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## 2024-25 EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT APPLICATIONS TO OPEN IN LATE OCTOBER

The Idaho State Board of Education today announced that it will open applications for the next round of Empowering Parents grants in late October.

Instructions and a link to the 2024-25 application will be posted here: <u>Empowering Parents (idaho.gov)</u> The Board will announce the date the application window will open once it is finalized.

Governor Brad Little and Idaho lawmakers appropriated \$30 million for the Empowering Parents grant program for the 2024-25 school year. Idaho residents who filed a 2023 Idaho Tax return and who have children between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible to apply. Awards are prioritized first for households with an Adjusted Gross Income less than \$60,000, second to households with an AGI under \$75,000, and any remaining grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Grants are awarded at \$1,000 per eligible student, up to \$3,000 per family.

Awardees will be able to use the grant funds to purchase education-related products and services from the Empowering Parents online marketplace such as computer

hardware and software, instructional materials, and tutoring services. Guidance for eligible expenses can be found online.

Idaho families with existing Empowering Parents grant balances are encouraged to continue shopping for educational items and services with Odyssey at: <a href="https://withodyssey.com/empoweringparents">https://withodyssey.com/empoweringparents</a>. More information will be provided directly to awardees in the coming weeks.

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