



The Adventure Starts Now!

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Readiness

Monday, September 25th, 2023

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WELCOME CLASS OF 2024!

College and Career Center

Room 137



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Our Mission

We are committed to helping our students discover their greatest potential. Our hope is that our students here at PFHS will find what gives them purpose as they begin to plan for life after high school.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER SERVICES

Stop by 137 anytime...

◆ College Preparedness

- College Applications
- Housing Applications
- Priority deadlines/dates
- Standardized Testing - SAT/ACT
- Resume Templates
- Letters of Recommendations

◆ Career Searches

- Next Steps Idaho - Career Finder

◆ Financial Aid

- National Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- FAFSA
 - Pell Grants
 - Work-Study
 - Federal Loans

◆ Military

- Help get in contact with recruiter

◆ Workforce and Apprentice Training

- Program info
- Launch Funds

◆ [PFHS College and Career Website](#)



COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS



College Info Sessions

- During both lunches



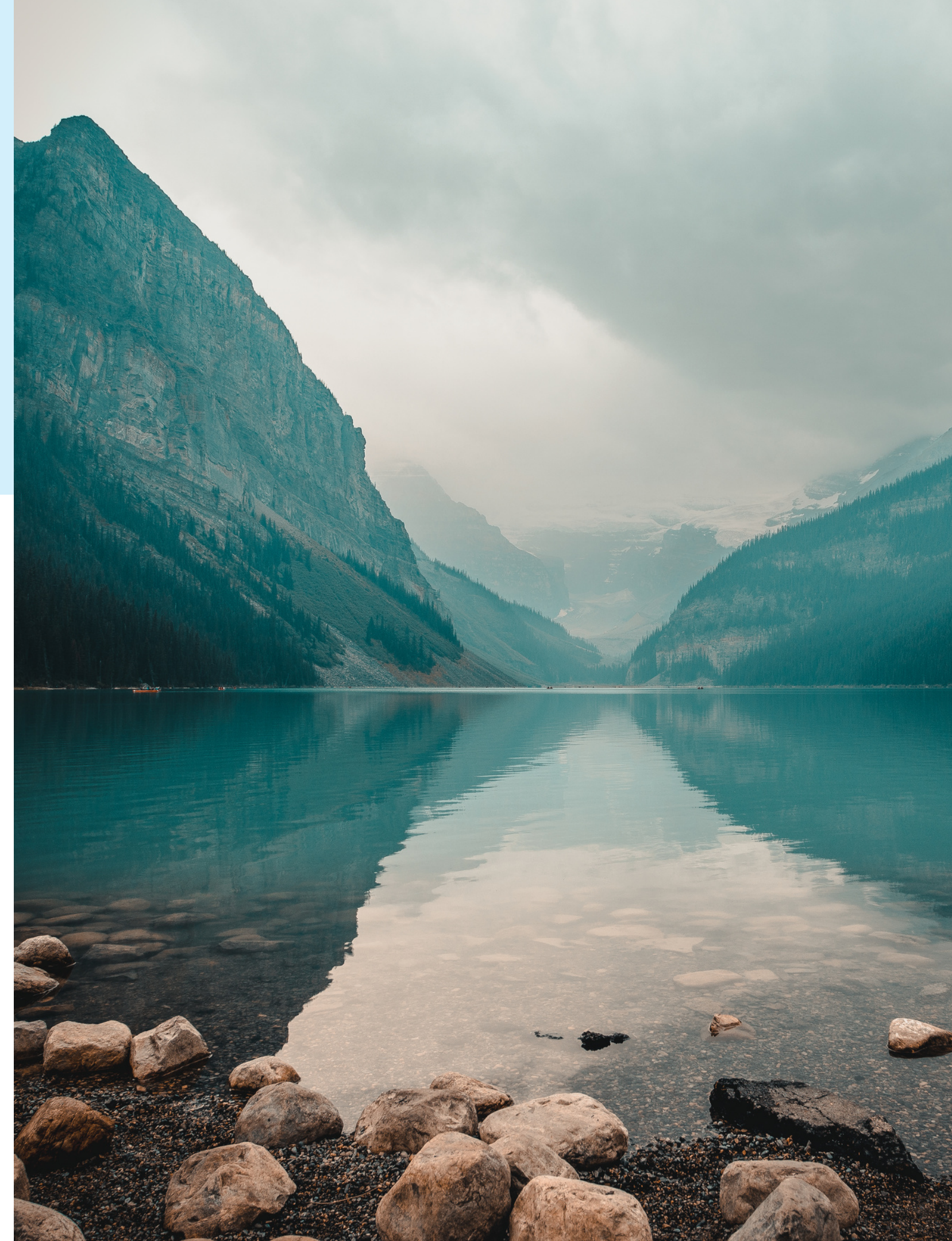
College Campus Tours

- University of Montana - October 20th



College App Week/Next Steps Week

- October 23rd, 24th, 25th
- Help students apply to college.
- Students can explore military and workforce options if that is their path.
- Scholarship help



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS



Have Info Readily Available:

- Social Security Number
- Personal Email
- Home Address
- Idea of chosen major
- If possible do not choose general studies



College Websites:

- Lists requirements for admissions to college
- States due dates for paperwork/info (FAFSA, SAT/ACT scores, etc.)
- Application process



Letters of Acceptance:

- This letter will be sent out late Fall or early Spring.



COLLEGE APPLICATION TRACKER TOOL



Come to Room 137 or find under student resources
on the College and Career website.

COLLEGE APPLICATION TRACKER TOOL

COLLEGE APP CHECKLIST:	Ex: My Fave University				
Reach, Match, or Safety	✓ Match				
Obtained or accessed application	✓ Online app				
Application deadline	11/1/2018				
Transcript sent by high school	Requested 10/5/18				

STANDARDIZED TESTING



ACT

Find practice at act.org

SAT

Find practice at khanacademy.org



Test Optional Colleges

- Some schools have chosen to be test optional - please be sure to check each school your student is interested in.
- Test optional schools still take in account GPA and may require students to take an assessment to be placed into the correct level of math and English courses.

