

IDAHO LAUNCH

Dear Parent/Guardian of <merge student name>,

Congratulations! Your High School Senior has received a contingent offer for the Idaho LAUNCH Grant. To get a final award letter, and their award dollars, your student must meet the following eligibility requirements before **May 31, 2024**:

1. Graduate from an Idaho high school or equivalent
2. Be an Idaho resident
3. Be enrolled in or have applied to an in-demand career program at an eligible Idaho institution
4. Plan to begin enrollment by fall semester after graduation
5. Complete a Career Pathway Plan or equivalent

While your student is probably on-track to meet those first two requirements, the final three are just as important to ensuring they get an Idaho LAUNCH award.

Requirement 3: During the application process, your High School Senior was asked to select the institution and program they plan to pursue. They need to be sure these selections in their Scholarship Idaho account accurately reflect their plans. Changing institutions or programs may result in your student losing their contingent award or having to repay the grant money if they switch programs once they arrive at their education/training program.

Requirement 4: Your High School Senior must begin their program in the Fall of 2024, no later than December of 2024. There are five (5) allowable reasons for which participants may be granted an extension:

- ✓ Religious Service
- ✓ Military Service
- ✓ Volunteer Service (specific to Peace Corp and AmeriCorp)
- ✓ Medial Issues (when training provider is unable to meet accommodations)
- ✓ Waitlisted for Program

If students need to request an extension they can do so in Scholarship Idaho.

Requirement 5: The Career Pathway Plan is a series of activities that helps your student understand their interests and make a plan that will lead them to a rewarding career. Find out what your student's school district has chosen as the method for meeting this requirement on the Next Steps Idaho website using the link or QR code below.

Enclosed, you'll find two handouts to help make sure your student understands these requirements and takes the final steps to receive an Idaho LAUNCH Grant.

Please note that funding will be distributed directly to the institutions once they invoice on behalf of your student.

For more information, and a library of FAQs about Idaho LAUNCH, please visit <https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/LAUNCH> or send questions to idaholaunch@wdc.idaho.gov

Sincerely,

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