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# PARENT PLAYBOOK

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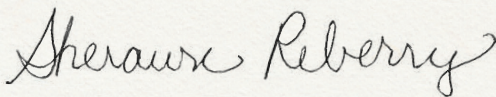
**Dear Parents,**

Once again, it's the beginning of a new school year. It is with excitement and gratitude that we prepared for you this Idaho Parent Playbook! We recognize that you are at the beginning of a new adventure for your High School senior and their next step. With you in mind, we have developed this Playbook to offer insight into the different opportunities for your student.

There has been a team of people working throughout the school year and the summer to prepare this information for you – our hope is that you will be able to use the information to help plan forward.

Each resource has been thoughtfully created to provide support as you engage with your student and their postsecondary journey. The materials aim to assist students in successfully navigating their choices and help you, as the parents, gain a clear understanding of the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

We hope you find this Playbook beneficial. The best way to achieve Governor Little's goal of making Idaho the place where our children and grandchildren choose to stay is by equipping them with the skills needed to become lifelong learners and eventual participants in our state's workforce.



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# WHAT'S NEXT?!

**FIND YOUR THING**

**You've got a senior in high school.  
They made it. You made it!**

Well done, all around. Now you only need to figure out the rest of their life. No sweat, right? (Insert slight exaggeration/exasperation here). Big questions are coming your way — and we're backing you up with real answers. Plus financial support to match.



### **NEXT STEPS IDAHO**

#### **Let this be your guide.**

From help filling out the all-important FAFSA to landing on a possible career path, we'll help your senior (and you) find the way. Every step of the way. Next Steps Idaho is an initiative of the State Board of Education in partnership with Idaho's employers — designed to help guide you through the many education and career opportunities out there. Flip through this playbook and head to the website below to take some worry off your plate. Find more online resources on the back cover.

**[nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov)**

### **APPLY IDAHO**

#### **Streamlining applications to Idaho colleges.**

Hit the “go” button on one free application to up to 10 colleges or universities in the state. Aligned with Idaho Campus Choice and only available to current Idaho high school seniors, this is a common application platform with no cost. Open October through June, get into it.

**[apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov)**

### **IDAHO LAUNCH**

#### **Funding for the “what will I do with my life?”**

It might be college. It might be training for a career. We want your senior to find their thing and (fingers crossed) stay in the state. Idaho is here to help with a grant program that connects students with in-demand careers in whatever way works for them. It covers up to \$8,000 of the cost for an Idaho university, community college, career technical, or workforce training program.

**[nextsteps.idaho.gov/launch](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/launch)**

### **SCHOLARSHIP IDAHO**

#### **The place to apply for in-state scholarships.**

Every year, 10,000+ Idahoans apply to eight state-managed scholarships, including Idaho LAUNCH and Idaho Opportunity, using this online application platform. Eligibility is determined in real-time and backed by school-reported data.

**[scholarship.idaho.gov](https://scholarship.idaho.gov)**



# Financial Aid

Financial aid is defined as funds provided to students and families to pay for postsecondary education and training expenses. Learn more about the different types of financial aid below.

## Grants

Most grants do not have to be repaid. Some grants, like Idaho LAUNCH, may require repayment if students do not meet the terms of the agreement they accepted when awarded the money. Learn more about federal grant programs at [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants)

## Loans

Borrowed money that must be repaid. Learn more about federal student loans at [studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf](https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf)

## Work Study

Earned money. The Federal Work Study Program allows students to earn money to pay for school while working part-time.

## Scholarships

Do not need to be repaid. Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of factors including merit, talent, need, community service, leadership, etc. Scholarships can come from a variety of sources including local foundations, banks, community organizations, colleges and universities, state agencies, national organizations, and more.

The U.S. Department of Education distributes

**\$150 billion**

in federal student aid each year.



**Deadlines:** Financial aid deadlines vary by state and institution. Check state, provider, and college websites for the most current information.

**More information:** [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



# IDAHO LAUNCH

The Idaho LAUNCH grant program aims to prepare students for Idaho's workforce needs by providing grants for them to attend education and training programs in Idaho.

