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CHAPTER 05**

08.01.05 - IDAHO PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to the authority of the State Board of Education (the Board) under Section 33-105 and Title 33, Chapter 43, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. These rules shall be known as IDAPA 08.01.05, "Idaho Promise Scholarship Program." (4-2-08)

02. Scope. These rules constitute the requirements for the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program, Promise A and Promise B. (4-2-08)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code any written interpretation of the rules of this chapter are available at the Board office. (4-2-08)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

Unless otherwise provided for in the rules of the Board or in the State Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures, all administrative appeals allowed by law shall be conducted as provided herein. (4-2-08)

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

There are no documents to incorporate by reference pursuant to, and in accordance with Section 67-5229, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.

The principal place of business of the Board is in Boise, Idaho. The mailing address is PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037. The Board's street address is 650 West State Street, Room 307, Boise, Idaho 83702. The office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. (4-2-08)

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.

This rule has been promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code, and is a public record. (4-2-08)

007. DEFINITIONS.

These definitions are applicable to this chapter only. (4-2-08)

01. Full-Time Student. An average of at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester, including any remedial coursework. (4-2-08)

02. Secondary School Equivalent. The instruction of students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12), provided by home schools or other educational delivery systems or by successful completion of the General Educational Development (GED) test. (4-2-08)

03. Idaho Secondary School. Any secondary school located in the state of Idaho, including secondary schools located in border school districts attended by Idaho residents in accordance with Section 33-1403, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

04. High School Record for Promise A Students. An individual's cumulative grade point average (GPA) for grades nine (9) through twelve (12), and difficulty of course load taken as certified by an official of such secondary school. (4-2-08)

05. High School Record for Promise B Students. An individual's secondary school cumulative grade

point average for grades nine (9) through twelve (12), or a composite score on the American College Test (ACT), or a sum of sub-scores on the ACT Computerized Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System (COMPASS), or a combined score on the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test I (SAT). (4-2-08)

06. Grade Point Average or GPA. Means the average earned by a student, figured by dividing the unweighted grade points earned on a scale of four point zero (4.0) by the number of credits attempted. (4-2-08)

008. OBJECTIVES OF THE IDAHO PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

The legislature has recognized and declared that substantial economic and social benefits accrue to the state because of an educated citizenry, and that the encouragement of the State's most talented Idaho secondary school graduates to enroll in Idaho educational institutions is an important element for assuring the future leadership in the State. See Chapter 43, Title 33, Idaho Code. The Idaho Promise Scholarship Program recognizes high standards of achievement, as measured by competitive examination and high school records of graduates of public, private, or the equivalent secondary schools in Idaho who attend public or independent postsecondary institutions in Idaho. (4-2-08)

009. MONETARY VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

01. Monetary Value. The monetary value of each Promise A and Promise B scholarship shall be set annually by the Board in accordance with Sections 33-4307(2), (3) et seq., Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

02. Duration. The grant covers up to one (1) educational year or equivalent for attendance at an eligible postsecondary educational institution, as defined in Section 33-4306(1), Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

010. SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

01. Selection and Eligibility Requirements. Selection and eligibility requirements for a scholarship are based upon the provisions of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program. Applicants for the Idaho Promise Scholarship are responsible for providing to the eligible institution in which he intends to enroll and/or the Board any and all information necessary to verify a student's eligibility for the Idaho Promise Scholarship. (4-2-08)

02. Educational Costs. The recipient must certify that this scholarship, if awarded, will be used only for educational costs as defined in Section 33-4306, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

03. Enrollment. The recipient must pursue an undergraduate course of study leading to a degree, certificate, diploma, or other documentation of completion, which requires at least six (6) months, or equivalent of consecutive attendance. Furthermore, the applicant shall not enroll in an educational program leading directly to a baccalaureate degree in theology or divinity. (4-2-08)

04. Compliance. The recipient must comply with all the provisions of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program and these rules. (4-2-08)

011. ADMINISTRATION.

The Board has delegated to the Board office the responsibility for the administration of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program. As administrator, the Board office is responsible for releasing any public information regarding the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program, determination of scholarship recipients, determination of procedures for payment of scholarships to recipients, maintaining fiscal controls and accounting procedures, preparing annual reports as required, and authorizing release of all forms, affidavits, and certification necessary for the operation of the program. (4-2-08)

012. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.

