Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Division of Special Programs is a distinctly budgeted division under the State Board of Education, and includes six distinct programs housed within the Office of the State Board of Education and universities. The six programs include the Idaho Geological Survey and Forest Utilization Research based at the University of Idaho, the Idaho Museum of Natural History based at Idaho State University, Small Business Development Centers and TechHelp based at Boise State University, and the Scholarships and Grants Program housed within the Office of the State Board of Education.

NOTES

- In FY 2021 and FY 2022, TechHelp and SBDC received federal appropriations related to federal COVID-relief. All such funds have been removed in the FY 2023 request.

- Nonappropriated funds for special programs may be derived from institutions funds, fundraising, non-governmental contracts, grants/research, or otherwise earned income.

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
State Board of Education
Scholarships & Grants Program
Systemwide Programs

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
FY 2023 Budget Hearing

Monday | January 24, 2022
Matt Freeman, Executive Director

Special Programs | Scholarships

- Armed Forces and Public Safety Officer Scholarship
- Idaho Opportunity Scholarship
- Idaho Postsecondary Credit Scholarship
- Atwell Parry Work Study Program
- GEAR UP Idaho Scholarship
Scholarship Idaho

Scholarships are a type of financial aid that NEVER have to be repaid. Create/access your Scholarship Idaho account, or scroll down to discover more funding opportunities.

Reporting

S1187 (FY 2022 Special Programs appropriation)

SECTION 4. OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNT REPORTING. The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee by January 10, 2022, regarding the current balance in the Opportunity Scholarship Program Account and the estimated obligation due to any over-award or early award of scholarships for fiscal year 2023. The report shall include an estimate of the necessary balance in the account to meet these obligations.
Idaho Opportunity Scholarship

All amounts effective as of December 31, 2021

Current Balance in the Opportunity Scholarship Program Account & Corpus:
- FY21 General Fund: $315,249
- Interest Earnings: $1,986
- Balance in Corpus: $4,288,965
Total currently available funds: $4,606,200

Estimated Obligation due to over-award:
- Current obligation: $20,838,382

State Grant Aid per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Undergraduate Student, 2019-20

College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2021, Figure SA-18A.
Systemwide Programs
H387 (FY 2022 College & Universities appropriation)

SECTION 4. SYSTEMWIDE NEEDS. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1, Subsection V. of this act, the following amounts may be used as follows: (1) an amount not to exceed $902,600 may be used by the Office of the State Board of Education for systemwide needs that benefit all of the four-year institutions, including but not limited to projects to promote accountability and information transfer throughout the higher education system; and (2) an amount of approximately $1,960,500 may be used for the mission and goals of the Higher Education Research Council as outlined in State Board of Education Policy III.W., which includes awards for infrastructure, matching grants, and competitive grants through the Idaho Incubation Fund program.

Systemwide Programs (cont.)

- Systemwide Needs
  - $800k for Idaho Regional Optical Network

- Higher Education Research Council
  - Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission grants = $2M
  - Infrastructure Funds = $854k
  - Incubation Fund = $100k
  - Undergraduate Research = $265k
  - EPSCoR match $800k
Line Item #1

Dual Credit

- Teacher Training Scholarship Program
- $175,500 ongoing General Funds (T/B)
- $3,000 scholarship
- 60 teachers/6 credits annually