## How can LAUNCH be used?

Idaho LAUNCH provides a one-time opportunity for Idaho high school seniors to cover 80% of the tuition and fees at an eligible institution, up to a maximum amount of \$8,000.

### To be eligible, students must:

- Graduate from an Idaho high school or equivalent
- Be an Idaho resident
- Be enrolled in or have applied to an in-demand career program at an eligible Idaho institution (See the current list of programs and institutions at [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH))
- Begin postsecondary program by fall semester after graduation
- Complete a Career Pathway Plan (Detailed information is available at: [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH))

Students can receive up to one half (\$4,000) of the initial grant award in the first year of a program. However, for programs that are less than 12 months in length, students can use the full awarded amount (80% of tuition and fees up to \$8,000) in one year.

Go to [scholarships.idaho.gov](https://scholarships.idaho.gov) to apply!  
Applications open between October 1 and April 15.

# \$75M

There is approximately \$75 million available for Idaho LAUNCH funding. This means that it is possible the state may fund between **9,000 and 10,000 awards** per year.

### Application Opens

October 1

### Application Closes

April 15

### Contingent Offers

Applications will continue to be accepted until April 15 with award notifications rolling through the spring.

**Please note:** always check [nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov) for the most up-to-date information on approved programs and providers, as these will be updated regularly.

## FAQs

### Have I heard of this program before?

A version of Idaho LAUNCH that serves adult learners seeking to upskill or change careers has been around since 2020 and is referred to as Idaho LAUNCH for Adults. Learn more at [idaholaunch.com](https://idaholaunch.com).

The graduating class of 2024 was the first cohort invited to participate in this program. Idaho LAUNCH for Students aims to connect high school seniors with in-demand careers throughout Idaho. Keep an eye out for program updates throughout the year.

### Are students required to fill out a FAFSA to receive Idaho LAUNCH funding?

No, applying for FAFSA is not a requirement for this grant. However, Idaho LAUNCH will only cover 80% (up to \$8,000) of a program's tuition and fees. Idaho LAUNCH grant dollars cannot cover the cost of room and board. Other financial aid and scholarship opportunities may pay the remaining program costs and expenses.

### How will students be notified if they have been offered LAUNCH funding?

Students will receive email notifications from Scholarship Idaho, from the email [idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov](mailto:idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov). Students must have an active email address to receive information from Scholarship Idaho that requires their attention. Students cannot use a school-based email address, as they will no longer have access to the account post-graduation. Scholarship Idaho will send notifications to students before and after graduation.

### Does this only work for Idaho schools?

Yes, Idaho LAUNCH is a grant for Idaho students attending postsecondary training at approved Idaho schools and providers.

### How does the application cycle work for Idaho LAUNCH?

The Idaho LAUNCH application opens on October 1 and closes on April 15. Award Letters are contingent upon verification of eligibility.

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**October 1**

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**April 15**



### Contingent Offers

Applications will continue to be accepted until April 15 with award notifications rolling through the spring.

### Final Award Letters

Final Award Letters will be issued in late Spring after eligibility is verified. Students will accept their final Idaho LAUNCH grant in the Idaho Grant Management System, not Scholarship Idaho.



## Idaho LAUNCH FAQs continued...

### What are some **EXAMPLES** of how programs could be funded by Idaho LAUNCH?

Please refer to [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH) for the complete listing of eligible programs.

Program	Example Total Cost	Example of Portion Paid for by LAUNCH	Example of Remaining Amount to be Paid by Student
Workforce Training Program (ex: CNA, Welding, Pharmacy Tech)	\$1,800	\$1,440	\$360
Commercial Driver's License	\$6,000	\$4,800	\$1,200
Community College Course	\$400	\$320	\$80
Community College Degree	\$7,000	\$5,600	\$1,400
Apprenticeship Program (2-year program)	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
Apprenticeship Program (5-year program)	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$2,000
Private Trade School Program	\$18,000	\$8,000	\$10,000

**Note:** Actual costs will be dependent on the program and institution. These figures are for demonstration only. Idaho LAUNCH covers 80%, or up to \$8,000 of tuition and fees. Students may use other scholarships and grants to cover remaining costs.

