



## R624, Utah Promise Partner Program <sup>1</sup>

**R621-1** The following policy has been codified<sup>2</sup> 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

##### **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 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) 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 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.
- (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 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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

**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 the promise partner;
- (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 :

- (1) ~~Two~~ Four years after the day on which the recipient receives a promise partner award;
- (2) The recipient's use of the promise partner award to attend an institution for eight semesters; or
- (3) The recipient completing an eligible program.**