NEXT STEPS IDAHO RESOURCES



Idaho's guide in helping you
prepare for life after high
school.

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nextsteps.idaho.gov

NEXT STEPS IDAHO

IDAHO

SEARCH

Idaho LAUNCH - Opens OCT 3!

Success Starts Here

Connect to What's Possible

An initiative of the State Board of Education in partnership with Idaho's employers, Next Steps Idaho is designed to help you understand and pursue the many education and career opportunities available to you.

- Idaho LAUNCH - Opens OCT 3**
Idaho LAUNCH aims to prepare students for Idaho's workforce needs by providing grants for education and training programs.
- Apply Idaho - Opens OCT 2**
Apply Idaho is a free, common application platform for in-state colleges, available to current-year Idaho high school seniors.
- Idaho Campus Choice - Letters are mailed!**
Idaho Campus Choice notifies high school seniors in the fall on guaranteed acceptance to specific state-funded colleges in Idaho.

nextsteps.idaho.gov

NEXT STEPS TOOLS

Resume & Cover Letter Builder

Self-Assessment Tools

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Idaho LAUNCH – Opens OCT 31

Information Center

Self-Assessments & Planning Tools

Use these interactive quizzes and planning tools to explore how your interests can translate into a rewarding career. And, make a plan to get there.

Future Finder

START

Learning Styles

START

Career Clusters

START

Plan Smart

START

College Cost Estimator

START

Work Values

START

Interest Profiler

START

Idaho Launch: Skill Sync

Quizzes & Tools

Career assessment tools use a set of questions to help you identify what you like to do and what you value in work and life. Most focus on just one or two of these things (skills, interests, and/or values) so it pays to take more than one to learn about the kind of career you will enjoy most.

Click an activity to start!

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Menu icon

User icon

Cover Letter

Resume

Start a new document.

Cover Letter Builder

Resume Builder

Illustration of a person holding a large pen and writing on a clipboard with a checkmark.

LOGIN here to save your work

Students can save their work, if they create a Next Steps Idaho account.

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IDAHO CAMPUS CHOICE



Letter to seniors letting them know which colleges in Idaho they have the choice to apply to and be guaranteed admissions.



Students should receive their letter during the first week of October.

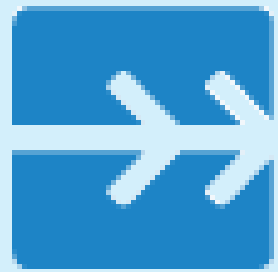


Students still have to apply, either using Apply Idaho or directly on the college's website.



