NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual CHAPTER 8, SECTION 2

Board of Regents' Scholar Award

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [stricken and bracketed]

Section 2. Board of Regents' Scholar Award; Nevada Regents' Award for Creative Activities; Nevada Regents' Researcher Awards; Nevada Regents' Teaching Award; Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award

Title 4, Chapter 1, of the Board of Regents' Handbook establishes five annual awards presented by the Board of Regents to faculty, staff, and students for significant accomplishments in the areas of academic advising, teaching, research, creative activities, and student academic leadership.

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5. <u>Regents' Scholar Award</u>

The Nevada Regents' Scholar Award is given annually to an undergraduate student from each university, state college, and community college and to a graduate student at each of the universities within the Nevada System of Higher Education. The awards are given as follows:

- Community colleges one student per institution.
- State college one student per institution.
- Universities one undergraduate and one graduate student per institution.

Awards are to be based upon distinguished academic accomplishments, leadership ability, and service contributions while a registered student, as well as for the recipient's potential for continued success. The selection process shall be managed on each campus through an institutional selection committee. In general, committee selections must adhere to the following eligibility criteria and nomination process:

A. Eligibility.

- i. Nominees must be currently enrolled in no fewer than nine undergraduate credits or six graduate credits in the semester in which they are nominated.
- ii. Community college nominees must have completed no fewer than 30 credit hours at the community college level by the time the award is granted.
- iii. State college nominees must have completed no fewer than 45 credit hours at the state college level by the time the award is granted.
- iv. University undergraduate student nominees must have completed a minimum of 62 total credit hours within NSHE institutions by the time the award is granted. University graduate student nominees must have been accepted to graduate standing by the time the award is granted.
- v. Leadership and service accomplishments must have occurred while the nominee is a registered NSHE student.
- [vi. Nominations must be submitted by an academic or administrative faculty member.]

- B. Nominations. Notification is sent annually by the Chancellor's Office to each NSHE campus to begin the nomination process: in late August/early September. Each nomination must contain the following information only:
 - i. Formal letter of nomination from an *academic or administrative faculty member* [NSHE employee or student] that demonstrates the nominees' academic and leadership abilities;
 - ii. NSHE nomination form; and
 - iii. Other supplemental materials as determined by the institution.
 - iv. The deadline for recommendations from the Institutional Selection Committee to be received by the Chancellor's Office will be no later than December 15 of each year.
- C. Composition of the Institutional Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall be determined by each institution, but should minimally be composed of faculty, student services administrative staff, and students.
- D. Committee Review. The Committee may elect to utilize an external entity as part of its evaluation of nominees.
- E. Final Approval. The recommendation of the selection committee shall be presented to the Board of Regents for final approval.
- F. Amount of the Award: \$5,000.