



650 West State Street, 3rd Floor, Boise, ID 83702

Dear <FIRSTNAME> <LASTNAME>,

Congratulations! You have been admitted to the following Idaho public colleges and universities for the fall 2019 semester:

Boise State University

College of Eastern Idaho

College of Southern Idaho

College of Western Idaho

Idaho State University

Lewis-Clark State College

North Idaho College

University of Idaho

To complete the process and reserve your spot, visit the Next Steps website (NextSteps.Idaho.gov) and click on the link for "Apply Idaho," where **you can submit application materials to any or all of the colleges, free of charge**. Even though you have been accepted, **you must graduate from high school this year to be eligible for this opportunity**. At the end of the Apply Idaho application, you'll be asked to complete additional, optional questions that will help the institutions you select identify scholarships you may be eligible for.

Idaho's colleges and universities offer a wide variety of programs to prepare you for a rewarding career. You can pursue a four-year bachelor's degree, a two-year associate's degree, or a career technical education certificate. You can find more information about Idaho's schools, including facts and statistics, key contacts, and videos produced by the institutions, on the Next Steps website.

You'll find an instruction guide with step-by-step instructions and a demonstration video about Apply Idaho on the Next Steps website, to help you through the application process. **Applications must be submitted by February 16, 2019**. If you miss the deadline, you can still submit an application but your acceptance is no longer guaranteed.

We know that many new students worry about the cost of college. Please take time to talk with your family and review the insert about paying for school. You may be eligible for free financial aid – up to \$6,095 in federal aid. You can also apply for an Idaho Opportunity Scholarship worth up to \$3,500 per year. Visit the State Board of Education website (BoardofEd.idaho.gov) for more information.

You and your parent/guardian will need to submit a 2019-20 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine if you are eligible for free financial aid. You can submit a FAFSA (at FAFSA.gov) as early as October 1, 2018. To be considered for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship, you must submit the FAFSA by March 1, 2019. College is much more affordable with assistance from federal and state resources and other grants or scholarships. NextSteps.Idaho.gov has a wealth of information about Idaho's scholarship offerings, federal student financial aid, and how to apply for these programs.

On behalf of the Idaho State Board of Education, I welcome you to college and look forward to having you on one of our campuses next fall.

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