

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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Make sure to check page 2,3, 4, 5, & 6 for available scholarships!

FAFSA-Deadlines Approaching

The FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is an important application you will fill out when thinking about attending college. The federal and state governments and universities use this application as their basis for awarding need-based aid. Scholarship programs such as 21st Century Scholars require this in order to give out their awards.

Once a FAFSA has been received, an EFC, or Expected Family Contribution, is calculated. This number states what the federal government expects your family to contribute towards your college education.

Many students feel like their parents make too much money to fill this application out and that is not true. Even if you may not qualify for great amounts of scholarships or grants, this application is the only means of qualifying for student loans, work-study assistance, and university awards.

Once your parents receive their tax returns, fill out the FAFSA immediately! Do not wait until March 10th, the Indiana submission deadline, because servers do crash! Also, some colleges (Indiana colleges and universities as well) require FAFSA filing earlier than the March 10th deadline. Check with your college of choice to make sure you don't miss out on a source of funds.

Even if your parents haven't received their tax returns, complete the FAFSA! It can be completed with anticipated income information and updated later.

Universities like Purdue and Butler require the FAFSA to be submitted by March 1st. Do not delay as the penalty could be thousands of dollars.

Visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> as soon as possible.

Now Is The Time—Get Applying!

Spring break will be here in just a little over a month! We sincerely hope everyone has a glorious and peaceful spring break. Time with family can be very relaxing and a reset button before finishing the senior year strongly.

This break is also a time where seniors think they will have time to complete scholarship applications. Many scholarship applications do take time to complete, especially if they require essays. Working on them during school sessions can be challenging when considering the school work that must be completed as well.

However, over 90% of the available scholarships advertised through our office will expire BEFORE we return from spring break.

It is extremely important that students check the posted deadlines for scholarships and submit all materials **BEFORE** the deadline.

Please be checking the scholarship listings in this newsletter, national search engines, and university websites and complete any scholarships that are eligible for application.

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

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Important Note:

All seniors must have a cap and gown in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Go to www.jostens.com or pick up a packet in the guidance office.

Upcoming Events:

- 2/23/16-3pm-7pm
Drop in Anytime
FAFSA Help Night
@ WEBO
Community Room
- 3/1/16--FAFSA
Deadline for Purdue
& Butler
- 3/10/16—FAFSA
Deadline for Indiana
- 3/11/16—AP Exam
fees are due
- 5/4/16– Honor
Night Ceremony
@7pm in
Auditorium

Designates a new
scholarship



Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

Scholarships

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 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.

Boone County REMC Annual Meeting Scholarship

February 26, 2016

Open to seniors who will be attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college or technical school. Applicants must be a dependent or legal ward of a Boone REMC member. The scholarship applicant or member must be present at the annual meeting to accept the scholarship, which begins at 10am on March 14th. Five \$500 scholarships are available and will be awarded during a random draw. Applications are available online at www.bremc.com, on the guidance scholarship website, or in the guidance office. Applications can be emailed to msaucerman@bremc.com by February 26th or submitted at the annual meeting on March 12 before 10am.

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.

Buick Achievers Scholarship

February 29, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who plan on enrolling full time at a college or university and plan on studying engineering, technology, design, or business with a goal of working in the automotive industry. Many scholarships are available in various amounts up to \$25,000 per year. Applications are available at www.buickachievers.com

Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship

February 29, 2016

Open to seniors who are members, children of members, or grandchildren of members of Farm Credit Mid-America. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and plan on attending a 2 or 4 year school. Any major is eligible, but ag related majors will be given preference. Over 60 \$1,000 or \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at e-farmcredit.com or on the guidance website in the "How can I pay for college" section.

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.



Boone County 4H Scholarships

March 1, 2016

Open to seniors who have participated in 4H. Application is available on the guidance website and in the guidance office. Detailed information was sent out by Pandora Woodward to 4H members.

Boone County 4-H Booster Club Scholarship	Boone County Dairy Promoters Scholarship
Boone County Horse & Pony Scholarship	Boone County Jr. Leader Scholarship
Boone County Beef Producers Scholarship	Boone County 4-H Cat Scholarship
Boone County Pork Producers Scholarship	Boone County 4-H Llama/Alpaca Scholarship
Darrell A. Portell Scholarship	Mark Cunningham Memorial – 4 year College
Bill Canada Memorial Scholarship (available to Boone County 4-H members completing their 10 th year)	Bobby Hysong Memorial & Boone County Agriculture Scholarship (available on the Community Foundation of Boone County site)

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/pagwfh>

INFBPW/Zionsville Scholarship

March 4, 2016

Open to students who are Boone County residents and plan on attending an accredited college or university. Applicants must attach a transcript, proof of acceptance to their college, a statement about how this scholarship will help with the applicant's career goals, and a statement of community involvement and activities. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website under "How can I pay for college?". Applications are due on the date given by noon, preferably before this date. Late applications cannot be accepted. Scholarship is valued at \$500

Scholarships

Boone County Cancer Society Scholarship

March 4, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who plan on pursuing a degree in the health care field. An application, transcript, and essay about future goals must be submitted by the date given above. The scholarships must be received by the date given above. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website.

