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**OCTOBER IS “NEXT STEPS IDAHO” MONTH**

Thousands of Idaho high school seniors are now able to submit their college applications to various Idaho institutions through [Apply Idaho](#) on the State Board of Education’s Next Steps Idaho website.

And next week, Idaho Governor Brad Little will officially proclaim October as *Next Steps Idaho Month*.

“We appreciate the Governor’s involvement in helping us raise awareness about Apply Idaho,” State Board President Kurt Liebich said. “It wasn’t that long ago that the college application process was both tedious and expensive. With Apply Idaho, high school seniors can apply to up to 10 institutions in a matter of minutes and they can do it free of charge.”

In addition, more than 22,500 high school seniors from throughout Idaho recently received their Direct Admissions letter from the State Board informing them they have been automatically accepted either to six or all eight of Idaho’s public colleges and universities.

“The letter includes useful links where students can learn more about Idaho’s colleges and universities,” State Board College and Career Program Manager Byron Yankey said. “Once they submit their applications, the institutions will reach out to the students within two weeks to answer any questions they may have.

Apply Idaho has really streamlined the process and we encourage students to take advantage of it as they plan for life after high school.”

The [Next Steps Idaho](#) website also has resources that will help students start planning their future including information about financial aid and scholarships.

Students **MUST** complete their college admissions application to the institution(s) of their choice by June 30, 2022.

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