have local community service opportunities appropriate for Nevada Promise Scholarship (NPS) recipients.**

**College of Southern Nevada**

E-mail: [promise@csn.edu](mailto:promise@csn.edu)

Phone: 702/651-7500

Website: <https://www.csn.edu/contact-promise>

**Great Basin College**

E-mail: [cassandra.stahlke@gbcnv.edu](mailto:cassandra.stahlke@gbcnv.edu)

Phone: 775/753-2286

Website: <http://www.gbcnv.edu/scholarships/nvpromise/>

**Truckee Meadows Community College**

Phone: 775/673-8236

E-mail: [nvpromise@tmcc.edu](mailto:nvpromise@tmcc.edu)

Website: <http://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship/>

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