

Where can I find my Idaho Education Unique Identifier Number(EDUID #)?

EDUID required (for application and reverification process)

- The applicant can receive their EDUID number from their District Office, HR or Business Manager, Site Administrator, or it could possibly be on the back of their teaching certificate.
 - The EDUID number (9 digits) is the specific Idaho Education Unique Identifier (EDUID) number assigned to individuals associated with education programs in Idaho.

What are the eligible Federal Student Loan Providers?

Awardees that are looking for a disbursement to be sent to their federal Student loan provider must have federal student loans. The program administrator are unable to pay towards private loans.

- List of current eligible Federal Student Loan Providers
 - Aidvantage
 - American Education Services
 - Aspire Servicing Center
 - Central Research Inc. (CRI)
 - ECSI (Federal Perkins Loan)
 - EdFinancial
 - MOHELA
 - Navient
 - Nelnet
 - Oklahoma Student Loan Authority
 - Sloan

What is an Eligible Educational Expense?

An eligible Educational expense for reimbursement is an expense that educates the educator. In statute, [Chapter 65 – Idaho State Legislature](#), It states that an educational expense may be additional degrees, advanced degrees, career technical certifications, or other educational expenses. Also, additional expenses for a course being take, such as course fees, lab fees, required course equipment, course related expenses such as books and/or supplies, and/or transcription fees.

It is important to know that educational expenses do not mean, purchases for classroom improvements. The purchase must be to benefit the educator. Example, purchase of a professional development course or conference (travel and lodging included). All purchases should not be assumed to be reimbursable. If an applicant is unsure of a purchase they are thinking of making, it is best to check with the grant coordinator before purchase.

What needs to be submitted to the grant coordinator in order to receive reimbursement for educational expenses?

In order to receive reimbursement for an educational expense, the applicant must complete a W9 form and Verification of Eligible expenses tracking form (ask for either/both from grant coordinator). Applicants also must include all receipts of purchases requesting to be reimbursed. The receipt must include their name, spouse, date, amount and item description. Additional documentation may be requested for verification. Example, bank statement. All purchases must provide a receipt date that is after June 2022 as that is when the grant program officially started.

What are examples of a non-eligible expense?

A non-eligible expense would be classroom supplies, desks, chairs, phone, phone accessories, trips, clothes, internet, smartboards, appliances. Educational expenses are things that educate the educator not improvements or convenience within the classroom.

Can I be reimbursed for a payment I made to my federal student loan agency?

No, the program administrator is not able to reimburse payments made to an applicants federal student loan agency or private student loan. The program administrator is only able to make direct payments to their federal student loan agency.

When does the disbursement of the award happen?

Award disbursements are generally sent out at the beginning of the year, January. Timing may vary depending on the verification process. An applicant will receive a notification when payment has been issued. It may take 3-4 weeks for the payment to post to their account

How long do I have to request eligible expenses for the given year?

The program administrator is able to reimburse eligible educational expenses through May of the award year. This is only if it meets full eligible expense requirements.

Am I able to split an award amount into a reimbursement of educational expenses and the rest go to my Federal Student loans?

It is possible to have loans split with expenses. Loan repayment is the first priority. If loans have been repaid, eligible expenses can be requested.

If I no longer have federal student loans do I still qualify for the program?

Yes. The awardee will potentially be able to receive the award through reimbursement of educational expenses. If they do not have any educational expenses, they will still have a spot in their cohort if something changes the following year.

If I leave my cohort can apply for a different cohort?

No, an awardee cannot join a separate cohort other than the one they have been accepted to. If they do not receive the award for a given year, due to not meeting requirements or no longer having expenses, they will remain in the cohort they were accepted into. The program administrator will then run verification the following year to see if anything has changed regarding eligibility requirements.

If an applicant applied for a cohort and were not accepted, they can apply to the following years cohort.

If I leave my cohort, does someone else take my place?

An awardee's place in the cohort after their first year is permanent, even if they have requested to have someone take their spot.

Does this award affect my taxes?

OSBE staff are not tax experts. The awardee will need to contact a tax professional. The program administrator does not send anything out at the end of the year to any awardee regarding a payment made for taxes.

Can I receive a partial amount of the award if I switch to part-time?

If an awardee was a full time teacher and the next year a part time teacher, they will not be eligible to receive any of the award money for that year. The awardee will remain in their cohort as they may gain full time status the following year.

What verification is needed to stay eligible for each years award?

An awardee must continually meet all requirements outlined in statute, [Chapter 65 – Idaho State Legislature](#), for they are to continue receiving the award each year. They must, be employed by a verified rural school, hold a 5-year certificate, a full-time educator or pupil service sta contract with district, have a federal student loan (not in default) or eligible educational expenses.

If I switch schools do I still qualify for the grant award?

Potentially. The awardee must remain in a school that is considered rural. Rurality is determined by statue and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) database. Reach out to the grant coordinator to check if the school they are switching to is considered rural. Virtual schools educators are not eligible to receive the award.