With the sole exception of the ability to audit the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program as set forth in Section 013 of this chapter, these rules do not grant any authority to the Board to control or influence the policies of any eligible, nonpublic postsecondary education institution or community college because those institutions accept as students recipients of the Idaho Promise Scholarship, nor do these rules require any institution to admit or, once admitted, retain a recipient of an Idaho Promise Scholarship. (4-2-08)

013. AUDIT.

Participating institutions shall agree in advance to submit to regular, periodic audits by the legislative auditor and/or an auditor designated by the Board to ensure compliance with the statutes, rules, and policies governing the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program. (4-2-08)

014. -- 099. (RESERVED).

100. PROMISE A SCHOLARSHIP.

The following Sections 100 through 108 specifically relate to the Idaho Promise A Scholarship. (4-2-08)

101. PROMISE A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The total number of initial and continuing scholarships will not exceed the number authorized in the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program or by the appropriation to support the program, whichever is less. The number of initial scholarships to individuals enrolled in academic and professional-technical programs shall be determined annually by the Board. If the number of qualified professional-technical applicants is not sufficient, additional awards will be given to qualified academic applicants. (4-2-08)

102. PROMISE A PRIORITY FOR AWARD.

In the event the state of Idaho does not provide an appropriation sufficient to support the maximum number of scholarships authorized by the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program, the priority for initial and continuing scholarships will be as follows: (4-2-08)

01. Highest Priority. Highest priority is given to continuing recipients in an order beginning with the date of the initial award. However, in the event further priority must be established among continuing recipients, the recipient's rank within the recipient's academic or professional-technical major and class will be used, with priority given to the recipient with a higher ranking within the recipient's academic or professional-technical major and class. (4-2-08)

02. Secondary Priority. Secondary priority is given to initial scholarship recipients until the appropriation is exhausted or the maximum number of initial scholarships authorized by the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program is reached, whichever is less. (4-2-08)

103. PROMISE A SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION, NOTICE, AND RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

01. Initial Applications. Completed applications for initial scholarships must be submitted to the Board office electronically no later than January 15 for the awarding of initial scholarships for such year. An applicant without electronic capabilities may submit an application on the form established by the Board through the United States Postal Service which must be postmarked no later than January 15. (4-2-08)

02. Announcement of Award. Announcement of award of initial scholarships will be made no later than May 1 of each year, with awards to be effective July 1 of that year. (4-2-08)

03. Deadline for Acceptance. An applicant notified that he has been selected as a recipient must respond in writing by the date specified regarding the recipient's intent to accept the award. Failure to submit a response of acceptance in writing will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. (4-2-08)

04. Communication With State Officials. Applicants for either initial or continuing scholarships must respond by the date specified to any communication from officials of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program Failure to respond within the time period specified will result in cancellation of the application or forfeiture of the scholarship unless extenuating circumstances are involved. (4-2-08)

104. PROMISE A RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS.

01. Application for Initial Scholarship. Applicants for the Idaho Promise Scholarship are responsible for any errors or omissions in the information provided on the electronic, or paper, application form or to the eligible postsecondary institutions. The Board, the Board office, any official of a secondary school in Idaho, an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho, American College Testing, and any official of the Idaho Promise

Scholarship Program, individually or collectively, are not responsible for any information provided by an applicant on the electronic, or paper, application form or for any errors or omissions in the information provided by the applicant. In addition, each applicant must submit the required standardized test scores. Applications submitted without the required standardized scores are incomplete and will not be considered for the scholarship. (4-2-08)

02. Submission of Application. Applicants for initial Idaho Promise A Scholarships are responsible for submitting completed electronic application forms to the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program at the Board office. (4-2-08)

03. Unused Scholarship Balances. Following the initial award of the scholarship, each recipient is responsible for remitting any reasonable unused scholarship balances to their institutions on behalf of the Board in the event the recipient discontinues attendance before the end of any semester, quarter, term, or equivalent. (4-2-08)

105. PROMISE A SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY.

Applicants who intend to enroll in academic programs at eligible Idaho postsecondary educational institutions are selected as recipients on the basis of their high school record and GPA as defined in this chapter. Applicants who intend to enroll in professional-technical programs at eligible Idaho postsecondary educational institutions are selected on the basis of performance on the ACT COMPASS exam and GPA in grades nine through twelve (9-12). To be eligible for consideration, the criteria used during the selection process for Promise A applicants are as follows: (4-2-08)