# IDAHO LAUNCH

## What if schools, parents, and students have questions about the Idaho LAUNCH program?

Check Next Steps Idaho for answers to common questions at [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH)  
For questions not answered by the website, please send an email to [idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov](mailto:idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov)

## What is the difference between a Contingent Offer Letter and a Final Award Letter?

A Contingent Offer Letter is sent to applicants who submit their application and are on track to meet the program's eligibility requirements. This offer is contingent upon verification of eligibility completion. Final Award Letters will be issued in late spring upon successful verification of the application.

Contingent Offer Letters are distributed through Scholarship Idaho. Students will be required to either accept or decline their award. If students do not respond within the designated time frame, their award may be offered to another candidate. Students are advised to check their email over the summer.

Final Award Letters are distributed through the Idaho Grant Management System. Students will be required to either accept or decline their award. If students do not respond within the designated time frame, their award may be offered to another candidate who is on the waitlist. Students are advised to check their email over the summer.

## What happens if there isn't enough LAUNCH funding for all eligible applications?

Prioritization will be based on in-demand careers and financial need. Applications will be ranked based on the program a student selects during the application process and how/if it connects to the list of in-demand careers approved by the Idaho Workforce Development Council, which will be reviewed and approved annually.

## Who do I contact for questions regarding the Idaho LAUNCH program?

- Visit the Next Steps Idaho website to find the most current information on the Idaho LAUNCH program at [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH)
- Urgent questions can be directed to Sherawn Reberry at [sherawn.reberry@wdc.idaho.gov](mailto:sherawn.reberry@wdc.idaho.gov)
- Please email all other questions to [idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov](mailto:idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov)

For more, and frequently updated, answers to FAQs, visit [nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH)



# Avoiding Idaho LAUNCH Grant Repayment

Before accepting a final award, participating students should review and confirm the institution and program listed on their application. These details will be verified each time an invoice is paid on behalf of the participant.

Changing institutions, providers, or programs may cause participants to lose or have to repay their Idaho LAUNCH Grant. They may also have to repay the grant money if they don't meet certain academic expectations once they arrive. These instances are explained below:

## Unsatisfactory Academic Progress

A school or provider reports the participant is not meeting academic requirements or is making unsatisfactory progress.

## Expulsion

Defined by individual schools or industry standards. Generally, refers to a case where a participant is asked to leave the institution or program. Voluntary Drop or No-Show: If a participant fails to start or decides to leave a program before completing their program.

## Job Out

Participants who leave training to pursue a job opportunity that is not related to their chosen program or in-demand career. Please note, if participants provide evidence that they left for a job related to their program, they won't be required to pay back funds.

## Voluntary Drop or No-Show

If a participant fails to start or decides to leave a program before completing their program.



Exceptions may exist based on special circumstances, exclusions, and an appeal process. Repayment terms and conditions vary, depending on the situation.

## Tips For Accepting Your Final Idaho LAUNCH Grant Award Offer

01. Final Award Offers will arrive in the email inbox of the account you used for Scholarship Idaho. If you don't see your offer, check your SPAM or Junk folder. Remember to apply with a personal email.
02. Final Award Offer emails contain a personal invite link to access your account in the Idaho Grants Management system.
  - » Contact: [idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov](mailto:idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov) if you need help using your personal link to create an account.
03. During the final offer acceptance process you will need to validate several items:
  - » **ID Verification** — a government issued identification (such as a driver's license, driver's permit, passport, ID card). The document cannot be expired.
  - » **Your Residency** — Be prepared — you may need to upload documentation to verify your residency (such as driver's license, government ID, utility bill, voter registration card, etc). The document may not be expired and must have your name and current address.
  - » **Your Graduation from High School** — Be prepared — you will need to upload a copy of your diploma or transcript. Please note, you may need to enable edits and indicate that you have graduated from high school and adjust (or add) your graduation date.
  - » **Career Pathway Plan (CPP) Completion** — You are required to complete a Career Pathway Plan; use this link ([nextsteps.idaho.gov/assets/uploads/2025/02/LAUNCH-CPP-List-02-26-2025\\_final.pdf](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/assets/uploads/2025/02/LAUNCH-CPP-List-02-26-2025_final.pdf)) to determine what your school has decided for completing the CPP.
04. Once you've finished setting up your account, validating your residency, graduation, program, etc. It may take the Idaho LAUNCH Team up to a few weeks for your final award to be approved, as this is a manual process. Students will receive an email from the system when their verification has been completed.
05. To find out information about your final Idaho LAUNCH award you will continue to login to the Idaho Grants Management system. This is where you will update information and review your remaining award amount.



