



SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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Make sure to check page 2,3, & 4 for available scholarships!

Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation also has over \$130,000 in available scholarships for Western Boone students.

The 16 available scholarships vary in amount and type. Every Western Boone student should check to see if they qualify for these available scholarships.

Western Boone students are known for typically being the only applicants for the vocational/technical career scholarships. This means the chances for a Western Boone student winning are very high!

Each year, Western Boone does very well in having students win scholarships in non-technical areas as

well.

Last year, Western Boone students won over \$54,000 of the available scholarships!

The applications for these numerous scholarships will be due by February 11, 2016.

Please visit the following link for more information and to apply.

<http://www.communityfoundationbc.org/scholarships/cfbc-scholarships/western-boone-high-school/>

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Upcoming Events:

- 1/18/16—@6pm
Financial Aid Info Night @ Ivy Tech Lafayette
- 1/26/16—@6pm
Financial Aid Info Night @ Ivy Tech Lafayette
- 2/23/16-3pm-7pm
Drop in Anytime FAFSA Help Night @ WEBO Community Room
- 2/23/16—9am-6pm
Drop in Anytime FAFSA Help Day @ Ivy Tech Lafayette

Designates a new scholarship



Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

Scholarship Application Tips

No one is perfect, but some scholarship application mistakes can be avoided.

1. Consider creating a more professional email address. Many students create an email address when they are younger and keep it for long periods of time. This is not necessarily a problem, but scholarship application reviewers are assessing every applicant from each piece of information on a scholarship application. An email address like "countryboy15" is not ideal and could leave an unprofessional impression on application reviewers. If you don't want to create another email, use your Western Boone address.

2. Plan out scholarship essays before writing them on an application. Sometimes questions are asked to gain insight into the applicant that is not directly stated in the question. You want to make sure your answer is thorough.

3. Make sure your essays are understandable. It is tempting to use a thesaurus, but if a word is not a part of your regular speech, it is more likely the word will be used improperly.

4. Submit materials on time. Many scholarships post their deadlines as "received by" dates, which means they must be sent before the date posted in order to arrive on time.

5. Use proper grammar.

6. Leave out personal details that are not descriptive of your personal character. Scholarship reviewers care about what you have done and where you are going. All references in essays should reflect what you hope to accomplish in the future and the steps you have taken to ensure that success.

7. Make sure the introduction and conclusion are compelling. Be passionate about what you are writing.

8. If it can be typed, do so. Handwriting can be hard to read.

9. Ask someone to review your essays for errors.

Please do not hesitate to contact your counselor with questions. We are happy to help!

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Scholarships

The Indiana American Legion Oratorical Contest

December 9, 2015

Open to students in grades 9-12 who are interested in presenting a 8-10 minute prepared oration and a 3-5 minute oration on an assigned topic. There are various levels of winners. Scholarship values range from \$200-3,600. Students interested must inform Ms. Query of their interest by the end of the day of the deadline. The oration does not have to be prepared at the time of letting Ms. Query know.

Burger King Scholarship

December 15, 2015

Open to graduating seniors who are residents of the US, have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.0 or higher and will enroll in a postsecondary institution for the entire 2013-14 school year. Scholarship amounts vary. Visit www.bkmcclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram for more information.

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

December 18, 2015

Open to graduating seniors who will be entering a 2 or 4 year college or vocational/technical institute beginning in the fall of 2016. Applicants must be running their own small business in order to be considered for the award. Various scholarship amounts are available ranging from \$2,000-\$25,000. More information and an application can be found at www.NFIB.com/yea

Western Boone Athletic Boosters Scholarship

December 31, 2015

Open to seniors who have participated in at least one sport each year of high school, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and whose parents are paid members of the Western Boone Athletic Boosters by December 31, 2013. A \$500 scholarship will go to one male and one female student and will be awarded in May through a lottery drawing. The application will be available late in the second semester.

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

January 6, 2016

Open to students in grades 9-12 who write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956. Visit www.jfklibrary.org for more information.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

January 8, 2016

Open to students seniors, beginning on October 12th, who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and will attend a 4 year college or university to earn a baccalaureate degree. Applicants must have financial need and have excellent community service experience. Applicants will be judged on their leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Applications are available at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx> Scholarships are valued at \$10,000. Only the first 25,000 applications will be accepted.

US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

January 15, 2016

Open to seniors who will graduate in the class of 2016. Multiple scholarships of \$1,000 will be given. More information and applications are available at <http://usjciSenatefoundation.org/>

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships

January 20, 2016

Open to seniors who will graduate in the class of 2016. Multiple scholarships are available, but students may only apply for one. Please visit <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships> for more information.