01. High School Record and GPA. Academic applicants must have a cumulative GPA of three point five (3.5) or better on a scale of four point zero (4.0). Professional-technical applicants must have a cumulative GPA of two point eight (2.8) or better on a scale of four point zero (4.0). (4-2-08)

02. ACT Composite Score. Academic applicants must verify an ACT composite score of twenty-eight (28) or better. (4-2-08)

03. COMPASS Score. Professional-technical applicants must provide a copy of their ACT COMPASS report, which must include scores from the Writing Skills, Reading Skills and Mathematics sections of the COMPASS. Alternatively, professional-technical applicants may submit a copy of their ACT report, which will be equated to Compass Writing skills, Reading skills and Mathematics. Scores on the COMPASS report will be evaluated as a whole and used to rank professional-technical applicants. (4-2-08)

04. Attendance. The applicant must declare an intention of enrolling at an eligible public or private postsecondary educational institution in Idaho (as defined in Section 33-4306(1), Idaho Code) during the academic year immediately following completion of secondary school, or its equivalent in the state of Idaho. (4-2-08)

05. ACT, GPA and Ranking. Academic applicants are ranked against other academic applicants, and professional-technical applicants are ranked against other professional-technical applicants as follows: (4-2-08)

a. Equal weight is given to the academic applicant's performance on the prescribed ACT measurements and the applicant's cumulative GPA. (4-2-08)

b. Equal weight is given to the professional-technical applicant's performance on the ACT COMPASS exam, or comparable score on the ACT exam equated to Compass Writing skills, Reading skills, and Mathematics, and cumulative GPA. (4-2-08)

106. PROMISE A CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.

The total grant payments over a period of six (6) years to an individual may not exceed four (4) annual grants. To remain eligible for renewal of a scholarship following the successful completion of the first or freshman year of study, the scholarship recipient must comply with all of the provisions of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program and these rules in addition to the following requirements: (4-2-08)

01. Credit Hours. A scholarship recipient must enroll in and complete at least an average of twelve (12) credit hours per semester during the educational year in which the recipient receives the award at an eligible postsecondary institution. (4-2-08)

02. GPA. A scholarship recipient who does not meet the GPA and enrollment requirements at the end of the educational year will forfeit the scholarship in subsequent years. (4-2-08)

03. Transfer of Scholarship. A scholarship recipient who transfers from one eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho to another must comply with all of the requirements of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program and these rules to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. The Promise A scholarship recipient must file a statement with the Board office declaring the intention to transfer as a full-time undergraduate student in an academic or professional-technical program in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho for the succeeding year no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the academic term in which the student intends to enroll. (4-2-08)

04. Eligibility Following Interruption of Continuous Enrollment. A Promise A recipient whose continuous enrollment is interrupted for more than four (4) months for any reason but who intends to re-enroll in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho must file a letter of intent to interrupt continuous enrollment no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the academic term of the discontinued attendance. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the scholarship. The Board office will review each request for interruption and notify the applicant of approval or denial of the request. In addition, the recipient must file a statement with the Board office declaring the intent to re-enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in an academic or professional-technical program in an eligible postsecondary institution in Idaho for the succeeding academic year no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the academic term in which the student intends to re-enroll. (4-2-08)

05. Promise A Recipient. (4-2-08)

a. Must file a statement with the Board office each year declaring the recipient's intention to continue as a full-time undergraduate student in an academic or professional-technical program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho for the succeeding year. The Board office will provide to each eligible institution a list of anticipated recipients. The education official of each institution shall certify to the Board office the current cumulative GPA of those recipients attending said institution. (4-2-08)

b. Must maintain high standards of performance in the recipient's academic or professional-technical major and class, with a cumulative GPA of three point zero (3.0) or better. (4-2-08)

107. PROMISE A PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

01. Award. Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and payments will correspond to academic terms, semesters, quarters, or equivalent units. In no instance will the entire amount of a scholarship be paid in advance to or on behalf of a scholarship recipient. (4-2-08)

