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## **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADULT LEARNERS COMING SOON**

Thousands of working Idahoans who attended college or a career technical program, but for whatever reason left school (known in higher education as stopping out) will soon have a chance to resume their education with assistance from the State Board of Education's Opportunity Scholarship program.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter last month signed into law legislation he sponsored, and the legislature approved, making Opportunity Scholarship funds available to "adult learners" – Idahoans who earned at least 24 credits before they stopped out.

The State Board will decide further eligibility and award details when the Board meets next week - April 18-19 in Moscow, at the University of Idaho.

State Board President Dr. Linda Clark is excited about adding adult learners to the mix of Idahoans able to further their education with an Opportunity Scholarship.

"Over 3,700 high school seniors went to college or a career technical program last year with help from an Opportunity Scholarship," Clark said. "Now, we can increase the program's reach and help adults eager to improve their career prospects through higher education."

Lawmakers and the Governor also added \$3.5 million in additional funding to the program.

Opportunity Scholarship funds will be available to eligible adult learners starting July 1, 2018.

The State Board will post updates on the Board website as further details become available.  
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