## **Early Graduation Scholarship**

Early Graduation Scholarships are available for students who graduate at least one full year early. These scholarships are equal to 35% of the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for a given school year. This equates to roughly \$1,800.00.

Scholarships can be used at Idaho public post-secondary institutions. The awarded amount will double for students who graduate two years early and will triple for students who graduate three years early. If a student elects not to attend a college or university immediately after high school, they will have up to 28 months to utilize the scholarship before it expires.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- An early graduate is determined in part by the graduation record of the student, submitted to the SDE by the school district.
- The student must have attended an Idaho public school.
- A student must graduate at least one year early. Please note: Summer is considered the start of the next school year. A high school student who takes summer courses is considered to have taken courses in the next school year likely not meeting the criteria of a one year early graduate.
- Student must apply within two years of graduating from a public school.
- A student must be attending/enrolled at an Idaho public college or university.

## Steps to apply for the scholarship within the Advanced Opportunities portal

## Step 1: CREATE AN ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACCOUNT

- 1. Go to www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops
- 2. Choose "Apply for Advanced Opportunities" (blue horizontal bar in the middle of the page)
- 3. Select "Create an Account" in the top right corner
- 4. Fill in all the information (if you don't know your EDUID, leave it blank)
- 5. Choose "Enroll New Student" to submit.
- 6. Verify the account, using the confirmation email sent to the student. (Sometimes these go to student spam folders. If they aren't received instantly, there is a problem.)
- 7. Webmail or email your Inspire/Empower school counselor to let them know you have completed the above steps.

From here, your school counselor will verify your account. Once this is done, you may sign up for the Early Graduation Scholarship.

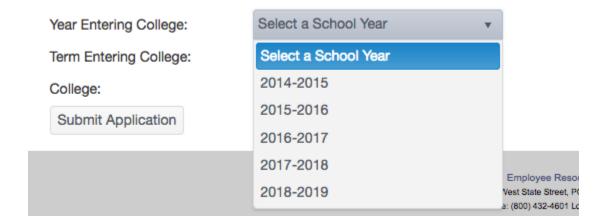
Step 2: APPLY FOR THE EARLY GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP



Choose apply for Early Graduation Scholarship."

Graduation Year:
Eligible For Scholarship:
College Has Verified Enrollment:
First Name:
Last Name:
EduID:
Year Entering College:
Term Entering College:
College:
Submit Application

Enter the above information. Under "Year Entering College," you will see these options:



You must select which college you plan to attend; if your plans change, you can log back in and modify your request.

Webmail, email, or call your school counselor if you have any questions.