



# Boise State University

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### Hispanic Youth Symposium 2018

# How to Apply: A Guide for Educators and Students



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Hello,

It is with great excitement I share with you that the Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium (HYS) 2018 will take place on July 28-29, 2018 at Boise State University!

The Idaho HYS 2018 is a two-day conference for Hispanic/Latino high school juniors (Class of 2019). Participants will engage in workshops related to financial aid, scholarships, leadership, motivation, and other workshops focused on the attainment of higher education. The conference will also allow students to compete for scholarships in areas such as academic achievement, talent/art shows, and other areas related to Idaho HYS 2018.

We invite all educational institutions, counselors, teachers, administrators, community organizers/advocates, non-profit programs, etc. in the state of Idaho to encourage their students to apply for this opportunity. We kindly ask that each school/program/organization provide us an email for their designated point of contact. This point of contact will receive additional information throughout the remainder of the school year. Please share the application guide with students in your school and community.

The Idaho HYS 2018 committee will proudly host the Idaho HYS 2018 event on the Boise State campus, thus granting students a first-hand on-campus experience. Students will see and learn the impact higher education has on both the individual and the greater community. We're extremely excited for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students throughout Idaho.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [applyhys@gmail.com](mailto:applyhys@gmail.com) for additional information.

Thank you,  
Andrea Orozco  
Idaho HYS 2018 Logistics Chair



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### Guidelines/Eligibility

Below please find the eligibility criteria for applying to Idaho HYS 2018:

- Current Idaho high school junior (Class of 2019)
- Complete online application at [www.idahohys.org](http://www.idahohys.org)
- Send in additional information as requested upon by the Selection Committee
- Must attend both days of the Idaho HYS 2018 on July 28 - 29, 2018 at Boise State University, Boise
- Accept all terms and conditions for attending (liability waivers, photo release form, etc.)

### Application Process

The student application deadline is **Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. (MST)**. Follow the steps below to complete your application:

- Visit [www.idahohys.org](http://www.idahohys.org)
- Select the tab at the top of the home page labeled "APPLY"
- Click on link and begin application
- Complete - Section 1: GENERAL INFORMATION
- Complete - Section 2: STUDENT PROFILE
- Complete - Section 3: WRITTEN ESSAY
  - Answer the following Essay Question:
    - *What does graduating from college mean to you?* (250 word essay)
  - Students are advised to write this essay BEFORE starting the application.

### Selection Process

Once the application has closed on **Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. (MST)**, the Selection Committee will review each application, specifically the *Student Profile* and *Written Essay* sections. Selection notifications will be **sent via email no later than Friday, April 20, 2018**. Students who are selected to attend will then be required to submit all waivers/forms to secure their spot at Idaho HYS 2018.



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### Frequently Asked Questions?

#### Who should apply to the Idaho HYS 2018?

Current high school juniors (Class of 2019). The Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium is created for the educational enhancement and needs of historically underrepresented students.

#### Will transportation be offered?

Transportation to the event **WILL** be provided and it will be based on both the applicant pool, and on their geographical location from Boise State University. Pick up locations will be finalized in **mid-June** but tentative locations are as follows: Eastern Idaho, Magic Valley, and the greater Treasure Valley.

#### Are students required to attend both days of the Idaho HYS 2018?

Yes, students will be required to participate both July 28 & 29 (Saturday & Sunday). Students will not be allowed to participate in the Idaho HYS 2018 if they arrive late and cannot leave early (unless for family emergency/medical reasons). Additionally, all students will be required to stay overnight for the full college experience.

#### Will there be a student participation fee?

Yes. Students selected to participate in the Idaho HYS 2018 will be required to pay a participation fee of \$50.00 (non-refundable). Payment for student participation fee will take place upon the student selection. Students who demonstrate financial need will be able to apply for a full/partial participation fee waiver.

#### Why is there a *Written Essay* for the application? Is it necessary?

The Idaho HYS 2018 Selection Committee will fully review all student applications submitted. The *Student Profile* and *Written Essay* will be the most significant components for determining the student selection. Students are encouraged to write their essay before starting their online application. Incomplete student applications will not be reviewed/accepted. Essays do not have to follow a formal layout as students are encouraged to write from their own experiences.

The essay question is: *What does graduating from college mean to you?*

#### Is it okay if a student writes their essay in another language other than English?

Yes. Completion of any written portion of the application in the language they are most comfortable writing in is permitted.

#### After a student submits their application, what happens?

After a student has submitted an application, all (non-identifiable) materials will be compiled and given to the Idaho HYS 2018 Selection Committee for review. Selected applicants and alternates will be notified no later than **April 20, 2018** with instructions for submitting student registration payment, waivers/forms, and more.

#### Other questions?

Please submit them to [applyhys@gmail.com](mailto:applyhys@gmail.com)