

## Adults can earn an accredited high school diploma in new online program through the library

**Spokane, WA | September 28, 2023** – Spokane County Library District offers adults, age 25 and older, a second chance at earning a high school diploma through **Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School**. The program is provided to public libraries by Gale, part of Cengage Group, and is designed to help adults obtain their high school diploma entirely online and also prepare them for college or the workplace.

Currently, nearly 6 percent of adults in Spokane County don't have a high school degree or equivalent. Even during the best economic times, adults with less than a high school diploma face challenges achieving success and financial stability. During an economic slowdown, it becomes even more apparent how interconnected education, earning potential, and unemployment can be. In today's competitive workforce, a high school degree is essential for financial health and career advancement.

"This is an incredible opportunity for our community to support residents in advancing their education and achieving their career goals," said Stacey Goddard, Public Services Manager for Business and Career Development. "By offering Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School, we're setting the stage for future workforce and economic growth."



Spokane County Library District will award scholarships for **Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School** to residents who qualify. Features of the program include:

- An accredited high school diploma accepted by colleges, employers, and the military
- Curriculum aligned to national standards with more than 100 core academic, elective, and college-level courses
- No cost to eligible students and 100% online, with 24/7 access to courses
- Unlimited one-on-one tutoring, with support from success coaches and counseling team
- Transfer credits accepted from previous high school(s) and GED, HiSet, or TASC exams
- Course translations and read-aloud tools for English language learners
- With a flexible and self-paced schedule, learners finish in 24 months or less

Interested residents can visit [www.sclcd.org/excel-hs](http://www.sclcd.org/excel-hs) to learn more.

*Spokane County Library District provides resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed. The District operates 10 libraries throughout Spokane County that include Airway Heights, Argonne, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Medical Lake, Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Otis Orchards, and Spokane Valley as well as the mobile library LINC. District library cards are free to Spokane County residents.*

For more information about our libraries or programs, please visit [www.sclcd.org](http://www.sclcd.org) or call 509.893.8200.