



R624, Utah Promise Partner Program ¹

R621-1 The following policy has been codified² as Utah Administrative Code R765-624.

R621-2 References

2.1 [Utah Code § 53B-13a-106](#), Utah Promise Partners

R765. Higher Education (Utah Board of), Administration.

R765-621. Utah Promise Partner Program.

R765-621-1. Purpose.

This rule outlines the procedures for the Utah Promise [Partner Program Grant](#) ~~is a statewide need-based grant program that expands access to postsecondary opportunities to all in collaboration with industry partners. This policy outlines the Utah Board of Higher Education's ("Board") policy and procedures for administering the Utah Promise Partner Program.~~

R765-621-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53B-13a-106.

R765-621-3. Definitions.

- (1) ["Board"](#) means the Utah Board of Higher Education.
- (2) ["Eligible program"](#) means an academic program defined by the Board and the Promise Partner.
- (3) "Institution" means an institution of higher education under Utah Code section 53B-2-101(1).
- (4) "Promise Partner Award" means an award given to an eligible employee [or dependent](#) of a promise partner under this policy.
- (5) "Promise Partner" means an employer that has applied to, and established a Memorandum of Understanding with, the Board.
- (6) ["Dependent"](#) means a person who meet the Internal Revenue Service's qualifying child or qualifying relative test.

R765-621-4. Utah Promise Partners.

The Board, ~~in consultation with the Talent Ready Utah Program~~, may select, as a promise partner, an employer who applies to the Board and meets other requirements established by the Board. [The Board may name a specific promise grant after the donating promise partner.](#)

R765-621-5. Employee Qualifications.

- (1) An employee who works for a promise partner, [or who is a dependent of an employee of a promise partner](#), is eligible to receive an award under this policy if [the individual](#):
 - (a) ~~The employee e~~Completes the application process approved by the Board;
 - (b) Is admitted to, and enrolled in [or intends to enroll in and eligible program at](#) a Utah System of Higher Education institution; and
 - (c) Meets other requirements established by the ~~Promise Partner~~ [Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education](#).
- ~~(1)~~(2) The student must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in subsection R765-621-5(1) for the full-length of time the student receives the award.

R765-621-6. Application Process.

- (1) The promise partner shall establish an application process consistent with this rule that

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² This administrative rule is still going through the codification process and minor, non-substantive edits to conform with the Administrative Code may need to be made.

applicants can easily access and complete.

(2) The Board, in consultation with the partner, shall set deadlines by which applicants must submit all required materials.

R765-621-7. Award.

Subject to funding, the Board may:

(1) Give a promise partner award for the portion of tuition and fees for a program at an institution that is not covered by ~~a~~ the promise partner ~~reimbursement~~;

(2) Prioritize awarding promise partner awards if an appropriation for promise partner awards is insufficient to provide a promise partner award to each eligible applicant.

R765-621-8. Award Duration.

The Board may continue to award a promise partner award to an eligible recipient until the earlier of ~~either~~:

(1) ~~Two~~ **Four** years after the **day on which the** recipient receives a promise partner award;

(2) The recipient's **use of** ~~es~~ the promise partner award to attend an institution for ~~four~~ **eight** semesters; or

(3) The recipient completing an eligible program. ~~es the requirements for an associate degree; or~~

~~(4) The recipient attends an institution that does not offer associate degrees, and the recipient has earned 60 credit hours.~~