

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## FAFSA

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 and many other awards that may not be tied to financial need at all.

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. This won't be the exact dollar amount you will pay, but it will likely be close. Many students feel like their parents make too much money to fill out this application 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 many university awards. If a student is a 21st Century Scholar, they must complete a FAFSA to qualify for their scholarship. A FAFSA is also required for the Next Level Jobs program. Parents and students will use their **2019** taxes to fill out the FAFSA. This application is available now at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Before a FAFSA can be submitted, it must be signed with a FSA ID. This is something both the student and one parent will create to sign the FAFSA. It is

recommended to complete this step in advance of completing the FAFSA. Visit [www.fsa.ed.gov](http://www.fsa.ed.gov) to create your FSA ID now and keep it stored somewhere you can find later. Students and parents will keep this same FSA ID forever. Parents will use it for younger children considering college as well.

If you feel like you need more help in understanding the financial aid process, do not worry. Feel free to call us with any questions.

Do not wait until April 15th, the Indiana submission deadline, to complete the FAFSA because servers do crash! Also, some colleges (Indiana colleges and universities as well) require FAFSA filing earlier. Check with your college of choice to make sure you don't miss out on a source of funds.

If you would like to get an idea of what your EFC is right now, you can use the tool called FAFSA4caster to get an estimate of your financial aid. This can be found at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate>

Do not let potential aid pass you by. Unless a family has the full cost of attendance ready to pay for their child's education, completing this application is strongly recommended.

## College Applications

Many seniors still have to complete their college applications. It is important that students complete college applications as early as possible for many reasons including better admission chances, scholarship consideration, and better state of mind. Senior year is less stressful when seniors know they have been admitted somewhere early in the year. Do not delay!

*Western Boone College Application Process:*

Fill out an online application and submit it to the college/university.

Log into [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) and request to send your high school transcript to the colleges to which you applied. Accounts were created using your school email address.

We will then release your official transcript to the college/university.

It should take 4-6 weeks once the college receives all of your application materials to hear back from the college with your admission status (Purdue releases decisions only after Jan. 15th)

**Please make sure that if your college requires official test scores that they come from the College Board or ACT Inc. directly from the testing center or your application will not be reviewed.**

**Please see your school counselor with any questions! We are here to help you!**

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

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## Upcoming Events:

10/9/20—Vanderbilt  
online college visit @  
9:55am

10/14/20—FAFSA Help  
Night 3-7pm

10/26/20—Art Academy  
of Cincinnati online  
college visit @ 2:05pm

10/26/20—Butler online  
college visit @ 9am

10/26/20—Cedarville  
online college visit @  
10:50am

10/27/20—Purdue online  
college visit @8:05am

10/30/20—Order forms  
due in guidance for  
senior shirts

11/1/20—Priority  
Application Date for  
Many Schools including  
IU, Purdue, and Butler

REMEMBER, all materials  
must be received by this  
date including high school  
transcript and test scores  
(if required) FROM THE  
TEST PROVIDER!

## Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

# Scholarships

## **NSHSS STEM Scholarship**

**October 15, 2020**

Open to students who plan on studying a STEM field. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, submit a personal statement, STEM activities, resume, transcript, headshots, and at least one recommendation letter. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. The application is online at <https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-foundation-stem-scholarship/>

## **Schoolhouse Connection Scholarship**

**October 16, 2020**

Open to students who have experienced homelessness in their life and are entering college for the first time, to ensure their completion of a post-secondary education program. This year, we will offer at least ten scholarships of \$2,000 each; travel and expenses paid for all recipients to a national awards ceremony and a second gathering in Washington DC, two years after the initial scholarship award; and on-going mentoring through their post-secondary careers. The application is online at: <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/scholarship-program/>

## **Wendy's Heisman High School Scholarship**

**October 22, 2020**

Open to senior athletes. Applicants must enter a reviewer's name. Use my information at [terra.query@webo.k12.in.us](mailto:terra.query@webo.k12.in.us) Scholarship values vary. For more information and to apply, visit <https://heismanscholarship.com/application/>

## **Horatio Alger Scholarship**

**October 25, 2020**

Open to seniors who have overcome adversity. Scholarship values range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. More information and the applications can be found at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

## **Coca-Cola Scholarships (multiple scholarships available)**

**October 31, 2020**

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit their website for more information at [www.coca-colascholars.org/apply](http://www.coca-colascholars.org/apply)

## **IU Academic Scholarships**

**November 1, 2020**

Open to seniors who have applied to and have all of their materials received by IU by November 1st. For more information, visit [scholarships.indiana.edu](http://scholarships.indiana.edu)

## **Purdue Freshmen Scholarships**

**November 1, 2020**

To maximize scholarship consideration from Purdue University, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by Purdue by November 1st.

## **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

**November 10, 2020**

Open to students in grades 5-12 who are legal citizens and have engaged in a volunteer activity in the past year. Interested students should apply online at [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit) before the deadline. Top students at the state level can win \$1,000.

