



Early Graduation Scholarship

For Students

WHAT IS THE EARLY GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP?

The Early Graduation Scholarship is a scholarship available to Idaho public school students, who graduate at least one full year early. The scholarship is equal to 35% of the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for a given school year. This equates to an estimated \$1,800. The award amount will double for student who graduate two years early and will triple for students who graduate three years early. Scholarships are available to students who attend an Idaho public college.

ELIGIBILITY

- An early graduate is determined in part by the graduation record of the student, submitted to the SDE by the school district.
- The student must have attended an Idaho public school.
- A student must graduate at least one year early. *Please note: Summer is considered the start of the next school year. A high school student who takes summer courses is considered to have taken courses in the next school year likely not meeting the criteria of a one year early graduate.*
- Student must apply within two years of graduating from a public school.
- A student must be attending/enrolled at an Idaho public college or university.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Students can apply via the Advanced Opportunities portal by selecting “**Apply for the Early Graduation Scholarship**”.
 - a. If the student has not created an Advanced Opportunities account, create an account. The account will need to be verified by the student and approved by the school district. Please notify the Advanced Opportunities designee at the school if you are new to creating an account, so the account can be approved.
 - b. Once the account is approved by the school district click, “Apply for the Early Graduation Scholarship”.

2. The student must enroll in a college/university for which they have applied. The Idaho public college will verify the enrollment of the student.
 - a. If the student is planning to attend a not-for-college-credit program through a workforce training center, the student should select “Is Workforce Training College” and then select the appropriate college.
3. Once verified the SDE will confirm details and send payment.

DEADLINES

To be considered for the semester in which the student intends to utilize the scholarship, student applications must be submitted by the following deadlines.

College Semester in Which Student Wants Scholarship Consideration	Student Application Deadline for Semester Payment	College Review Period
Summer	June 1	After June 1
Fall	August 1	After August 1
Spring	January 1	After January 1

To consider: College verifications will occur after each semester application deadline. If the student has applied, but has not enrolled in courses by the college review period, the student will want to contact the college directly for further assistance.

If the student is considering enrollment in a workforce training center they will want to talk with the Workforce Training Center, as payment is typically do upon registration.

Students who miss application deadlines will be considered late and may be subject to payment in a following semester.

PAYMENT

The Early Graduation Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum in the first semester in which the student is enrolled.

While every effort is made to have money available to students at the start of the term, terms vary by each college and university. It is in the student’s interest to confirm the application of

the Early Graduation Scholarship to ensure accurate data is submitted by the school district. There is no guarantee that payment will arrive by the start of the school term, so it is advised to communicate with the college or university's Financial Aid Office to discuss payment arrival.