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DIRECT ADMISSIONS LETTERS ARRIVING THIS WEEK

Idaho high school seniors are receiving their Direct Admissions letter from the Idaho State Board of Education beginning this week, notifying them that they are automatically accepted to Idaho's colleges and universities.

Starting today, October 1, 2018, those same students can submit their college applications free of charge using Apply Idaho on the nextsteps.idaho.gov website.

“High school seniors and their parents should be looking for an envelope with the State Board of Education logo in the top left corner,” State Board College and Career Advising Program Manager Byron Yankey said. “The envelope contains their acceptance letter, plus helpful information about picking the right college and field of study, along with a step-by-step guide to prepare for college while still in high school. We’ve also included information for students interested in pursuing one of Idaho’s career technical programs.”

The State Board’s Direct Admissions program automatically admits all high school seniors either to six, or all eight of Idaho’s public colleges and universities, depending on their academic performance in high school.

In November, the State Board will send a letter addressed to parents of high school seniors reminding them to encourage their student to submit their college application.

“[Apply Idaho](#) is a great tool for students that makes submitting college applications a very quick and easy process,” Yankey said. “Most students can complete an application to one or more colleges or universities in less than 15 minutes. We’ve also included a [how-to video on Apply Idaho](#) to help them along.”

Last year, 9,000 high school seniors (about 45 percent) used Apply Idaho to submit their applications to an average of 2.5 institutions each.

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