



Early Graduation Scholarship

For Students

WHAT IS THE EARLY GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP?

The Early Graduation Scholarship is available to Idaho public school students who graduate at least one year early. The scholarship is equal to 35% of the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for a given school year. The award amount will double for the student who graduates two years early and 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 by the school district to the Department of Education.
- The student must have attended an Idaho public school.
- The student must graduate at least one year early in grades 9-12.

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 and will not meet the criteria of a one year early graduate.

- A 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 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 or 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, select **"Workforce Training College"** and then select the appropriate college.

3. Once verified, the Idaho Department of Education will confirm details and send payment to the college or university.

DEADLINES

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

College Semester for Scholarship Consideration	Student Application Deadline for Semester Payment	College Review Period
Summer*	June 1 st	After June 1 st
Fall	August 1 st	After August 1 st
Spring	January 1 st	After January 1 st

**Funding is not available for the summer semester previously following a student's high school graduation, as the scholarship amount is not determined until the next fiscal year, which is July 1st. Any summer funding would be applied to the upcoming Fall term.*

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

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

Important: *Students who miss application deadlines will be considered late and may be subject to payment in the 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 with 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. It is advised to communicate with the college or university's Financial Aid Office to discuss your payment arrival.

For Questions Contact

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