

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
2 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-4305, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POST-
3 SECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 43, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 33-4305, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 33-4305. POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP. (1) Subject to the provi-
10 sions of subsection (2) of this section:

11 (a) Any student who has earned at least ten (10) postsecondary semester
12 credits upon graduation from an Idaho public high school or Idaho public
13 charter high school shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit schol-
14 arship in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) that shall be used
15 for tuition and fees at any publicly funded institution of higher educa-
16 tion in Idaho. The award amount shall be limited by the number of cred-
17 its accepted by the institution of higher education where the scholar-
18 ship is to be applied. The awards shall be annual awards. One-quarter
19 (1/4) of the scholarship amount shall be distributed in each semester
20 of full-time attendance until the total scholarship is expended or ex-
21 pires.

22 (b) Any student who has earned at least twenty (20) postsecondary
23 semester credits upon graduation from an Idaho public high school or
24 Idaho public charter high school shall be entitled to a postsecondary
25 credit scholarship in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) that
26 shall be used for tuition and fees at any publicly funded institution
27 of higher education in Idaho. The award amount shall be limited by the
28 number of credits accepted by the institution of higher education where
29 the scholarship is to be applied. The awards shall be annual awards.
30 One-quarter (1/4) of the scholarship amount shall be distributed in
31 each semester of full-time attendance until the total scholarship is
32 expended or expires.

33 (c) Any student who has earned an associate's degree from an accred-
34 ited institution upon graduation from an Idaho public high school or
35 Idaho public charter high school shall be entitled to a postsecondary
36 credit scholarship in an amount equal to the tuition and fees charged by
37 the publicly funded institution of higher education in Idaho where the
38 scholarship is to be applied. The awards shall be annual awards. The
39 scholarship amount shall be distributed in each semester of full-time
40 attendance, up to four (4) semesters of attendance, until it expires.

41 (2) In order to be eligible for a full postsecondary credit scholarship
42 set forth in subsection (1) of this section:

1 (a) The student must be awarded an academic merit-based scholarship in
2 an amount at least equal to the postsecondary credit scholarship amount
3 awarded in the same school year;

4 (b) The student must have attended schools in the Idaho public school
5 system full time for the year immediately preceding high school gradua-
6 tion; and

7 (c) Except for the first semester in which the postsecondary credit
8 scholarship amount is distributed, in order to receive the scholarship
9 distribution in a given semester, the student must have successfully
10 passed at least twelve (12) credits during the immediately preceding
11 semester in which the scholarship was distributed.

12 For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection, an Idaho opportunity
13 scholarship awarded under section 33-4303, Idaho Code, will be considered an
14 academic merit-based scholarship.

15 (3) A student shall use the postsecondary credit scholarship within
16 four (4) years of his or her high school graduation date, at which time the
17 scholarship shall expire and may no longer be used.

18 (4) A student is entitled to only one (1) of the postsecondary credit
19 scholarships set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

20 (5) If a student has been awarded scholarships that pay for one hun-
21 dred percent (100%) of the cost of tuition and fees, then part or all of the
22 remaining postsecondary credit scholarship moneys may be used for room and
23 board at the discretion of the publicly funded institution of higher educa-
24 tion in Idaho where the student will attend.

25 (6) The state board of education shall distribute the postsecondary
26 credit scholarship moneys directly to the institutions of higher education
27 from moneys appropriated.

28 (7) No later than every January 15, the state board of education shall
29 report to the senate and the house of representatives education committees
30 the number of scholarships awarded pursuant to this section during the pre-
31 vious school year. The report shall include the total amount of moneys dis-
32 tributed for the scholarships.

33 (8) The state board of education may promulgate rules to implement the
34 provisions of this section.