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**BOARD LAUNCHES OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
WEBSITE FOR ADULT LEARNERS**

Idahoans interested in finishing their college degree or career technical certificate can now apply online for the Idaho State Board of Education’s newly expanded Opportunity Scholarship.

The Board, in partnership with the Idaho Workforce Development Council, has launched a new Opportunity Scholarship website with useful information and a step-by-step process for applying for the scholarship.

“The Opportunity Scholarship has been great for Idaho and the Board is excited to be able to offer it to adults now too,” State Board President Dr. Linda Clark said. “This new website has everything a person needs to submit their application smoothly and quickly in order to potentially receive the scholarship in time for the fall semester.”

Here’s a link to the new website: <https://opportunityidaho.com/>

Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter and Idaho lawmakers passed legislation earlier this year allowing up to 20 percent of the Opportunity Scholarship fund to be used for adult learners interested in resuming their education. They also increased the annual appropriation by \$3.5 million for a total of \$13.5 million.

Applicants must have earned 24 credits or more before “stopping out” of college or a career technical program and they can return to school and attend class part-time or fulltime.

Other requirements include:

- Minimum GPA OF 2.7
- Be an Idaho resident
- Applicants must have “stopped out” for two years or more
- Requires students to show progress in order to maintain eligibility
- Award amounts are pro-rated based on credits enrolled in

The Opportunity Scholarship was launched in 2013 and several thousand Idaho students have used it to further their education. Last year, 3,716 Idaho students received an Opportunity Scholarship. The maximum award for a scholarship is \$3,500 annually for up to four years.

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