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Admission based on 6th semester GPA

GPA < 2.6
Direct Admission to
SIX Colleges




GPA > 2.6
Direct Admission to
EIGHT Colleges



**** Note:** Students can apply to any of the 8 colleges + NNU and C of I, despite their GPA

New Login Screens!



Login

Choose which account you want to access.

Next Steps Idaho

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Apply Idaho

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Scholarship Idaho

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CONTINUE



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APPLY IDAHO

State of Idaho Common App

- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Idaho State University
- North Idaho College
- College of Idaho
- College of Eastern Idaho
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- Northwest Nazarene University



Opens - October 3rd

- No Application Fee

Recommended that students apply to 2 or 3 at a time, not all 10.

College & University Directory

SEARCH

Not Sure Where to Start?
Check Out [The Discovery Center](#)

Filter

Reset X

Location

Select a location

Student body size

☐ Small

☐ Medium

☐ Large

College Type

Setting

Admissions process

Results 3,268 schools

Alphabetical (A - Z)

Aaniiih Nakoda College

Harlem, MT

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX

N/A

79%

N/A

N/A

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Tifton, GA

N/A

79%

N/A

N/A

Abraham Lincoln University

Los Angeles, CA

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Academy College

Bloomington, MN

N/A

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N/A

N/A

Adams State University

Alamosa, CO

N/A

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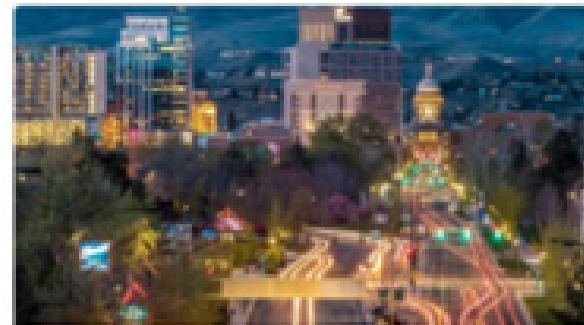
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College Discovery Center



Apply Idaho Schools

Apply Idaho is a free, common application platform for select in-state colleges. Open October through June, this application is **ONLY** available to current-year Idaho high school seniors.

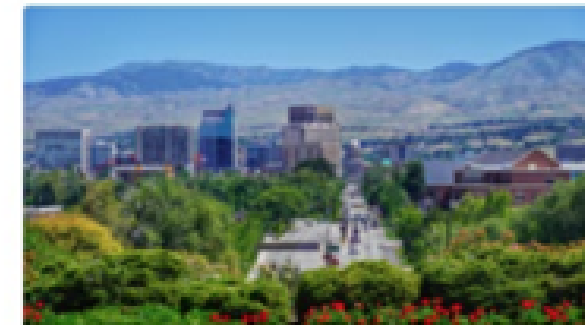
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Idaho Schools

Schools located in the Gem State

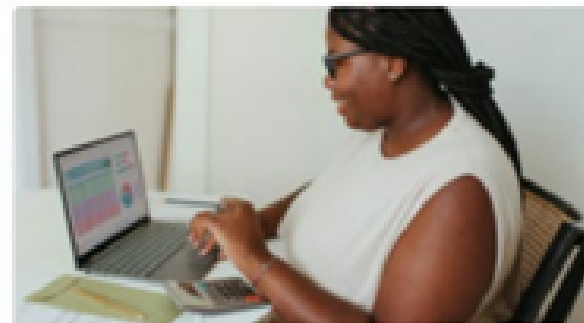
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2-Year Schools

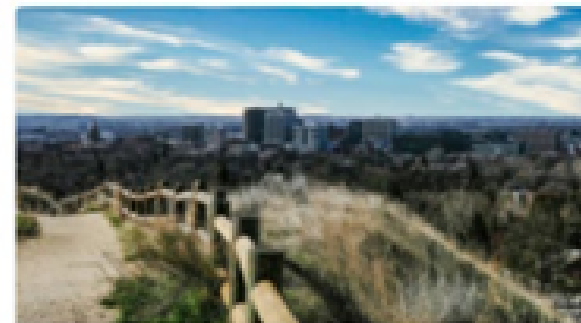
Filtered list of schools offering 2-year degrees and certifications

