

Nevada Promise Scholarship Updates for Committee on Education 2020

The Nevada Promise Scholarship (NPS) program was created by the Nevada Legislature in 2017 and initial awards were made to students in Fall 2018. The program is a last-dollar scholarship that covers, after state and federal financial aid is applied, any remaining eligible costs for students attending a community college immediately after graduating high school. Students must complete an application, complete a training, meet with a mentor, and complete 8 hours of community service in order to be eligible for the NPS. Students must also enroll in at least 12 credits in the fall and spring semesters.

2019 Legislative Session - Senate Bill 350

- Effective July 1, 2020
- NSHE Board of Regents given authority over various program implementation details, including establishing deadlines, mentor program details, and standardized processes across colleges
- Reduced required community service to 8 hours per semester
- New process in place for students who are prohibited by law from completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Allows students to remain eligible, even if they did not need NPS funds in a previous year
- Requires a student to only apply for the scholarship once
- Allows for a student to take a leave of absence under certain circumstances

Nevada Promise Scholarship Total Disbursements 2018-19 & Fall 2019

	2018-19		Fall 2019	
Institution	Students*	Dollars	Students*	Dollars**
CSN	466	\$994,179	583	\$717,061
GBC	68	\$194,957	88	\$118,995
TMCC	203	\$424,642	334	\$408,148
WNC	76	\$143,834	116	\$141,297
Totals	813	\$1,757,611	1,121	\$1,385,501

^{*}Indicates number of unduplicated students receiving NPS award for each period.

Source: NSHE Community Colleges

^{**}As of December 2019