



Silver State Opportunity Grant Update for Legislative Committee on Education

The Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG) is Nevada's first state-supported, need-based financial aid program for students attending a community college or state college within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). This unique program is built on a shared responsibility model and guided by a philosophy for awarding grant aid based on the total cost of attendance (tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other living expenses) being shared by partners (the state, the federal government, the family, and the student).

2019 Legislative Session

- Appropriation of \$10 million for the biennium is the same as the appropriation for FY 2017-19
- Assembly Bill 155 (Chapter 606, *Statutes of Nevada 2019*)
 - Reduced the minimum per-semester enrollment level from 15 to 12
 - Created priority groups based on enrollment level
 1. Students enrolled in 15 credits per semester
 2. Students in their last semester before graduation but who do not meet the minimum credit requirement
 3. Students enrolled in at least 12 but less than 15 credits per semester

SSOG Disbursements Years 1 to 5

	2015-16*	2016-17*	2017-18*	2018-19*	2019-20**
NSC	\$365,103	\$194,367	\$746,788	\$1,202,894	\$1,157,376
CSN	\$1,368,414	\$1,395,868	\$1,848,311	\$1,819,827	\$1,541,582
GBC	\$176,842	\$156,592	\$411,963	\$691,495	\$436,373
TMCC	\$352,007	\$550,653	\$658,549	\$838,544	\$831,669
WNC	\$237,634	\$202,520	\$442,849	\$444,049	\$444,049
Total	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$4,108,459	\$4,996,808	\$4,411,049

*Based on disbursements as of year-end. \$2.5 million appropriated for years 2015-16 and 2016-17. \$5 million appropriated for years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

**Based on disbursements as of 2/10/2020. Additional disbursements pending.

SSOG Recipients Years 1 to 5

	2015-16*	2016-17*	2017-18*	2018-19*	2019-20**
NSC	121	85	219	460	434
CSN	655	662	554	755	618
GBC	51	53	86	185	134
TMCC	142	208	199	307	275
WNC	95	105	122	160	143
Total	1,064	1,113	1,180	1,867	1,604

*Based on disbursements as of year-end.

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SSOG Recipients by Income Level, 2018-2019

DEPENDENT STUDENTS

Income Range	Number of Students	Dollars Awarded
\$19,999 or less	268	\$594,355
\$20,000-\$39,999	356	\$748,025
\$40,000-\$49,999	150	\$327,039
\$50,000-\$59,999	126	\$318,007
\$60,000-\$79,999	150	\$306,004
\$80,000-\$99,999	33	\$58,594
\$100,000 or more	12	\$27,092
Total	1,095	\$2,379,114

Median Income: \$36,035

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

Income Range	Number of Students	Dollars Awarded
\$2,999 or less	111	\$372,458
\$3,000-\$5,999	47	\$138,434
\$6,000-\$9,999	70	\$217,872
\$10,000-\$14,999	92	\$321,989
\$15,000-\$19,999	80	\$248,943
\$20,000-\$29,999	156	\$542,220
\$30,000-\$39,999	81	\$304,057
\$40,000-\$49,999	34	\$116,789
\$50,000 or more	101	\$354,934
Total	772	\$2,617,694

Median Income: \$19,058

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Note: Disbursed dollar figures may not add to exact column totals due to rounding.