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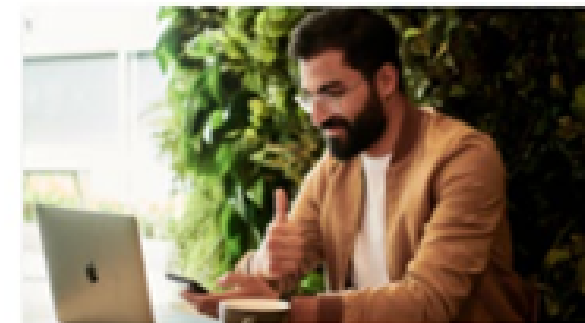
4-Year Schools

Filtered list of colleges and universities offering 4-year degrees



Urban Setting

Schools located in urban areas across the country

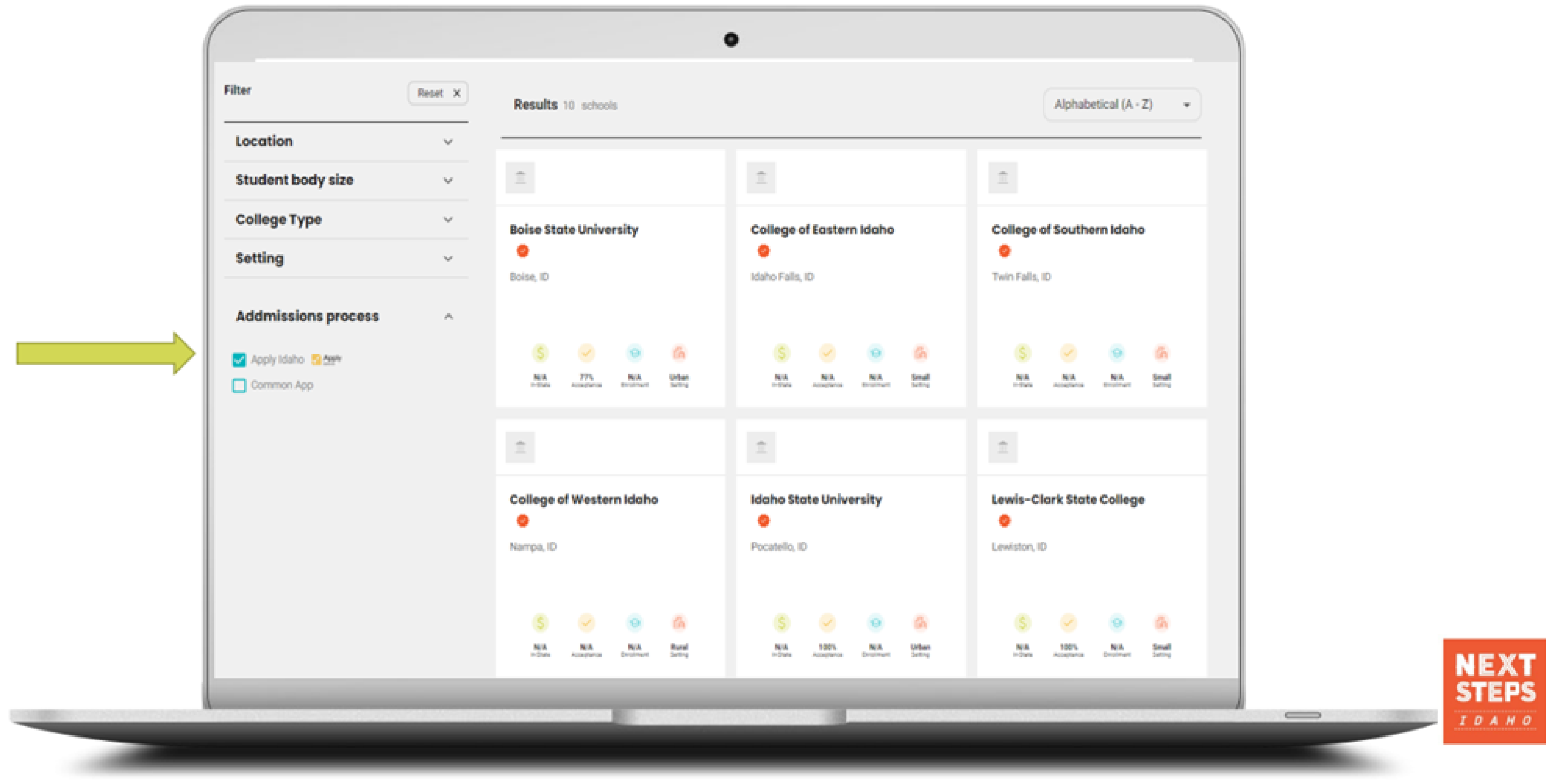


Small Town Setting

Looking for a school in a smaller setting? Check out this list



Tip: Filter by Apply Idaho

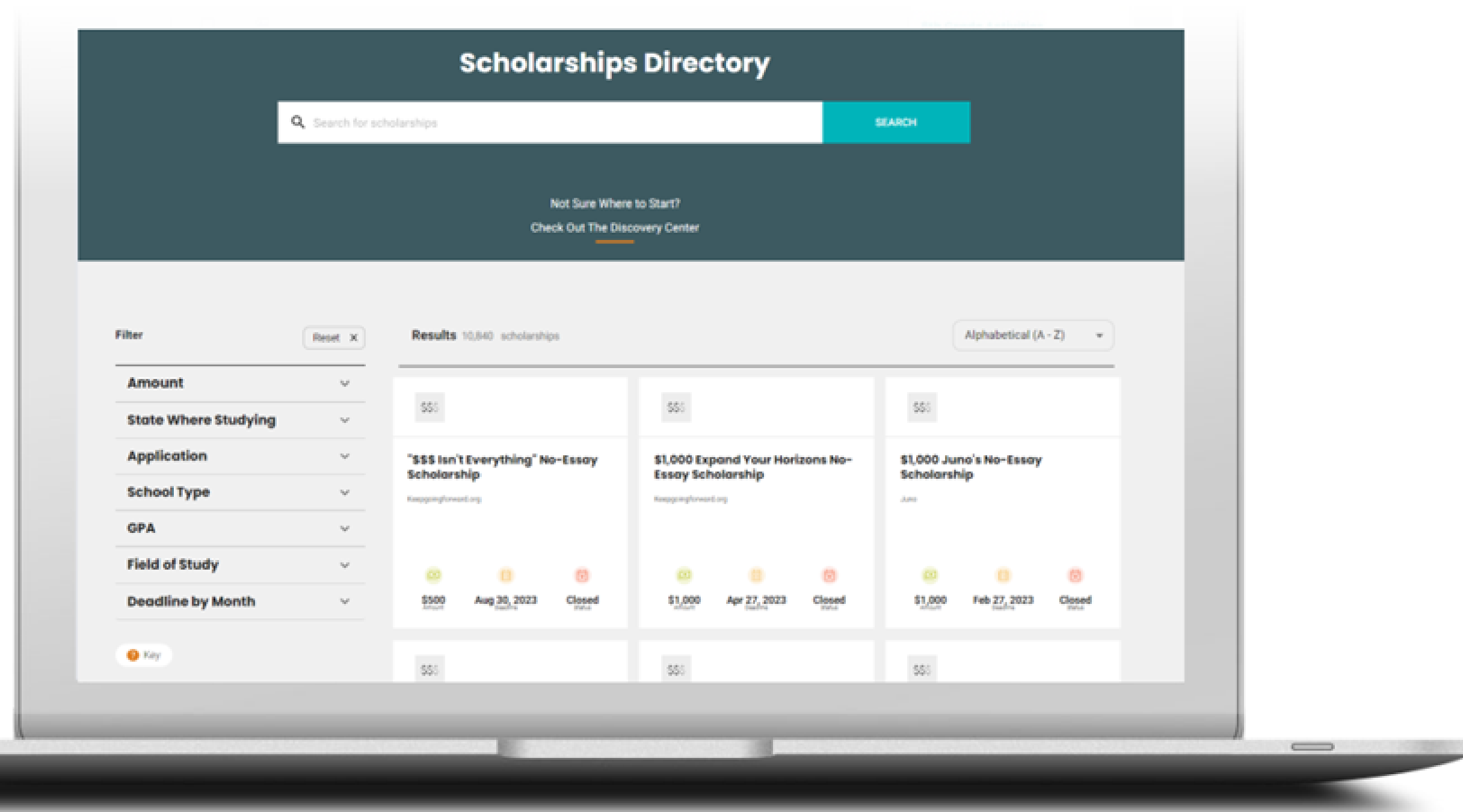


The screenshot shows a laptop screen with a college search application. On the left, a 'Filter' sidebar contains categories: Location, Student body size, College Type, Setting, and Admissions process. A green arrow points to the 'Admissions process' section, where 'Apply Idaho' is checked and 'Common App' is unchecked. The 'Results' section on the right shows 10 schools, with the first six displayed in a grid. Each school card includes a location pin, the school name, location, and four status icons: In-State (green S), Acceptance (yellow checkmark), Enrollment (blue checkmark), and Setting (red house icon).