02. Promise A Payments. Payments are made in the name of the recipient and will be sent to a designated official at the postsecondary educational institution in which the recipient is enrolled. The official must certify the applicant's eligibility, and if eligible, transmit the payment to the recipient within a reasonable time following receipt of the payment. (4-2-08)

108. PROMISE A ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

01. Certification of Enrollment. The officials must certify that scholarship recipients have actually enrolled as full-time students. Such certification for Promise A recipients must be submitted when requested by Board office staff, and no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the regular enrollment period. (4-2-08)

02. Withdrawal from Institution. In the event a scholarship recipient withdraws from the college, school, or university, the officials at the college, school, or university must certify to the Board office that the recipient has withdrawn. Furthermore, in the event a recipient withdraws from all classes during a semester, quarter, term, or equivalent, the officials must remit to the Board office the amount of any tuition or fees refunded as a result of the withdrawal, after first having returned funds to federal aid programs as required by federal statute, up to the full amount of the scholarship received for the current semester, quarter, term, or equivalent. The following additional provisions apply if a scholarship recipient withdraws from the institution: (4-2-08)

a. The refund to the Promise Scholarship Program shall be calculated as follows: refund due to the student from the educational institution minus any refund applied towards federal financial aid repayments, as calculated in accordance with the Federal Return of Title IV Funds Formula, provides the refund due the Promise Scholarship, up to the total amount the student received for the term. The educational institution must remit the balance if any as provided in Section 108 of this chapter. (4-2-08)

b. In the event of extreme hardship as determined by the professional judgment of the designated official at the educational institution, a student may request to the educational institution a waiver of remittance. Members of the National Guard or Reserves who have been ordered to active military duty are eligible for a waiver of remittance. Each institution shall provide to the Board office an accounting of all waivers granted. (4-2-08)

c. In the event that the full amount of the student's scholarship for the semester, quarter, term, or equivalent is returned to the state, that semester, quarter, term, or equivalent shall not be considered in determining the student's eligibility for renewal. (4-2-08)

03. Annual Educational Costs. The officials must certify that the Idaho Promise A Scholarship award does not exceed the average educational costs for students who will be enrolled during the succeeding year. (4-2-08)

109. -- 199. (RESERVED).

200. PROMISE B SCHOLARSHIP.

The following Sections 200 through 207 specifically relate to the Idaho Promise B Scholarship. (4-2-08)

201. PROMISE B NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS -- PRIORITY FOR AWARD.

The total number of scholarships awarded to Promise B students will be determined annually by the Board based on the number of eligible students as certified by the eligible postsecondary institutions, the individual award amount, and the availability of funds. (4-2-08)

202. PROMISE B PRIORITY FOR AWARD.

In the event that the state of Idaho does not provide an appropriation sufficient to award the maximum amount of the scholarship authorized by Section 33-4307(3)(a), Idaho Code then recipients of Promise A Scholarships shall not be eligible to receive Promise B Scholarships. In addition, the Board may proportionally decrease the amount of the Promise B Scholarship so as to provide an award to all eligible students. (4-2-08)

203. PROMISE B SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION, NOTICE, AND RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

Applicants for either initial or continuing scholarships must respond by the date specified to any communication from officials of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program. Failure to respond within the time period specified will result in cancellation of the application or forfeiture of the scholarship unless extenuating circumstances are involved. (4-2-08)

204. PROMISE B SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY.

A student who first enrolls in an eligible Idaho postsecondary institution and who meets the eligibility requirements of the Idaho Promise B Scholarship as verified by the designated financial aid or scholarship office of the eligible institution will receive the Promise B Scholarship. Criteria used to determine eligibility includes the following: (4-2-08)

01. Grade Point Average for Promise B Scholarship. Applicants must have a cumulative secondary school (grades nine (9) through twelve (12)) GPA of three point zero (3.0) or better on a scale of four point zero (4.0). (4-2-08)

02. ACT or Equivalent Score. Applicants who do not have a three point zero (3.0) grade point average must verify a composite score of twenty (20) or better on the ACT assessment, or a corresponding score on the SAT I as established on the ACT/SAT I equivalency table, or at least a combined score of one hundred ninety-five (195) from the Writing Skills, Reading Skills and Algebra areas of the ACT COMPASS examination. (4-2-08)

03. Completion Requirements. The applicant must have completed secondary school or its equivalent in the state of Idaho as defined in Section 007 of this chapter. (4-2-08)