# Idaho Opportunity Scholarship

The Idaho Opportunity scholarship is awarded to Idaho residents that have graduated, or will graduate, from an Idaho high school, Idaho homeschool, or who pass a GED/HSE test in Idaho and are pursuing their first bachelors degree at an approved Idaho institution. Applicants must have at least a 2.7 GPA. The application for the Idaho Opportunity scholarship, Idaho's biggest scholarship program, takes just a few minutes to submit.

Award decisions are based on a combination of need and merit. Applications are ranked based on 70% need (using the Student Aid Index from a student's FAFSA) and 30% merit (cumulative GPA).

Just because a student isn't eligible for the Pell Grant, does NOT mean they shouldn't apply. Many students receive the scholarship each year who do not qualify for any other need-based aid. This scholarship can be renewed for up to 4 years.

## October 1

Application opens

## March 1

Application deadline including FAFSA

## Mid-April

Formal offers made following official need & merit ranking

## The Basics

The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship awards up to \$3,500 per academic year and is renewable for up to four years.

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of at least 2.7
- Be an Idaho resident
- Graduated or will graduate from an Idaho high school, Idaho homeschool, or equivalent (GED/HSE from Idaho)
- Must attend during the upcoming academic year (fall semester)
- Can pursue a first certificate, first associates', or first bachelor's degree
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1
- Maintain satisfactory academic standing as specified in program rules
- Must attend one of these eligible Idaho colleges or universities:
  - » College of Western Idaho
  - » College of Eastern Idaho
  - » College of Southern Idaho
  - » North Idaho College
  - » University of Idaho
  - » Boise State University
  - » Lewis Clark State College
  - » Idaho State University
  - » The College of Idaho
  - » Northwest Nazarene University
  - » Brigham Young University – Idaho
  - » Western Governors University

Students can apply at [scholarships.idaho.gov](https://scholarships.idaho.gov)

# Idaho Opportunity Scholarship & Idaho LAUNCH Comparison Chart

	Idaho LAUNCH	Idaho Opportunity Scholarship
<b>Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$8,000 one-time</li> <li>Covers 80% tuition and fees</li> <li>Receive up to 1/2 of funds in year one (\$4,000), unless enrolled in a program that is less than 12 months</li> <li>You will have three years to utilize the Idaho LAUNCH grant dollars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$3,500 per year</li> <li>Renewable for up to 4 years</li> <li>The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship requires the FAFSA since there is a need component to the ranking</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate from an accredited Idaho high school or equivalent               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public School</li> <li>Charter School</li> <li>Private School</li> <li>Homeschool</li> <li>GED</li> </ul> </li> <li>Be an Idaho resident</li> <li>Be enrolled in or have applied to an in-demand career program at an eligible Idaho institution</li> <li>Begin enrollment by fall semester after graduation, unless granted an extension</li> <li>Complete a Career Pathway Plan or equivalent, submitted for approval by each district</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: During the application process, students will be required to pick a program (major or subject area of focus) and the school they plan to attend. While they are required to make selections now, these decisions can be revisited and updated by students later. If students make updates after they have been offered a contingent offer, it may impact their final offer.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH">nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH</a> for a complete listing of the eligible in-demand careers and programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of at least 2.7</li> <li>Be an Idaho resident</li> <li>Graduated or will graduate from an accredited Idaho high school, Idaho homeschool, or its equivalent (GED/HSE from Idaho)</li> <li>Must attend during the upcoming academic year (fall semester)</li> <li>Must pursue a first certificate, first associates', or first bachelor's degree</li> <li>Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1</li> <li>Must attend one of these eligible Idaho colleges or universities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College of Western Idaho</li> <li>College of Eastern Idaho</li> <li>College of Southern Idaho</li> <li>North Idaho College</li> <li>University of Idaho</li> <li>Boise State University</li> <li>Lewis Clark State College</li> <li>Idaho State University</li> <li>The College of Idaho</li> <li>Northwest Nazarene University</li> <li>Brigham Young University – Idaho</li> <li>Western Governors University</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Application Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit an application through Scholarship Idaho</li> <li>No FAFSA required</li> <li>No GPA required</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit an application through Scholarship Idaho</li> <li>Submit a FAFSA by Mar 1</li> <li>Receive and accept a final offer, emailed by Scholarship Idaho</li> </ol>
<b>Deadline</b>	April 15	March 1