School	Location	In-State	Acceptance	Enrollment	Setting
Boise State University	Boise, ID	N/A	77%	N/A	Urban
College of Eastern Idaho	Idaho Falls, ID	N/A	N/A	N/A	Small
College of Southern Idaho	Twin Falls, ID	N/A	N/A	N/A	Small
College of Western Idaho	Nampa, ID	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rural
Idaho State University	Pocatello, ID	N/A	100%	N/A	Urban
Lewis-Clark State College	Lewiston, ID	N/A	100%	N/A	Small

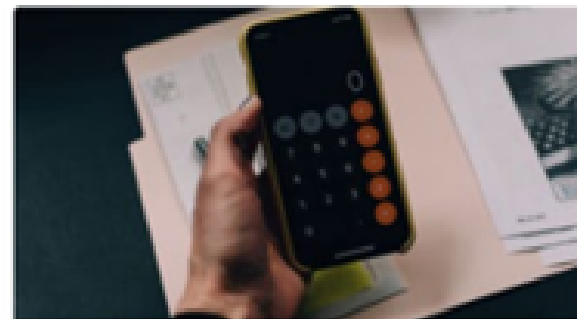
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NEW Scholarship Directory



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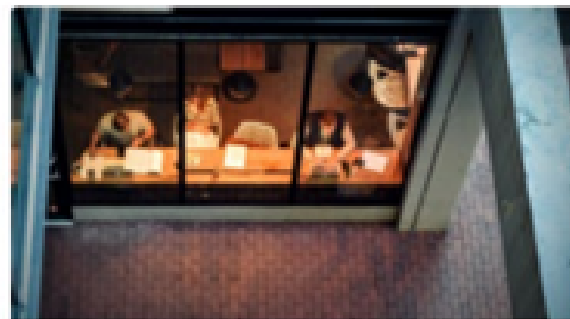
Scholarship Discovery Center



Closing Soon

These are the scholarships that will be closing soon

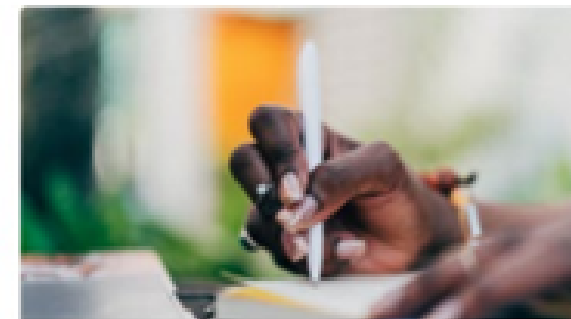
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Idaho Scholarships

Scholarships for schools in Idaho

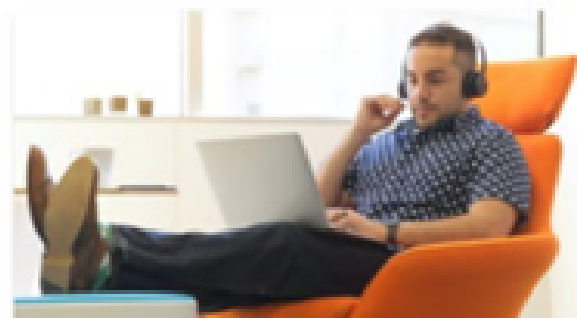
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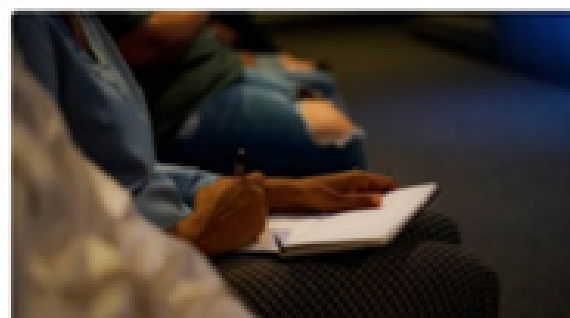
Looking for scholarships with higher amounts? Check out this list!

