



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

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Technical Education Scholarships

Background

In an effort to increase the affordability of technical education, the Board of Higher Education administers the following five programs for technical education students:

- ***Technical Education Scholarship***: Students who enroll in a high demand program¹ offered by an eligible USHE institution and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may qualify for an award up to the full amount of tuition, fees, and required textbooks for up to three academic years.
- ***Promise Program***: Students who are Utah residents, demonstrate financial need, and maintain good academic standing may qualify for the Promise Program Grant through their institution. This grant may cover up to the full cost of attendance for up to two years.²
- ***USHE Employee Scholarship***: Full-time employees of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions who pursue technical education certificate at another USHE institution could qualify for an award of up to 50 percent of tuition and fees.
- ***Promise Partner Program***: Employees³ of Promise Partners who demonstrate financial need may qualify for an award to cover tuition and fees at a USHE institution.
- ***NASA Space Grant*** – U.S. citizens enrolled in a technical college program related to the aerospace industry may qualify for this award that covers academic expenses.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information and discussion item.

¹ In accordance with state statute, "high demand programs" are designated by the state's Department of Workforce Services.

² [H.B. 197](#) in the 2023 Legislative General Session would extend grant eligibility to up to four years.

³ [H.B. 197](#) in the 2023 Legislative General Session would extend program eligibility to dependents of employees.