

Montana Advanced Opportunity Grant

Application Process

FY2023

Advanced Opportunity means any course, exam, experiential, online, or other learning opportunity that is incorporated in a district's advanced opportunity plan and that is designed to advance each qualifying pupil's opportunity for postsecondary career or educational success.

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Evaluate District's Plan

Develop a strategic plan that includes advanced opportunities, aligning with students' interests, passions, strengths, needs, and culture. Encourage students to actively engage in forming successful postsecondary pathways.

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Complete FY2023 Application

Download, fill-out, and save application found [HERE](#). Application requires school board chair signature through a motion during a board meeting.

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Compile Application Documents

Save completed and signed application and district's advanced opportunity plan in a single pdf document.

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Submit During Window Opening

Application window opens Monday, December 6, 2021 at 8am MST. Submit all documents [HERE](#). Completed applications are ordered by first-come, first-served. Application window closes Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 5pm MST.

Districts applying for FY2023 should anticipate receiving funds beginning in FY2023. This grant serves 6-12 grade students, with permanent funding dependent upon yearly submission of an annual report communicating measurable goals and progress and student certifications and credentialing earned. Use a minimum of 60% of grant funding to reduce out-of-pocket costs for families in support of students' postsecondary successes, while a maximum of 40% can be used to expand personalized career and technical education opportunities. Funding is determined by a district's prior year's total QE payment multiplied by 3% for elementary districts, 8.5% for K-12 districts, and 20% for high school districts.