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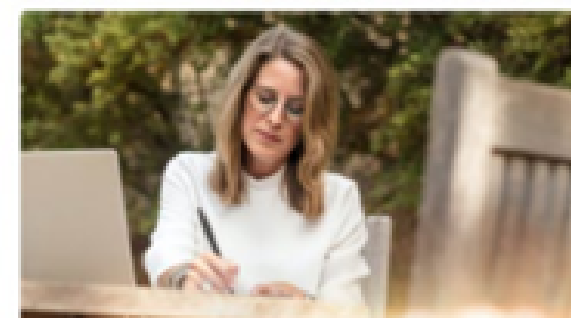
2-Year College Scholarships

If you're planning to go to a 2-year school, check out these scholarships



4-Year College Scholarships

Planning to pursue a 4-year degree? Look at this list of scholarships



Career Technical Scholarships

If you're going the vocational route, see what scholarships you can apply to here

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SCHOLARSHIP IDAHO



State of Idaho Scholarships

- Idaho Opportunity Scholarship
- Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship
- New! - Idaho LAUNCH Scholarship



Opens on October 3rd



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The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship

Up to \$3,500 / year and renewable for up to four years.

Eligible Institutions:

Boise State University
Brigham Young University Idaho
Idaho State University
Lewis Clark State College
Northwest Nazarene University
The College of Idaho
University of Idaho
Western Governors

- ☐ Application Opens: October 3rd
- ☐ FAFSA Deadline: March 1st, 2024
- ☐ Application Closes: March 1st, 2024
- ☐ Need & merit ranking for all applicants: Mar-Apr 2024
- ☐ Contingent Offers:
 - ☐ By December 31st, 2023
 - ☐ By April 15th, 2024

The Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship

The Idaho Governor's Academic NOW \$5,000 / year. CTE \$3,000/year

Academic

- Renewable up to 4 years
- Be an Idaho resident
- Emphasis on public service
- Must have at least a 2.8 GPA
- 500-word essay and 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Deadline to apply is March 1
- Graduating seniors of Idaho high schools

CTE

- Renewable up to 3 years
- Be an Idaho resident
- Emphasis on public service
- Must have at least a 2.8 GPA
- 500-word essay and 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Deadline to apply is April 15
- Graduating seniors of Idaho high schools -OR- first-year Idaho college students

Award Amount

Applicant Eligibility



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What is Launch?

- Grant Program for Idaho graduating seniors.
- One-time opportunity to have 80% of tuition and fees at eligible institutions.
- Maximum amount of \$8,000
- Must be enrolled to start, Fall semester after graduation.
- Complete the Senior Project.
- Major or training aligned to an [in-demand career](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

Idaho LAUNCH
application opens:

October 3

Initial applications due:

November 30

Contingent awards
announced by:

December 31



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- ☒ **Most are specifically for PFHS Students**
- ☒ **Local Scholarships are available at the start of 2nd semester.**
- ☒ **Will be posted in the College and Career Center (Room 137) and on the College and Career Website.**

***Website link is located on the front page of the Post Falls High School website.

FAFSA UPDATES 2023

- FAFSA will not open until December 2023
- The Application is being completely redone.
- FSA ID needs to be done one week in advance.
- Federal Tax Info from 2022



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FAFSA – PELL GRANTS

- Federal Grant that student does not pay back.
- Depends on students financial need.
- \$7,395 current max Pell grant.



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FEDERAL LOANS VS PRIVATE LOANS

Loans - available to students to help cover the additional costs of college after scholarships and grants are exhausted.



FEDERAL LOANS

- FAFSA (Federal Government)
- Low, fixed interest rate(5.5%)
- Income based repayment plans
- Subsidized or Unsubsidized

PRIVATE LOANS

- Non-federal, Private Lender
- Bank or Credit Union
- Require Credit Check
- Typically higher interest rate

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FAFSA WEBINAR

November 9th
and
December 7th

Please watch both student and
parent emails for details.