Lilly Community Foundation Scholarship

January 20, 2016

Open to seniors who are Boone County residents graduating this year, are in the upper 20% of the high school class by the end of the 7th semester, and are accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate program beginning in the fall of 2016 in the state of Indiana. Scholarship covers full tuition and fees at any Indiana institution and pays for up to \$900 in required books and materials. Housing is not included. Applications are available at <http://www.communityfoundationbc.org/scholarships/lilly-endowment-community-scholarships/>

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

January 25, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have participated in 4-H. Multiple scholarships are available. Please visit http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/ind_4h/scholarships.cfm#

Knights of Pythias Educational Assistance Scholarships

January 25, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have a 3.0 GPA. The application must include a transcript with SAT/ACT scores. Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each. No part of this application can be handwritten! The application is available online at http://www.knightsofpythiasofnewcastle.com/PDF/15_public_scholarship.pdf These cannot be completed online, but can be copy and pasted into a Word document for editing. Paper copies are available in the guidance office, but must be retyped into Word later. Applications must include a short typed essay about goals after college and an additional essay regarding the need for financial help.

Boone County Solid Waste Management Scholarship

January 29, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who are Boone County residents and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must major in Environmental Science OR applicants must have implemented or facilitated an environmental program within the community that falls with the district's goals. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications are available on the guidance website under the "How do I pay for college" section or in the guidance office.

Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship

January 30, 2016

Open to students who are at least 16 years of age. Applicants must upload a video of 2 minutes or less in length describing future passions in life. Scholarship amounts vary, but will minimally be \$2,500. A total of 1 million dollars will be awarded between 220 applicants. More information can be found at <http://www.livemassscholarship.com/#home>

SportsQuest "Playing With Purpose" Scholarship

February 1, 2016

Open to students in grades 10-12. The SportQuest Playing With Purpose Scholarship Program is a national program that honors and encourages high school student athletes who excel athletically, academically and have committed their life to following Christ. Students must have a 2.0 GPA or higher and play in at least one varsity level sport. Applications are available at www.playingwithpurpose.org Scholarships amounts vary, but \$14,000 are available.

AXA Community Achievement Scholarship

February 1, 2016

Open to students who exhibit ambition, drive, and determination. Only 10,000 applications will be accepted so apply early. Scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each. Visit <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html>

FFA Scholarships

February 1, 2016

Open to members and non-members of the Future Farmers of America organizations. Multiple scholarships are available and over 2 million dollars will be awarded. Please visit <https://www.ffa.org/participate/scholarships> to complete an application.

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America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship

February 1, 2016

Open to students who have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and have recommendations from three farmers. Students must meet the qualities of an FFA student. Applications and more information are available at FFA.org/scholarships. Scholarships are valued at \$1500.

Community Foundation of Boone County Scholarships

February 11, 2016

Open to Boone County students. Sixteen scholarships are available that total \$130,000. Scholarships have various requirements so each Western Boone student should visit the site to see which scholarships are available to them based on college and career interest and academic background. Western Boone students typically win almost half of all scholarship money available, so check it out! Application information is available at <http://www.communityfoundationbc.org/scholarships/cfbc-scholarships/western-boone-high-school/>

Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation Scholarships

February 13, 2016

Open to senior males who are of the Lutheran faith. Additional scholarships are available to those senior males who plan on attending Purdue, IU, University of Illinois, or Iowa State. Scholarship amounts are between \$1500 and \$2000. Applications are available at <http://wp.betasigmapi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/>

Kiwanis Indiana Foundation Scholarship

February 15, 2016

Open to seniors who will be attending any type of education program in Indiana after high school. Scholarship is valued at \$1200.00. Applications are in the guidance office. Applications must be turned into Ms. Query in the guidance office by 3pm on the date above. It will then be submitted to the local Kiwanis office.

PHP Scholarship Program

February 19, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who plan on pursue a health-related field. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and completed an application form. Three scholarships totaling \$6,000 will be awarded. More information and application is available at <https://secure.phpni.com/SecurePortals/PDFs/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>

Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 21, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have been accepted and intend to enroll at Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the "General Scholarship Application" available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section under "How can I pay for college?" or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

Purdue University 2016 Creative Writing Contest

February 27, 2016

Open to students in grades 9-12. Students can submit entries for any or all of the three categories of essay, short story, or poetry. Essays should not be more than 1200 words. Up to three poems can be submitted in that category. Entries should be double spaced. Please see Ms. Query for more information. Materials must be postmarked by deadline above. First place winners receive \$50 and complimentary attendance at the Literary Awards Banquet held on Wednesday, April 21, 2016 featuring poet Robert Haas.

Co-Alliance Solutions Scholarships

March 1, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on majoring in an agriculture field. Applicants must have a parent or grandparent that is a member of a qualifying local cooperative. Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. Applications can be found on the guidance website under the "How can I pay for college" section.

