

Utah Centennial Opportunity Program for Education (UCOPE)

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| State Board of Regents Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) 355 West North Temple 3 Triad Suite 550 Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1205 | | Contact: Cecelia H. Foxley Commissioner (801) 321-7100 |
| Purpose of the Program | UCOPE is a state-funded, need-based grant and work-study financial aid program. Financial aid for the most needy of Utah residents is an urgent need. As student costs of attendance increase more rapidly than federal need-based aid, the need for state aid will become even more urgent. UCOPE is designed to be an additional source financial aid administrators can use to preserve access at the lower socio-economic levels. | |
| Eligible Applicants | Resident undergraduate students – at Utah System of Higher Education institutions, Utah Applied Technology Centers, and regionally accredited Utah private colleges – that demonstrate financial need based on a federal need analysis are eligible for UCOPE grants and/or work study awards. The need analysis takes into account the cost of attendance less other available resources. | |
| Restrictions on Use of Assistance | Financial aid must be used for qualified educational costs. | |
| Application Procedures | Students may apply for aid through their institution’s financial aid office. | |
| State Clearinghouse Coordination | N/A | |
| Application Deadline | Determined by the institution at which a student is enrolled. | |
| Range and Average of Financial Assistance | UCOPE grants and work-study awards are packaged with other available financial assistance. Total financial assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance at the applicant’s school. The maximum annual UCOPE grant and/or work-study award is \$5,000. The minimum is \$300. | |
| Source of Funds and Aid | UCOPE is funded exclusively with state appropriations. No more than 3% of the UCOPE funds made available to institutions may be used for administrative expenses. | |
| Matching Formula | Federal <hr/> State <hr/> Local <hr/> Applicant | N/A |
| Post-Assistance Reports, Audits, etc. | The Utah State Board of Regents and the State of Utah conduct audits related to UCOPE funding in compliance with State requirements. | |
| Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program Number and Title | | |
| Additional Information | For additional information, please visit UHEAA’s website at www.uheaa.org | |