



## **PROMISING FUTURES OF IDAHO**

### **College Aspirations Scholarship Supplemental Questions**

The following supplemental scholarship questions are offered for students in grades 6 - 8 who have applied and **won** an HDCC scholarship in the past. (Note: If you have already answered Q1, tackle Q2 or Q3.)

**Directions:** You may choose **ONE** of the following three questions, and following the same instructions on the application, write a thoughtful response that is grade appropriate and answers the question. Your response should be typed or legibly written in pen. Please be sure to put your name, school, and grade in the upper right hand corner of your response and use a paper clip to attach it to the formal application.

- 1. Researching College Majors:** From the 241 Great College Majors list (see HDCC resource poster), choose a major that you know little to nothing about. Write a thoughtful response that includes the following information: What does this major study? What does one typically do in this area of work? What skills would one need to have to be successful in this major? Now that you know about this major, would you be interested in studying this in college? Why or why not?
- 1. Interview a High School Senior:** Select a senior in high school with the help of your teacher and interview him/her about their experiences through high school and what s/he are planning to do after they graduate. Write about what you learned from your interview and how it may help you in high school. Possible interview questions are: What is high school like? How is it different from middle school? Is it harder or easier? What courses have you taken that have been especially interesting to you and why? Based on your aspirations (interests and goals) from middle school, are you still interested in them or have you found a new focus? What are you planning to do after high school? If you are planning on continuing your education, what will you be studying and where?
- 1. Interview a College Student or College Graduate:** Select a graduate from your high school or a family friend or community member who you know is attending or graduated from college (trade, technical, two year, four year) and interview them about their pathway through college and to a career they are excited about. Share what you learned from your interview and how it may inform (or influence) your thinking about your aspirations. Possible interview questions are: What type and level of college did you attend? What credential did you earn? What skills did you learn? What is college like? How is it different from middle school and high school? Is it harder or easier? What is especially fun? What is especially challenging? How did you figure out what you wanted to major in or focus on? How did you pay for college? How will you use your college degree in the future? Do you recommend going to college?