04. Age Requirements. An individual must be under the age of twenty-two (22) on July 1 of the educational year in which the initial award is made. (4-2-08)

05. Full-Time. An individual must enroll as a full-time student. (4-2-08)

205. PROMISE B CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.

The total grant payments over a period of four (4) years to an individual may not exceed two (2) annual payments. To remain eligible for renewal of a scholarship following the successful completion of the first or freshman year of study, the scholarship recipient must comply with all of the provisions of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program and these rules in addition to the following requirements: (4-2-08)

01. Credit Hours. A scholarship recipient must enroll in and complete at least an average of twelve (12) credit hours per semester during the educational year in which the recipient receives the award at an eligible postsecondary institution. (4-2-08)

02. GPA. A scholarship recipient who does not meet the GPA and enrollment requirements at the end of the educational year will forfeit the scholarship in subsequent years. (4-2-08)

03. Transfer of Scholarship. A scholarship recipient who transfers from one eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho to another must comply with all of the requirements of the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program and these rules to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. (4-2-08)

04. Eligibility Following Interruption of Continuous Enrollment. A Promise B recipient whose continuous enrollment is interrupted for more than four (4) months for any reason but who intends to re-enroll in an eligible postsecondary education institution in Idaho must contact the financial aid office at the eligible postsecondary institution to request reinstatement of remaining Promise B eligibility. The student must have met the eligibility requirements prior to the interruption of continuous enrollment, and may not attend a non-eligible institution in the interim. The student must notify the financial aid office at the eligible postsecondary institution within the first semester (term) of resumed attendance regarding reinstatement of eligibility in order to qualify for continued Promise B scholarship eligibility. (4-2-08)

05. Promise B Recipient. The Promise B recipient must maintain high standards of performance by achieving and maintaining a two point five (2.5) cumulative GPA on a four point zero (4.0) system. (4-2-08)

206. PROMISE B PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and payments will correspond to academic terms, semesters, quarters, or equivalent units. In no instance will the entire amount of a scholarship be paid in advance to or on behalf of a scholarship recipient. (4-2-08)

01. Promise B Payments. Payments will be sent to a designated official at the eligible postsecondary educational institution based upon the estimated number of recipients expected to enroll at the institution as provided for in Section 207 of this chapter. The official must transmit the payment to the recipients within a reasonable time following receipt of the payment. Transmittal of funds for the scholarship will be in accordance with a schedule established by the Board office. The schedule will also establish dates by which the following activities will occur to ensure accurate and timely payments to the postsecondary institutions on behalf of recipients. (4-2-08)

02. Number of Estimated Recipients. The postsecondary educational institutions must submit to the Board office the estimated number of Idaho Promise B fall term and spring term recipients each educational year. (4-2-08)

03. Semester Payment Schedule. The Board office shall distribute scholarship funds to a designated official at the postsecondary educational institutions at least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the fall and spring academic terms. (4-2-08)

04. Mid-Semester Adjustments. The postsecondary educational institution must submit mid-semester scholarship adjustment information, including refunds resulting from withdrawal from the institution, which reports the actual number of students who were eligible to receive the Promise B Scholarship to the Board office each academic term of the educational year. (4-2-08)

a. Where the postsecondary educational institution has underestimated the number of scholarship recipients, the Board office will send an additional payment on behalf of those students to the educational institutions each academic term of the educational year. (4-2-08)

b. Where the postsecondary educational institution has overestimated the number of fall recipients, the Board office will deduct the amount overpaid to the educational institution from its spring semester payment. Spring semester overpayments to the educational institutions must be refunded to the Board office prior to the end of the educational year. (4-2-08)

05. Year-End Final Report. The postsecondary educational institution must submit to the Board office prior to the end of the educational year a final report indicating for each term the number of students that received an Idaho Promise B scholarship and the number of Promise B scholarships that were matched by the institution. Any outstanding overpayment made to the institution during the educational year must accompany the final year-end report. (4-2-08)

207. PROMISE B ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

In addition to other responsibilities provided for in this chapter, officials of Idaho postsecondary educational institutions in which scholarship recipients have enrolled are responsible for the following: (4-2-08)

