

R624, Utah Promise Partner Program ¹

R621-1 The following policy has been codified² as Utah Administrative Code R765-624.³

R621-2 References

2.1 Utah Code § 53H-11-414, Utah Promise Program

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

R765-624. Utah Promise Partner Program.

R765-624-1. Purpose.

This rule outlines the procedures for the Utah Promise Partner Program.

R765-624-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53H-11-414.

R765-624-3. 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.

(1) "Institution" means an institution of higher education listed in Section 53H-1-102 or a Utah private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution that enters into an agreement with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to participate in this program, as defined by the board and the promise partner.

¹Adopted May 20, 2022; amended May 18, 2023; March 1, 2024; and May 15, 2025.

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.

³ Technical edits June 2, 2025; and December 1, 2025.

(2) "Promise partner award" means an award given to an eligible employee or dependent of a promise partner under this rule.

(3) "Promise partner" means an employer that has applied to and established a memorandum of understanding with the board.

(4) "Dependent" means a person who meets the Internal Revenue Service's qualifying child or qualifying relative test.

R765-624-4. 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.

R765-624-5. Employee Qualifications.

(1) An employee who works for a promise partner, or who is a dependent of an employee of a promise partner, shall be eligible to receive an award under this rule if the individual:

(a) completes the application process approved by the board;

(b) is admitted to, and enrolled in or intends to enroll in an eligible program at an 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 624-5(1) for the full-length of time the student receives the award.

R765-624-6. Application Process.

(1) The promise partner shall establish an application process consistent with this rule that an applicant can easily access and complete.

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

R765-624-7. Award.

(1) Subject to funding, the board may:

(a) 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.

R765-624-8. Award Duration.

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

(1) 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's completion of an eligible program.