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**LAUNCH**

## Extension / Exceptions & Extenuating Circumstance

The student receiving the Idaho LAUNCH Grant must begin their training program the fall following their high school graduation.

### Acceptable Extension / Extenuating Circumstances & Required Documentation

- **Religious Service**
  - Call letter or similar from verified religious organization
- **Military Service**
  - Orders/enlistment papers
- **Structured Volunteer Service with Peace Corps or AmeriCorps**
  - Copy of contract
- **Health or Medical Issues**
  - Letter from medical provider (sufficient to meet FMLA requirements) stating that they can't receive reasonable accommodations from the training provider
- **Program Not Available Fall Semester Following Graduation**
  - A letter from the approved training provider with the date they will be admitted to the program
- **Incarceration**
  - Official document providing proof of sentencing or release

### Process:

To request an extension / extenuating circumstance the participant will be required to submit documentation at one of two intervals:

- Upon initial application to receive Idaho LAUNCH grant, knowing that one of the exceptions/extension circumstances will need to be applied the year following high school graduation. This would be completed in Scholarship Idaho.
- After entering an education / training program and a break (greater than 6 months) is needed. This would be completed in the Idaho Grant Management System.

### Extension / Extenuating Circumstances Guidance for Review:

- Extension will be approved for the length of the first commitment of service/medical provider note (sufficient to meet FMLA requirements) as provided in the documentation.
- Must show proof of completion at end to be included in the next available application cycle.
- Cannot initially defer for more than 2 years from high school graduation.

**For more information, visit the FAQ's at [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH)**