

**Idaho State Board of Education**  
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1. Purpose: This policy establishes expectations and guidelines for the implementation of scholarship and grant programs managed by the Office of the State Board of Education and the state's public institutions and community colleges.
2. Definitions
  - a. Institutions: Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, and University of Idaho.
  - b. Community colleges: College of Eastern Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, and North Idaho College.
3. Armed Forces / Public Safety Officer Dependent Scholarship

Per Idaho Code Section 33-4302, the Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) administers the Armed Forces / Public Safety Officer Dependent Scholarship (AF/PSOD Scholarship).

- a. The AF/PSOD Scholarship will have three application deadlines.
  - i. Fall semester: July 1
  - ii. Spring semester: December 1
  - iii. Summer semester: April 15
- b. AF/PSOD Scholarship funds will be provided in alignment with the lowest-cost housing option and the lowest-cost meal plan (typically covering 14 to 19 meals) of the institution the recipient attends. If an individual selects a higher cost housing or meal plan option, alternate funding must be used to cover the difference.
- c. AF/PSOD Scholarship funds may not be used to cover costs associated with study abroad unless approved via a separate application to the Scholarship Program Manager. The maximum amount of AF/PSOD Scholarship funds provided for a study abroad semester may not exceed the amount provided to the recipient for their most recent in-state semester.
- d. Disability status will be based on a documented disability determination that specifies unemployability from Veterans Affairs, PERSI, or the Social Security Administration. Disability determination documentation must be dated within the year prior to AF/PSOD Scholarship application submission. Any changes to the scholarship recipient's disability status must be reported to the OSBE Scholarship Program Manager within 30 days of the change.
- e. To accept and receive an AF/PSOD Scholarship, the recipient must confirm their agreement to the terms of the scholarship, including but not limited to required

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communication regarding changes to their enrollment institution and enrollment status.

**4. College and University License Plates (Idaho Code § 49-418A)**

1. Funds from the college and university special license plate program shall be used only as follows:
  - a. To fund scholarships for Idaho residents attending the institution. Each institution may either create a new scholarship or fund existing scholarships so long as the scholarship recipients are Idaho residents as defined by Idaho Code and the rules of the Board.
  - b. To contribute to academic programs. Provided, however, that this use of such funds shall be on the following conditions:
    - i. Such funds must be matched in at least equal amounts to non-state, non-federal, and non-local governmental funds.
    - ii. Such use requires prior approval of the Board.
5. Each institution participating in the college and university license plate program shall, upon request, present a detailed report to the Board of all recipients and distributions of all funds from said program.

Said report shall include, at a minimum; a complete accounting of the receipts; a complete accounting of the disbursements; what scholarships were funded and in what amounts; a brief description of the scholarship requirements or criteria; a list of the recipients of scholarships funded; the academic programs to which contributions were made and in what amounts; the amount and source of non-governmental matching funds contributed to academic programs in conjunction with the license plate funds; and any projected future use of said funds.