

R608, Utah Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship Program¹

R608-1. Purpose: To provide policy and procedures for administering the Utah Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship Program (“UECSP,” or “program”).

R608-2. References

- 2.1. Utah Code 53B-6-105.7, Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship Program²
- 2.2. Policy and Procedures R601, Board of Directors of the UHEAA

R608-3. Effective Date: Program changes are effective July 1, 2009.

R608-4. Definitions

- 4.1. **“Eligible Student”:** A student who is enrolled on at least a half-time basis in a Qualifying Institution in a Qualifying Program, in good standing, and maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution.
- 4.2. **“Qualifying Institution”:** A college or university of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) which offers one or more Qualifying Programs.
- 4.3. **“Qualifying Program”:** An accredited engineering, computer science, or related technology degree program. Related technology degree programs shall be limited to those certified by the Commissioner of Higher Education, in accordance with such criteria as may be established pursuant to UCA 53-B-6-105.
- 4.4. **“Recipient”:** a person who declares intent to complete a qualifying program and who receives a scholarship award.
- 4.5. **“Technology Initiative Advisory Board”:** or “the Advisory Board,” is the committee whose members are appointed by the heads of all three branches of government; the majority of members are appointed by the governor.
- 4.6. **“USHE”:** the Utah System of Higher Education, which includes the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Snow College, Dixie State College of Utah, College of Eastern Utah, Utah Valley University, and Salt Lake Community College.

R608-5. UECSP Description, Design, and Administration

- 5.1. **Program Description:** UECSP is a scholarship program authorized as part of the higher education Engineering and Computer Science Initiative established with an effective date of July 1, 2001. Utah Code 53B-6-105.7 provides for establishment of the program “to recruit, retain and train engineering, computer science, and related technology students to assist in providing for and advancing the intellectual and

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² The 2009 Legislative General Session SB 105 amended Utah Code 53B-6-105.7 changing the loan forgiveness program to a scholarship program.

economic welfare of the state," and authorizes the State Board of Regents to provide by rule for the overall administration of the program.

5.1.1. Program Design: The Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall make recommendations by June 1 of each year to the State Board of Regents on the allocation and distribution of monies from the program fund. These funds are to be used for degree programs in the areas of engineering, computer science, and related technology programs. The distribution of these funds to the institutions is based on a formula which shall be developed by the Technology Initiative Advisory Board based on several components:

5.1.1.1. the number of graduates from the previous year,

5.1.1.2. the number and level of degrees offered, and

5.1.1.3. the program length of the degree offered at each institution.

5.1.2. Recipients' Post-Graduation Employment: It is the intent of the program that recipients of the UECSP funding will work in the state of Utah, in a field requiring the use of their degree, after graduating from a qualifying program.

5.1.3. Cancellation Policy: A scholarship may be cancelled at any time by the institution of attendance, if the student fails to make reasonable progress towards obtaining the degree or there appears to be a reasonable certainty that the student does not intend to work in the state upon graduation.

5.2. Program Administration: Staff to the Regents will administer the program including funding distribution. The Technology Initiative Advisory Board assists and makes recommendations to the State Board of Regents.

R608-6. Funds

6.1. Distribution of Funds: Scholarship funds will be distributed annually to the institutions for disbursement to the awarded students.

6.2. Reporting of Funds: Institutions will report annually on the performance of the funds at the fiscal year's end. These reporting measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

6.2.1. the number of awards given,

6.2.2. the amount of the award,

6.2.3. the recipients' completion of course work,

6.2.4. the recipients' anticipated graduation date, and

6.2.5. the program in which a recipient is enrolled.