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## **State Board of Education Reinstates Idaho Promise Scholarship to Original Amount**

In action at its December meeting in Pocatello the Idaho Board of Education approved a recommendation from Governor Kempthorne to restore the Promise B scholarship to its original level of \$250 per semester. Taking effect in the Spring 2003 semester, the action will provide scholarship support to over 7,500 students at Idaho's two and four year schools.

The Promise B Scholarship was created by the State Legislature in 2000 and provides a maximum scholarship of \$500 per year for two years of higher education. Based on budget and enrollment projections the State Board set the amount at \$200 per semester at its April 2002 meeting.

Applications for the scholarship have been less than expected during the Fall 2002 semester. The lower number of applications results in remaining funds that are adequate to restore the scholarship award to its maximum amount.

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Idaho students who graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA or an ACT score of 20 or higher are eligible to apply for the Promise B Scholarship. Students remain eligible by maintaining a 2.5 GPA while taking an average of 12 credits hours per semester.

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