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**APPLY NOW FOR IDAHO'S OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Idaho State Board of Education is taking applications for Opportunity Scholarships, which can be used at all eight of Idaho's public colleges and universities, at Brigham Young University-Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University and the College of Idaho.

The *Opportunity Scholarship* is for Idaho residents who have graduated or will graduate during the current academic year from an Idaho high school, or its equivalent, or an Idaho home school.

Opportunity Scholarship requirements include:

- Minimum 2.7 Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Must complete their Opportunity Scholarship application and their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2020.

Opportunity Scholarship applications can be submitted here:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/scholarships/idaho-opportunity-scholarship/>

The *Adult Learner Opportunity Scholarship* is for Idaho residents who have earned some college credit and are interested in returning to complete their degree or certificate.

Adult Learner Opportunity Scholarship requirements include:

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Earned at least 24 credits when they last attended college.
- Must have “stopped out” for at least two years or completed a maximum of two classes over the last 24 months.
- Must complete their Adult Learner Opportunity Scholarship application and FAFSA by the following deadlines:
  - December 1, 2019 for the spring semester
  - March 15, 2020 for the BYU-Idaho spring semester
  - April 15, 2020 for the summer semester
  - July 1, 2020 for the fall semester

Adult Learner Opportunity Scholarship applications can be submitted here:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/scholarships/idaho-opportunity-scholarship-for-adult-learners/>

Both scholarships are worth up to \$3,500 per year. Students that are pursuing – or who intend to pursue a career technical certificate, an Associate’s degree, or their first Bachelor’s degree are eligible to apply.

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