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

FAFSA-The Most Important Application

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.

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 many university awards.

This application is now available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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.

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 https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid 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.

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

Types of Student Financial Aid

There are four main types of student financial aid. They are grants, scholarships, loans, and work study. Each of these types of aid are important in helping pay for a college education.

Grants are usually state or federal need-based aid. This means that the money is given to students whose families do not make enough money in the government's viewpoint to pay for a college education. Grants do not have to be paid back.

Scholarships also do not usually have to be paid back. One instance where scholarships may have to be repaid is when you, as the student, do not meet the stipulations of the scholarship. Scholarships are usually given on a merit, extracurricular, or community service basis. Scholarships typically require separate applications which could include simply basic identifying information or lengthy essays.

Student loans are one of the most notorious methods of paying for college. Even though they have a bad reputation, student loans are one of the most commonly used methods of paying for college. They are loans and you do have to pay them back, but they are at fairly low interest rates and allow you to pay them back over many years.

Work study is granted to students usually to finish out a financial aid package. This money is given to the school to support you getting an on-campus job. Money is tax-free up to a certain point. It also allows for employers to pay higher wages.

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

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- 2/1/16—@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!

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/

Professional Athletes Foundation Scholarship

January 22, 2016

Open to seniors who have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, will be attending a 2 or 4 year college, participated in a varsity level sport for at least one year, has not accepted funds for participation in college sports. Scholarship is valued at \$2500.00. Applications are available in the guidance office. Applications must be postmarked by the date given. Late applications will not be accepted. Nomination by a coach is required so seek these materials early.

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 https://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, 20

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.livemasscholarship.com/#home

Pacers MVP Scholarship Presented by Herff Jones

January 31, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who are not a member of their high school JV or varsity basketball team. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and completed at least 40 hours of community service within the past year. A 250 word essay is required. Scholarship is valued at \$5,000. Application is available at http://www.nba.com/pacers/2016-pacers-mvp-scholarship-application

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.

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 <u>FFA.org/scholarships</u> Scholarships are valued at \$1500.

Nancy Jaynes Memorial Scholarship

February 5, 2016

Open to high school seniors whose parent is battling cancer or has lost a parent to breast cancer. Scholarship is valued at \$1,500. Applications are available at www.breastcancerplate.org/scholarships

Community Foundation of Boone County Scholarships (NEW SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN ADDED)

February 11, 2016

Open to Boone County students. Multiple scholarships are available! Scholarships have various requirements so each Western Boone student should visit the site to see which scholarships are available to them based on their 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://www.betasigmapsi.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.

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 February26th 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

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, 201

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 and 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/

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 elated 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.

Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 11, 2010

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 lota 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 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.

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.

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.

Boone County MIBOR Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to students who plan on pursing 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.

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 pursing 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.

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.

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/

Sigma Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship

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Open to senior males who plan on attending Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Selection is based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, and athletic involvement. Scholarship is up to \$500. Applications are available online at http://goo.gl/forms/ltwM9Qt6ka

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
Саррех	https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.