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.smw.edu/academic/music-and-theatre/music-scholarships/musician-promise-scholarship/>

Witham Family YMCA Scholarship

March 6, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a 2 or 4 year college and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants should plan on pursuing a career in youth development, education, or a health/physical fitness related field. Applicants should have volunteer experience in the community and priority will be given to applicants who have volunteered at the YMCA. Scholarship is valued at \$500. All applicants should be turned into the guidance office. Applications are available on the guidance website or in the guidance office.

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.

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.

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 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.



Indiana Conservation Officer Organization Scholarships

March 14, 2016

Open to seniors who plan to study law enforcement. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications are available at www.icoo.com

Tri Kappa Scholarships

March 15, 2016

Open to seniors who have at least a "C" average and have been accepted into a 2 or 4-year program. Scholarship amounts vary. Applications are available in the guidance office and online through the Western Boone guidance website under the "How can I pay for college" section.

Symphony at Sunset Music Award

March 15, 2016

Open to seniors who are pursuing a degree in music. A one time award of \$2,000 will be given to a student from Western Boone or Lebanon High Schools. Applicants must major or minor in music, complete the entire application including an audition which includes one classical piece and piece of the applicants choice. Applications are in 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.

Scholarships

Alpha Delta Kappa Education Scholarship

March 18, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who plan on studying education. The scholarship is based on scholastic performance, financial need, and personal achievement. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website.

State Bank of Lizton Community Bankers Scholarship

March 23, 2016

Open to seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time program at a two- or four-year school in Indiana to study a business-related field such as accounting, finance, marketing, information technology, entrepreneurship, etc. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website under "How can I pay for college?" Applicants should attach a resume that includes their leadership positions, extracurricular activities, community service, and awards. If the applicant wishes, a statement about financial need may also be included and will be considered.

Western Boone "Make a Difference" Scholarship

March 23, 2016

Open to seniors with a preferred GPA of at least 2.5 who feel compelled to help improve the surrounding community. Applicants must submit an essay addressing the questions: "How will your degree (if decided) allow you to give back to the local community? What specific plans/ideas do you have in order to make a difference in the lives of others?" Interviews may be conducted among finalists. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Please send essays to WeBoMakeADifference@yahoo.com with contact information attached by the deadline above.

Xi Alpha Sorority Scholarship

March 24, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a vocational school, college, or university. Applications are available in the guidance office or on the guidance website. A statement of 100 words or less must be included about why the student thinks he/she is deserving of this scholarship. A statement as to how the student plans to pay for college expenses must also be included. Scholarship is valued at \$500.

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.

★ Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship (UPDATED w/new deadline)

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Some career options could be, but not limited to, culinary arts, auto/diesel repair and collision, HVAC technology, cosmetology, computer graphics, LPN nursing, medical/dental assistant, medical technology, fire science, paramedic, law enforcement, and office administration. Applicants must earn a degree or certificate in two years or less. Ivy Tech and Vincennes University are considered acceptable in this group in addition to other vocational or trade programs. Students must complete the application and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states their program of study, future goals, and why they are deserving of this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each. The application is available on the school website under the guidance section. Then click on "How can I pay for college". The application is also available in the guidance office.

★ Witham Health Services Judith K. Psikula Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan to pursue a career in the medical field upon graduation and will earn a minimum of an associate's degree. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Financial need may be considered. Scholarship is valued at \$1000. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the Western Boone website in the guidance section.

★ Western Boone Baseball Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who have played baseball for four years. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants must also include a recommendation letter from a teacher and an additional letter from a coach (does not have to be the baseball coach). An essay of 500 words or less on "How baseball has provided direction for my future?" must also be included. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website under the "How can I pay for college?" section.

★ Thorntown Knights of Pythias Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have financial need. Parent tax returns must be provided. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applicants should complete the "General Application" and attach a copy of the parental tax return, and a statement/resume of community service participation. Applications are available in the guidance office and the "General Application" is also on the guidance office website.

★ Witham Volunteer Services Volunteer Health Career Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan to enter a career in the health field. Applicants must be residents of Boone County. A transcript, statement detailing career goals and why a career in the health field is desired and information regarding any special interests and extracurricular activities should be attached to the application. The application is available in the guidance office.

Scholarships

Western Boone Education Foundation Scholarships

March 30, 2016

The Western Boone Education Foundation has scholarships available from multiple groups and organizations that wish to recognize Western Boone students with scholarships as a way to promote furthering education. Please review the descriptions for each scholarship by following the links below. The application system used is online. This system allows students to apply for multiple scholarships at a time with ONE application. Review each scholarship prior to applying. Please note any special materials that must be submitted in addition to the online application. These materials need to be uploaded into the application preferably or they can be turned in to Ms. Query in the guidance office by the due date listed above. No transcripts need to be requested as they will be submitted for each application submitted online automatically by Ms. Query. Please see Ms. Query in the guidance office with any questions.