USI Greater Indianapolis Area Scholarship

March 4, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on studying at University of Southern Indiana. Eligible applicants must have a high school GPA of 3.25 or better. Scholarship is in the amount of \$750 each fall semester for up to four years for a total of \$3,000. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA while in college. Applications can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pagwfzh>

Saint Mary of the Woods Music of Promise Scholarship

March 5, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on pursuing music or music therapy. This scholarship requires an essay, interview, and audition. Scholarship is valued at \$17,000 per year. More information can be found at <http://www.smwc.edu/academic/music-and-theatre/music-scholarships/musician-promise-scholarship/>

Purdue Club of Boone County Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending Purdue in the fall of 2015. Scholarship is valued at \$1000. Application is available at <http://purduealumni.org/boone/>. Then select the "Scholarships" tab. The PDF form can be filled out on-screen, saved, and printed. This option is preferred.

Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Ivy Tech is considered acceptable in this group. Students must complete the "General Application", and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states 1) acceptance status to school 2) name and location of school 3) program of study 4) future goals 5) statement about why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each. The "General Application" is available on the school website under the guidance section. Then click on "How can I pay for college". The "General Application" is also available in the guidance office.

Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on studying law enforcement after graduation. Applications are available in the guidance office or students can use the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website in the "How can I pay for college?" section. The application is also available in the guidance office. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on furthering their education in the areas of art, music, literature, writing, or speech and hearing. The "General Application" from the Western Boone guidance website can be used. The complete application must also include at least 3 letters of reference, official transcript, future goal statement, and a brief essay of 500 words or less describing educational and occupational goals. Applications are available in the guidance office or on the school website under the guidance section. Then click on "How can I pay for college?" Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

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Western Boone Teachers' Association Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who plan on pursuing a career in education. Scholarship amounts vary. Applicants should complete the "General Application" from the guidance website under "How can I pay for college?" or pick up a copy in the guidance office. Please attach a statement describing future goals and why a career in education is important to you.

Boone County Retired Teachers Association

March 11, 2016

Open to graduating seniors in from Boone county high schools who intend to pursue a career in the field of education. Application requires a completed application form, transcript, two letters of reference, parent/guardian letter, and essay on "Why you chose education as a career" Scholarship is in the amount of \$800. Applications are available from the guidance office.

Bonnie Jo Hughes Award

March 11, 2016

Open to graduating seniors from Western Boone who intend to pursue a career in the field of education. Application requires a completed application form, transcript, two letters of reference, parent/guardian letter, and essay on "What are your goals for a career in education?" Scholarship is in the amount of \$1000. Applications are available from the guidance office.

Jacob Shockley & Richard Penny Memorial Scholarship presented by Big O Tires of Lebanon

March 18, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Ivy Tech and Vincennes are considered acceptable in this group as long as a vocational career is being pursued. Students must complete the "General Application", and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states 1) acceptance status to school 2) name and location of school 3) program of study 4) future goals 5) statement about why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Scholarship amount will be officially determined later, but will be over \$500.

Elizabeth Siddall Memorial Scholarship

March 18, 2016

Open to seniors attending a vocational or 2 year program (Ivy Tech/Vincennes is included). A statement describing yourself and why you feel qualified for the scholarship needs to be attached to the General Application that is available in the guidance office and on the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications should be turned into Ms. Query in the guidance office by the deadline above.

Boone County MIBOR Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to students who plan on pursuing a vocational career at a two year, trade, or technical school. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Please apply using the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

Max & Dennis Lough Memorial Scholarship

March 25, 2016

This scholarship is open to Western Boone seniors who will be pursuing a medical career. Applicants should include a statement as to why a career in the medical field is sought. The "General Application" will be used. That application is available on the guidance website and in the guidance office. The scholarship is valued at \$500.

Sugar Creek Arts Center Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on pursuing a program of study in an art related career. Students should complete the "General Application" available on the guidance website or in the guidance office. Applicants may attach recommendation letters or supplemental materials such as an essay or photographs/copies of art work. Scholarship is valued at \$400.

Thorntown Kiwanis Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who have been active members of Western Boone's Key Club. The "General Application" that can be found on the guidance website or in the guidance office should be completed. A statement describing future goals and how Key Club International's core values have and will continue to be a part of the applicant's life should be attached. Scholarship is valued at \$500.

Indiana APWA Scholarship

April 15, 2016

Open to seniors who will enter a course of study beginning in the fall of 2016 that encompasses the fields of engineering, public works administration, public relations, finance or other programs within the public works field. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 and is renewable for up to four years. More information and an application is available at <http://indiana.apwa.net/>

Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

FastWeb	www.fastweb.com
Scholarships.Com	www.scholarships.com
College Board Scholarship Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search	http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/
Scholarship America	http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php
Cappex	https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.