Starting with the graduating class of 2025, students may only be awarded either Idaho LAUNCH or Idaho Opportunity, but not both.



## Other Idaho State Scholarships

### Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarships

- Deadlines:
  - » Academic – March 1
  - » Career/Technical – April 15
- Applicants must have **AT LEAST** a 2.8 GPA
- The Office of the State Board of Education handles the application intake process. The Governor's Cup committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making award decisions. To connect with their staff, please visit [idahogovernorscup.org](http://idahogovernorscup.org)

# \$90M

Approximately **\$90 million** is available to support Idaho students going on to postsecondary education.

### Armed Forces/Public Safety Officer Scholarship

- Applications are open year-round.
- This scholarship is for dependents of fallen or permanently disabled (to the point they are unemployed) Idaho members of the armed forces or Idaho public safety officers.
- Eligible applicants must be Idaho residents.
- Contact the state Scholarship Program Manager at [jmiller@edu.idaho.gov](mailto:jmiller@edu.idaho.gov) for application instructions and pre-screening.

To learn more about Idaho State Scholarships, visit [nextsteps.idaho.gov/scholarship-idaho](http://nextsteps.idaho.gov/scholarship-idaho)

Students can apply for all Idaho scholarships and grants at [scholarships.idaho.gov](http://scholarships.idaho.gov)

### Career Help for Kids of Military Parents and Veterans

The Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce offers free benefits and resources to support the children of those who've served in the armed forces. From college to trade school to an apprenticeship program, this is designed to take your education and career to the next level.

- Explore apprenticeships and other hands-on careers that align with your interests.
- Connect with our Idaho Veteran and Family Employer Network — featuring employers certified to approve education benefits and looking to hire!
- Get one-on-one guidance to help discover the right navigation pathway for you, including school, certifications, or apprenticeship benefits you could qualify for.

Learn more at [idahoveterans.org/careerseeker](http://idahoveterans.org/careerseeker)

## Advanced Opportunities



Advanced Opportunities is a program that provides funding for Idaho students to use toward educational and career pathways while they are in middle and high school.

The program provides \$4,625 for each student in grades 7-12 attending an Idaho public school. Funds can be utilized toward particular costs that students may incur for the courses and programs listed below.

### Overload Courses

Overload courses are high school courses that are taken in excess of a student's full course load and outside the regular school day. Students can use funds up to \$225 per eligible course.

### Dual Credit Courses

A dual credit course is a college course taken for both high school and college credit. Students can request funding for up to \$75 per credit. Dual credit resources for families can be found at [prtoolkit.org/dual-credit](http://prtoolkit.org/dual-credit)

### Exams

Students can use funds to pay for the full cost of many exams (including proctoring fees). Exams can include: college entrance exams, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and professional certifications.

### Workforce Training Courses

Students can use funds for approved courses that directly relate to workforce needs.

### Early Graduation Scholarship

This scholarship can be awarded for a student's early graduation, that must be at least one year early. Scholarship is estimated at \$2,400.

### Funds Spent in Fiscal Year 2024 by Expenditure Type

Dual Credit	\$23,779,286
Exams	\$1,841,878
Overload Courses	\$2,251,141
Workforce Training	\$162,676

### Fiscal Year 2024 Advanced Opportunities Totals

Payment Totals	\$28,934,703
Students Served	44,955

## Advanced Opportunities continued...

For more information visit the Advanced Opportunities website at

[sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops](https://sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops)

Videos to share with students & parents (English & Spanish) [nextsteps.idaho.gov/resources/ao](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/resources/ao)

### Deadlines for Portal Submission

Term	Request Funding Window	Verification Deadline	Submission Deadline
Summer 2025	April 7 – June 20, 2025	August 22, 2025	August 29, 2025
Fall 2025 Trimester 1	April 7 – October 15, 2025	November 14, 2025	November 21, 2025
Spring 2026	November 24 – March 15, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 15, 2026 May 22, 2026 (exams)
Trimester 2	November 24 – March 15, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 15, 2026 May 22, 2026 (exams)
Trimester 3	February 15 – April 3, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 15, 2026 May 22, 2026 (exams)

\* Student Access window may vary by district, please contact your school/district office for local dates.