To apply:

Visit the Western Boone district employment site at <http://mbcurl.me/EYNE>

Click on "Apply" beside any of the scholarships in which you are interested

Create an account with Applitrack

Complete all the steps of the application, including additional questions and uploading required materials

Once everything is entered and uploaded, then submit application

Beam Family Scholarship

Open to graduating seniors from Jackson Township. Financial need will be considered. Please indicate free/reduced lunch status on the application. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and submit an essay on the topic "What are my future goals and why I need financial assistance in meeting these goals?" Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 per year and may be renewable if funds are available and if the winner maintains a C average in college and submits transcripts by June 1st of each year to Superintendent Dr. Hendrix.

Boone REMC Community Fund, Inc. Operation Round Up Scholarship

Open to graduating seniors who plan on pursuing education at a vocational or trade school. Students must have minimum GPA of 2.0 and submit an essay on the topic, "What are my future goals using my vocational degree?" Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Duane Swisher Swimmer Scholarship

Open to seniors who have been a varsity-level swimmer. The winners must have good attendance according to the current varsity swim coach and display a strong work ethic, leadership skills, and a positive mental attitude. The application requires an essay be written over what a strong work ethic in the pool and the classroom means to the student. Scholarship is valued at \$250 and will be awarded to one male and one female student.

Earl Hoock Scholarship

Open to seniors who plan on studying in the fields of math, science, or engineering. Students with financial need and who will attend Purdue will be given preference, but these areas are not a requirement. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Two reference letters are required and one must be from a math or science teacher. Scholarship is valued at \$1,100.

Kent Poole Athletic Scholarship

Open to seniors who have participated in at least one varsity sport and displayed a positive mental attitude and leadership. Within the online application under "Extra Curricular Events", include a complete list of athletic participation. Scholarship is valued at \$250.

Natalie Duke Memorial Scholarship

Open to seniors who participate in athletics and/or art classes and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applicants should have a positive attitude and have shown consistency in giving their best effort in everything and especially including others to do the same. Applicants should include all athletic and art participation in the "Extra Curricular Events" section of the application. Two scholarships are available for \$250 each.

Roscoe D. and J. Charlene Stewart Scholarship

Open to seniors who have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and attended Thorntown elementary. Applicants must upload a recommendation letter from a current or former teacher. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000

Ron Bush Scholarship

Open to seniors who are 4H members in Boone County and have a 2.0 GPA or higher. Students must upload a 1 page essay on the topic, "How has 4-H provided me direction toward my future?" Candidates will be interviewed. Scholarship is valued at \$2,000.

Sandy Heffner Education Scholarship

Open to seniors who plan on studying education and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference will be given to applicants who have been affected by cancer and who are active in church/social organizations. An essay must be uploaded on the topic "How will a degree in education help you change the life of a child?" A recommendation letter from a teacher or non-family member must also be uploaded. Scholarship is valued at \$425.

Saxton Schrier Alumni Scholarship

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. This scholarship was established by two former Western Boone Alumni, John Saxton and Josh Schrier. The goal in offering this scholarship is to encourage and reward a WeBo senior whose aspirations, drive, and risk-taking will take them far beyond Boone County. Preference will be given to students studying a humanity or social science subject and who are attending a college or university out of state. Applicants must provide two recommendation letters (one must be from an English teacher), proof of application/acceptance to school, transcripts/test scores, and a personal statement of at least 500 words about future goals.

Scholarships

★ **Aaron Matthew Edwards Memorial Scholarship** **March 31, 2016**
 Open to seniors who plan on entering the HVAC, plumbing or electrical fields. Participation in a formal education program is not required. An apprenticeship will count. A transcript and letter of reference from someone who is not a relative must be attached. Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The money can be used for tools in the trade. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website.

Consumer and Family Science/Health Care Scholarship **April 1, 2016**
 Open to Boone county residents who plan on majoring in Consumer and Family Science or a health care field. Applications are available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/boone and in the guidance office. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

★ **Pheasants Forever Scholarship** **April 7, 2016**
 Open to students who will further the promotion of habitat stewardship by majoring in biology, botany, entomology, conservation law enforcement, environmental engineering or science, forestry, horticulture, parks management, natural resources, or wildlife. Applicants should have a 3.0 GPA and submit a short cover letter of introduction along with a 250-500 word essay on "In your opinion what is the most important local environmental issue and how would you remedy it?" The essay must be typed and double spaced. More information is available in the guidance office.

★ **Annabelle & Maurice Platt Nursing Scholarship** **April 15, 2016**
 Open to seniors who have a 3.0 GPA or higher who plan to earn at least an associates degree in nursing. Candidates must be deserving of financial assistance. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the Western Boone guidance website.

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/>

Sevenish Scholarship Program **April 15, 2016**
 Open to graduating seniors who are US residents and plan on attending college in Indiana. The application is available online and requires an essay on the topic of school shooting safety. Visit <http://www.sevenishlaw.com/sevenish-scholarship-program/> for more information and the application.

Sigma Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship **May 6, 2016**
 Open to senior males who plan on attending Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Selection is based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, and athletic involvement. Scholarship is up to \$500. Applications are available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/ITwM9Qt6ka>

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.