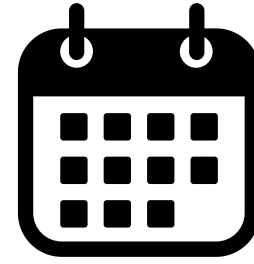


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PFHS FAFSA NIGHTS



PFHS Library

6:00pm to 8:00pm

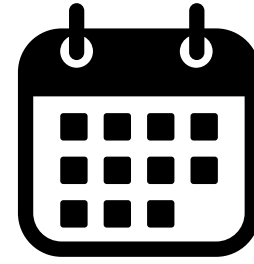
- January 17th
- January 22nd
- February 7th
- February 26th

*****FSA ID must be created one week prior to completing FAFSA form.**



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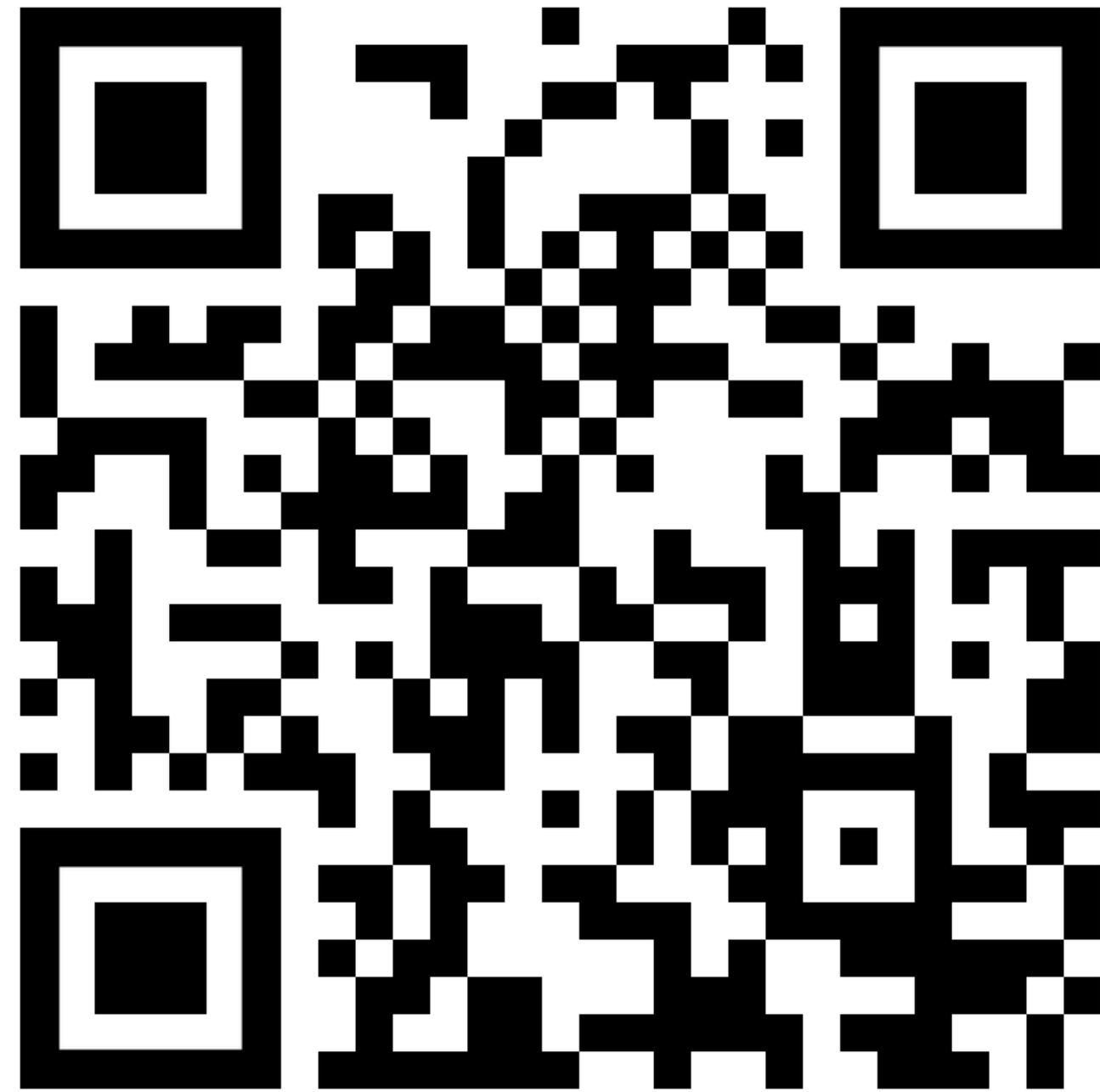
January 17th

PFHS Library

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Sign up on the FAFSA night form for
January 17th.

Space is limited to 20 families.





THANK YOU!

Questions?

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