01. Number of Promise B Recipients. The total number of grants to Promise B students will be determined annually. (4-2-08)

a. The officials of eligible Idaho postsecondary educational institution are responsible for identifying eligible Promise B recipients in accordance with Promise Scholarship Program and these rules. (4-2-08)

b. The officials must provide to the Board office an estimation of the number of Idaho Promise B recipients enrolled at the postsecondary institution during each of the corresponding academic terms. (4-2-08)

02. Annual Report to Board. The officials must report annually to the Board office the number of students for each term receiving a Promise B award and the number of awards that were matched by the institution. (4-2-08)

03. Annual Educational Costs. The officials must certify that the Idaho Promise B Scholarship award does not exceed the average educational costs for students who will be enrolled during the succeeding year. (4-2-08)

04. Certification of Enrollment. The officials must certify that scholarship recipients have actually enrolled as full-time students. Such certification for Promise B recipients must be submitted within thirty (30) days following the end of the regular enrollment period. (4-2-08)

05. Withdrawal from Institution. In the event a scholarship recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the officials at the educational institution must certify to the Board office that the recipient has withdrawn. Furthermore, in the event a recipient withdraws from all classes during a semester, quarter, term, or equivalent, the officials must remit to the Board office the amount of any tuition or fees refunded as a result of the withdrawal, after first having returned funds to federal aid programs as required by federal statute, up to the full amount of the scholarship received for the current semester, quarter, term, or equivalent. The following additional provisions apply if a scholarship recipient withdraws from the institution: (4-2-08)

a. The refund to the Promise Scholarship Program shall be calculated as follows: refund due to the student from the educational institution minus any refund applied towards federal financial aid repayments, as calculated in accordance with the Federal Return of Title IV Funds Formula, provides the refund due the Promise

Scholarship, up to the total amount the student received for the term. The educational institution must remit the balance if any as provided in Section 207 of this chapter. (4-2-08)

b. In the event of extreme hardship as determined by the professional judgment of the designated official at the educational institution, a student may request to the educational institution a waiver of remittance. Members of the National Guard or Reserves who have been ordered to active military duty are eligible for a waiver of remittance. Each institution shall provide to the Board office an accounting of all waivers granted. (4-2-08)

c. In the event that the full amount of the student's scholarship for the semester, quarter, term, or equivalent is returned to the state, that semester, quarter, term, or equivalent shall not be considered in determining the student's eligibility for renewal. (4-2-08)

208. -- 299. (RESERVED).

300. APPEAL PROCEDURE.

Any Promise B applicant or recipient adversely affected by a decision made under provisions of this chapter may appeal using the institution's financial aid appeals process. Any Promise A applicant, recipient, or eligible postsecondary educational institution, or any Promise B applicant who desires further consideration of an appeal after the institutional decision has been reached, may appeal to the Board. The applicant, recipient, or eligible postsecondary educational institution must submit the appeal in writing no later than thirty (30) days following notice of the decision, and the written statement must include a statement of the reason the applicant, recipient, or eligible postsecondary educational institution believes the decision should be changed. The appeal must be submitted to the president of the Board in care of the Board office, which must acknowledge receipt of the appeal within seven (7) days. The president of the Board may or may not agree to review the action, or may appoint a subcommittee of three (3) persons, including at least one (1) financial aid administrator at an eligible postsecondary educational institution in Idaho. (4-2-08)

01. Transmittal to Subcommittee. If the appeal is transmitted to the subcommittee, the subcommittee will review the appeal and submit a written recommendation to the president of the Board within fifteen (15) days from the time the subcommittee receives the appeal document. The applicant, recipient, or institution initiating the appeal will be notified by the chairperson of the subcommittee of the time and place when the subcommittee will consider the appeal and will be allowed to appear before the subcommittee to discuss the appeal. (4-2-08)

02. Subcommittee Recommendations. Following the subcommittee's decision, the president of the Board will present the subcommittee's recommendation to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. The applicant, recipient, or eligible postsecondary educational institution initiating the appeal may, at the discretion of the president of the Board, be permitted to make a presentation to the Board. (4-2-08)

03. Board Decision. The decision of the Board is final, binding, and ends all administrative remedies, unless otherwise specifically provided by the Board. The Board will inform the applicant, recipient, or eligible postsecondary educational institution in writing of the decision of the Board. (4-2-08)

301. -- 999. (RESERVED).

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