

Next Steps February 2018 Newsletter



New Scholarship Listing Launched

Thanks to a partnership with the Idaho Department of Labor and the Idaho Career Information System, Next Steps has launched an Idaho scholarship listing.

Each scholarship listed details requirements for application, award amount (if available), and the procedure for applying as well as a link to the sponsoring organization where students can more information and application materials. Students can sort the list by minimum GPA required and award amounts. Check out the new listing and share it with your students today. Many deadlines fall between February and May each year, so it's time to get started on applications, essays, and letters of recommendation! [LEARN MORE.](#)

Other News

DECISION SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Second semester has begun, and for seniors that means it's time to wrap up capstone projects and plan for life after high school. For those going to college, it also means filling out college and scholarship applications and making some big decisions about where they'll be living next fall.

Many things factor into students' decisions about where to go to college. Students who are weighing their options might be asking you,

and their family and friends, for advice. In addition to all of the information about [Idaho colleges and universities](#) on the Next Steps website, there are resources available to help students think about what's important to them when choosing a school. Help them consider their options by using this guide about how to find a good fit. [CHECK IT OUT.](#)

IDAHO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MARCH 1

It's important that students complete the FAFSA as early as possible, and get their applications in for the State's Opportunity Scholarship before March 1, 2018. **This scholarship is need and merit based, and open to students studying at two and four-year colleges, on academic and career technical tracks**, and who:

- Are Idaho residents
- Have graduated or will graduate from an Idaho high school
- Have a minimum GPA of a 3.0
- Complete a 2018-19 FAFSA by March 1, 2018
- If selected, must attend an eligible Idaho college or university

Students can receive up to \$3,500/year for four years. [LEARN MORE.](#)

Events

IDAHO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
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BOISE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

PNACAC fairs are free and open to the public. No fee is necessary for students, family members or guidance counselors to attend.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
1 PM - 3:30 PM
BOISE STATE
UNIVERSITY

SPOKANE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

PNACAC fairs are free and open to the public. No fee is necessary for students, family members or guidance counselors to attend.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Important Links

Many students will visit the colleges they're considering this spring. [Help them plan ahead.](#)

Help students get organized for spring application season by guiding them to the Next Steps [Application Tracker](#).

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