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My name is Mistie Rose. I was raised in Boise to a single mother of three who worked two jobs to support us. At the age of 15, I got my first job at Subway Restaurant making 6.15 an hour. I am now 30 and make more than double that amount at 13.65 an hour. I gross almost 28,000 a year, the highest salary I have ever made. I have been working for seven years part time on my bachelor's degree, in addition to full time work. Until recently, I have been a single mother living below the poverty level, my daughter is 6 years old and to date I have received less than 1,000 in child support. When I began college I lived in my old high school bedroom in my mom's house. I took the city bus to school but quickly found I could not afford childcare. The following semester I took out enough money to pay for childcare and bought a \$3,000 car that I still drive today. Last year alone I paid 3,500 for 3 days a week in childcare. I currently have more than 30,000 in student loan debt.

If I had the opportunity at a scholarship like the one that is proposed, I would be walking away with only 6 thousand dollars in student loan debt. (3,000 per semester x 4 years =24,000) I will not qualify for the bill I am supporting because I graduate in May. Still the struggle persists, I am married now and fortunate enough to live in a two bedroom apartment. My dream is to work in the city that I love, the city I have watched grow and change for the better. I have seen this city through sprawl and renewal. Upon graduation I plan to pursue a masters of bio-regional planning and design at U of I. My passion for the city of Boise comes very naturally to me, it is finding the money to actually succeed that is the hard part. I will continue to find financial hardship in graduate school as financial aid is not available one or two courses at a time, and a full time program would be an invitation for failure with children and work.

I am very excited to say that I will finally be graduating, yet my enthusiasm fades as I find better employment opportunities bleak and know my loans will be in repayment soon. I offer you this example, taken directly from the City of Boise webpage. (See Example at bottom of page) In a city where bachelor's degrees may be accepted, but masters are preferred and a salary cap of 23,000 per year I highly doubt my ability to repay loans. While Boise is striving for change, I offer you one last thought. Mayor Beiter's tagline, listed at the top of the employment page. "Making Boise the most livable city in the country." The debt I'm in, the struggle for education, the prospect of employment, livable for who? If a bill like S1291 passes, many adults like myself will have the ability to create better situations for themselves long-term. I ask that you help give us the chance to create a more livable city as we long to be the innovators and catalysts for change within our communities.

Salary:

The screenshot shows the City of Boise website's Human Resources section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Find a Service, Make a Payment, Apply For, City Government, Get Involved, Visit Boise, and Contact Us. Below this is a banner image of the Boise skyline with the tagline "Making Boise the most livable city in the country." The left sidebar contains a menu for "HUMAN RESOURCES" with sub-links: EMPLOYMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES HOME, APPLICANT LOGIN, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, JOB NOTIFICATIONS, and JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY PLANS. The main content area is titled "JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY PLANS" and features the following details for a position:

Class Title: Historical Research Assistant
Bargaining Unit: NA
Class Code: 849-699
Salary: \$10.00 - \$12.00 Hourly

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Education Requirements:

Summary Statement	Benefits
<p>Provides historical research, interpretation, and public engagement to preserve, promote, document, collect, and celebrate Boise's history for the City's Sesquicentennial (150 year) Celebration. This position is designated as At-Will.</p>	
<p>Essential Functions:</p> <p>Implements the Sesqui-Speaks program for BOISE 150 including speaker and site logistics, promotion, evaluation, and reporting. Identifies new possible topics/speakers for Sequi-Speaks series. (50%)</p> <p>Assists with development of Fettuccine Forum design and topics for 2013-14. Conducts oral history interviews for BOISE 150 and indexes them as appropriate. Provides support to BOISE 150 by documenting and archival preservation/organization for BOISE 150. (50%)</p> <p>Performs other duties as assigned. Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time. Total Percentage = 100%</p>	
<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Required Knowledge, Experience, And Training BA in American History</p> <p>Preferred Knowledge, Experience, And Training MA student in American History, with special emphasis in applied research, public history, policy history, local history</p> <p>Licensing And Other Requirements Valid Idaho driver's license</p> <p>Special Requirements All applicants must be able to successfully pass City of Boise background check processes which include reference checks and criminal history checks.</p>	

Current Employment Opportunities:

12 records found.

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Position ▾	Emp. Type ▲	Salary ▲	Closing Date ▲
BUGS Culinary Instructor	Temporary	\$9.00 - \$15.00 Hourly	02/26/16
BUGS Program Education Assistant	Temporary	\$8.00 - \$11.00 Hourly	02/26/16
Bus Driver	Temporary	\$9.00 - \$13.00 Hourly	02/26/16
Catering Driver	Temporary	\$10.19 - \$11.89 Hourly	02/23/16
Community Center Rec Attendant	Temporary	\$7.25 - \$11.00 Hourly	Continuous
Entry Level Firefighter	Full Time	\$47,245.38 Annually	02/29/16
Entry Level Firefighter Paramedic	Full Time	\$47,245.38 Annually	02/29/16
Greenbelt Youth Crew	Temporary	\$10.00 Hourly	02/22/16
Ice World Rink Attendant	Temporary	\$7.25 - \$9.00 Hourly	02/26/16
Ice World Rink Guard	Temporary	\$7.25 - \$9.00 Hourly	02/26/16
Police Officer - Lateral	Full Time	\$45,760.00 - \$57,928.00 Annually	Continuous
Tap, Ballet and Performing Arts Instruct...	Temporary	\$9.00 - \$15.00 Hourly	03/04/16

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