\* All funding requests are to be made by the request funding window deadline.



## How to Access Advanced Opportunities

### Sign Up for an Account

Staff are assigned an administrator account through the local district IT or by contacting SDE staff. Students should create an Advanced Opportunities account at [advancedops.sde.idaho.gov](https://advancedops.sde.idaho.gov). Creating an account will allow students to request funds and track their account balance. Once an account is created it must be approved by school staff. In some cases, school districts handle the request funding process internally, this is a local education agency decision.

### Participation Form

Students and parents must fill out an Advanced Opportunities participation form that outlines program risks and regulations prior to using funds. This form needs to be turned in at the school and will be kept on file with other student records. The participation form can be found online in the student's account at [advancedops.sde.idaho.gov](https://advancedops.sde.idaho.gov) or at the student's school.

### Homeschool and Private School Students

According to Idaho code 33-4603, students attending an accredited Idaho private school may be eligible for up to \$2,500 for dual credit courses and exams. Homeschool students must be dually enrolled in an Idaho public or an accredited Idaho private school to be eligible for Advanced Opportunities funding.

### Student Responsibilities

The Advanced Opportunities program is an opportunity for students to participate in challenging and rigorous coursework. As students navigate the program, it is their responsibility to meet with their advisor or counselor to create a plan, work hard to successfully complete all courses, and pay attention to important deadlines and registration processes. Students who fail to earn credit for a course paid for by Advanced Opportunities, must then pay for and successfully earn credit or complete one (1) like course before future reimbursement can be made by the Idaho State Department of Education.

### Advising

Students who use Advanced Opportunities funds to earn more than 15 dual credits must receive advising on how the credits will translate into their post-high school aspirations and fit into their program of study.

### Course and Credit Transferability

How a course is transferred or accepted is determined by the receiving school/college. Student coursework should be taken in mind with the institution from which the student plans to earn a degree. If students are receiving college credit from more than one college, it is important to plan ahead and consider how courses will transfer, and which courses will count toward the degree program. Each college has a transfer guide that provides information on how credits will be accepted. Visit [coursetransfer.idaho.gov](https://coursetransfer.idaho.gov) for transferability.

# Online Resources

## Next Steps Idaho

A free research tool that helps Idahoans transition to postsecondary opportunities and fulfilling employment.

[nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov)

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## Apply Idaho

Our state's free, common application platform where students can submit applications to up to 10 in-state colleges.

[nextsteps.idaho.gov/apply-idaho](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/apply-idaho)

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## Idaho SkillStack®

A microcredential platform that allows Idaho's educators to validate the skills their learners demonstrate proficiency in, leading to industry-relevant digital badges.

[skillstack.idaho.gov](https://skillstack.idaho.gov)

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## CTE Programs Directory

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs provide hands-on learning opportunities aligned with careers right here in Idaho.

[nextsteps.idaho.gov/cte-program-directory](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/cte-program-directory)

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## Idaho Digital Skills

IdahoDigitalSkills.org offers Idahoans free access to online learning tools to increase their digital skills.

[idahodigitalskills.org](https://idahodigitalskills.org)

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## Soft Skills Training Modules

Designed to help students gain important employment skills that will increase their chance of finding a job and help students climb the career ladder.

[wdc.idaho.gov/resource-hub/#outreachmaterials](https://wdc.idaho.gov/resource-hub/#outreachmaterials)


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## IDAHO **LAUNCH**

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A torn paper effect at the bottom of the page reveals a photograph. The photo shows a woman with dark hair and a child in a pink shirt standing in front of a building with large windows. The woman is looking towards the child, and the child is looking towards the camera.

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