## **Elks Lodge Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

**November 15, 2020**

Open to seniors who are US Citizens. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Male and female applicants are judged in separate categories. Applications are available at <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm>

## **IUPUI Honors College Scholarships**

**November 15, 2020**

To maximize scholarship consideration from IUPUI, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by IUPUI by November 15th. This includes the Bepko Scholarship, which pay full tuition, fees, two years of housing, and a study abroad stipend at IUPUI. An additional application is required for the Bepko, Plater, and other competitive scholarships. Applicants for these scholarships need to have a 3.75 and an SAT score of 1250+ or ACT score of 28+. Application is available at [honorscollege.iupui.edu](http://honorscollege.iupui.edu)

## **Griswold Home Care Scholarship**

**November 30, 2020**

Open to seniors who will be enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's program next year. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. Application is available at <https://www.griswoldhomecare.com/scholarship>

## **Driver Education Initiative Scholarship**

**November 30, 2020**

Open to seniors who will enroll in a higher learning institution in the Fall of 2020. Students must submit an application, photo, and essay over the importance of safe driving. Scholarships are valued at \$500 each. Applications are available at <https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/>

## **Andrew Flushe Scholarship**

**November 30, 2020**

Open to seniors who create a video to raise awareness about driving courteously. Scholarship is valued at \$500. More information is available at <https://www.andrewflusche.com/scholarship/>

## **Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future Teachers**

**December 1, 2020**

Open to seniors who plan to pursue a career in teaching physics in high school. Scholarship is valued at up to \$2,000. Applications available at <https://www.aapt.org/programs/grants/lotze.cfm>

## **Indiana State University Freshmen Scholarships**

**December 1, 2020**

Seniors who wish to be considered for freshmen scholarships at Indiana State must be admitted by December 1st to be considered.

## **Indiana State University Rural Health Program**

**December 1, 2020**

The Rural Health program offers students an opportunity to earn a bachelors degree with admission to medical school following completion of undergraduate studies. Applicants must be seniors and have a GPA of 3.5. Test scores are not required for this year, but are acceptable to send. The program is specifically designed to prepare students from rural Indiana to return to their hometowns as primary care physicians. Visit <http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/rural.htm> for more information and to apply.

## **Gongaware Center Scholarship at Indiana State University**

**December 1, 2020**

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.5, exhibit significant leadership and potential, are in the top 10% of their class, and a combined SAT score of 1140. Scholarship pays full tuition at ISU, and \$3,000 for professional development. Applications and more information are available at <http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware.htm>

## **National Space Club Scholarship**

**December 2, 2020**

Open to seniors who plan to pursue a career in a STEM field. Preference will be given to those with space related interests. Scholarship is valued at \$10,000. Application is available at <http://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/>

# Scholarships

## Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship

December 5, 2020

Open to students ages 5-25 who have demonstrated an on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the USA within the last 12 months. Scholarship is valued at \$5,000. Applications are available at <http://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>

## Science Ambassador Scholarship

December 14, 2020

Open to senior females who will pursue a degree in a STEM field. Scholarship covers full tuition at a cost of up to \$40,000. Apply at <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/>

## Burger King Scholarship

December 15, 2020

Open to graduating seniors who are residents of the US, have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. Selection is based on GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service. Scholarship amounts vary. Visit <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/> for more information.

## INDOT Engineering Scholarship

December 31, 2020

Open to seniors who will attend a civil engineering program at an Indiana school. The scholarship is valued at \$3,125 per semester, paid internships during the summers, and guaranteed employment upon graduation. To learn more and apply, visit [www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov](http://www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov)

## John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

January 15, 2021

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 1917. Visit <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx> for more information.

## Indiana Next Generation Education Scholarship

January 31, 2021

Open to seniors who are in the top 20% of their graduating class or have SAT or ACT scores in the top 20%. Students must earn a teaching license and teach at least 5 years in Indiana after immediately after graduating. Scholarship is valued at \$7,500 per year for four years. Application information can be found at <http://in.gov/che/4680.htm>

## Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 26, 2021

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 or pick up a copy in the guidance office. Scholarship is approximately \$1,000 but varies each year. Attach a statement describing your future goals.

## Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

February 26, 2021

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. Attach a statement including any current involvement in law enforcement related activities and what your goals are for a future in law enforcement. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

## Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 30, 2021

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, metal working, 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.

## InvestEd Giveaway Scholarship

June 15, 2021

Open to students who will attend college within two years after graduating from high school in May 2018. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. To apply, visit <https://www.investedindiana.org/literacy/1000-invested-scholarship-giveaway/>

## Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

<b>FastWeb</b>	<b><a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a></b>
<b>Scholarships.Com</b>	<b><a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a></b>
<b>College Board Scholarship Search</b>	<b><a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search</a></b>
<b>U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search</b>	<b><a href="http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/">http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/</a></b>
<b>Scholarship America</b>	<b><a href="http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php">http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php</a></b>

**We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.**