



R615, UHEAA Grant¹

R615 – 1. Purpose: To provide Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) policy and procedures for administering the UHEAA Grant (“Program”)

R615 – 2. References

2.1. State Board of Regents Policy R601, Board of Directors of the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority.

R615 – 3. Effective Date

3.1. **Effective Date of Policy:** These policies and procedures are effective as of December 2012.

R615 – 4. Policy

4.1. **Program Description:** The UHEAA Grant is a need-based grant awarded to qualified students who have demonstrated substantial financial need and are making satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the institution. Program funds can be awarded by the participating institution to a qualified student as an institutional packaging of need based financial aid or emergency awards for students experiencing unanticipated personal or family financial difficulties which threaten their ability to continue enrollment during the remainder of the academic year.

4.2. **Award Year:** The award year for the Program is the twelve-month period designated by an eligible institution, coinciding with the state fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

4.3. **Institutions Eligible to Participate:** Eligible institutions include the eight institutions governed by the Utah State Board of Regents. These are the only institutions eligible to participate.

4.4. **Students Eligible to Receive UHEAA Grants:** To be eligible for the UHEAA Grant, a student must:

4.4.1. Have demonstrated need for financial assistance.

4.4.2. Be certified by the institution to be enrolled and in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress, as formally defined by the institution, towards a program objective (degree, diploma or certificate).

4.5. **Program Administrator:** The program administrator for the UHEAA Grant is the Associate Commissioner for Student Financial Aid or a person designated in a formal delegation of authority by the Associate Commissioner, under executive direction of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

¹ Adopted by the UHEAA Board of Directors March 19, 2009, Amended December 6, 2012

4.6. Determination of Funds Available for the Program: Each fiscal year the UHEAA Executive Director recommends for action by the UHEAA Board of Directors a UHEAA Grant funding commitment.

4.7. Allotment of Program Funds to Institutions: Allotment of program funds shall be determined by multiplying the total amount available by the ratios of 3rd week headcount enrollment of participating institutions to total for the prior academic year.

4.8. Institutional Participation Agreements: To receive UHEAA Grant funds for an award year, a participating institution is required to execute a "Participation Agreement", signed by a senior executive officer, certifying that the program funds provided by UHEAA will be used in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

4.8.1. Use of Program Funds Received by the Participating Institution

4.8.1.1. The financial aid director of the institution will determine what portion of the UHEAA Grant allotment will be utilized for awards to qualifying students as part of the institutional packaging of need-based aid and what portion will be reserved for emergency awards to students experiencing unanticipated personal or family financial difficulties which threaten their ability to continue enrollment during the remainder of the academic year.

4.8.1.2. Institutions are encouraged to disburse 100% of their annual allocation before the fiscal year end of June 30. An institution may carry forward unawarded funds with the pre-approval of the program administrator. The institution may also return excess funds before April 1 of the current fiscal year to the program administrator for re-allotment to other institutions.

4.8.1.3. All earnings on UHEAA Grant funds, which are held by the institution in an interest bearing account, are to be disbursed to students in the form of a UHEAA Grant.

4.8.2. Determination of Awards to Eligible Students

4.8.2.1. All awards under the program will be made without regard to an applicant's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, childbirth, pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, age, or status as a person with disabilities, disabled veteran, or veteran of the Vietnam era or otherwise provided by law.

4.8.3. Notification and Reports: The institution will submit an annual report within 30 days after completion of the fiscal year, providing information on individual awards and such other program- relevant information as UHEAA may reasonably require.

4.8.4. Records Retention and Cooperation in Program Reviews: The institution agrees to maintain adequate documentation of the basis for the selection of recipients and of delivery of the grant funds for audit by UHEAA for a period of three years after the applicable fiscal year.

**UHEAA Grant Allocation by Institution
Fiscal 2014**

	FY 2014 Allocations
Dixie State University	\$ 10,300
Salt Lake Community College	\$ 35,200
Snow College	\$ 5,400
Southern Utah University	\$ 9,700
University of Utah	\$ 37,800
Utah State University	\$ 33,600
Utah Valley University	\$ 36,800
Weber State University	\$ 31,200
TOTAL	\$ 200,000

Annual UHEAA Grant Awards



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Fiscal Years 2000-2013

Fiscal Year	Awarded \$	Students
2000	\$68,915	75
2001	\$254,941	268
2002	\$410,557	374
2003	\$804,288	790
2004	\$1,874,818	1,796
2005	\$2,151,107	2,968
2006	\$2,639,724	2,988
2007	\$1,233,304	1,424
2008	\$734,387	871
2009	\$415,938	513
2010	\$177,963	202
2011	\$0	0
2012	\$0	0
2013	\$93,329	97
Total	\$10,859,271	12,366

Total Distribution of UHEAA Grants

INSTITUTION	Students	Total Disbursed
University of Utah	2,643	\$ 1,890,190
Utah State University	1,133	\$ 1,454,504
Weber State University	715	\$ 966,234
Southern Utah University	1,548	\$ 765,940
Utah Valley State College	1,291	\$ 1,183,400
Dixie State College of Utah	418	\$ 414,800
Snow College	269	\$ 238,300
College of Eastern Utah	321	\$ 227,975
Salt Lake Community College	1,298	\$ 965,383
Utah College of Applied Technology	302	\$ 121,604
Brigham Young University	1,161	\$ 1,505,126
Westminster College	351	\$ 337,200
BYU Idaho	460	\$ 484,232
BYU Hawaii	88	\$ 90,281
LDS Business College	159	\$ 61,392
All Proprietary	209	\$ 152,710
TOTALS	12,366	\$ 10,859,271
