

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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

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FAFSA: Paying for College

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. 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.

Parents and students will use their **2015** taxes to fill out the FAFSA. This application is available starting this Saturday, October 1st at www.fafsa.ed.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.fsaaid.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. We will also have a general financial aid information night on October 11th at 7pm here. We will also have a FAFSA Help Night on November 22nd where you and your student can come in any time between 3-7pm to the community room and have individualized help on completing the FAFSA.

Do not wait until March 10th, 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 than the March 10th deadline. 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>

College Applications

Western Boone College Application Process:

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

Log into www.parchment.com and request to send your high school transcript to the colleges to which you applied. Accounts were created by students last year. Try the "Forgot Password" link if you do not remember your information.

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

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

We encourage all students to apply to colleges by Halloween!

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:

- 10/11/16—FAFSA available
- 10/3/16—Manufacturing Career Day @ VU Gene Haas Center 10am-8pm
- 10/4/16—Lebanon College and Career Fair from 6-7:30pm @ LHS
- 10/11/16—Vincennes @8:55am
- 10/11/16—Saint Joseph's College @ 1:15pm
- 10/11/16—Financial Aid Info Night @ 7pm
- 10/13/16—Indiana Wesleyan @ 8:05am
- 10/13/16—Ivy Tech @1:15pm
- 10/27/16—University of Southern Indiana @ 1:15pm
- 11/3/16—Saint Mary's College @ 2:05pm
- 11/13/16—College Goal Sunday FAFSA Help @ Ivy Tech Lafayette
- 11/22/16—FAFSA Help Night from 3-7pm
- 5/10/17—WEBO Honor Night @ 7pm

Designates a new scholarship



Special Points: Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

Scholarships

Wendy's High School Heisman Recognition Program

October 3, 2016

Open to seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school sport. Applicants are recognized with various Wendy's gift cards with amounts ranging from \$10-\$500, awards, and donations to their home school of up to \$10,000. Applications are available online at www.wendysheisman.com

AES Engineers Scholarship

October 6, 2016

Open to students who submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the question, "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships will be important on this journey?" Scholarship is valued at \$500.00. More information is available at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm



IU Kokomo Creative Writing Scholarship

October 15, 2016

Open to students who submit poetry, short stories, or other creative writings to be judged by English and Language Studies personnel, who will then host an on-campus reading by students who submit their works. The judges will name first and second prize winners in both poetry and prose, each carrying a \$500 and \$250 renewable scholarship respectively. To submit work, go to www.iuk.edu/writingcontest



Get Schooled #FAFSA Sweepstakes

October 16, 2016

Open to students at least 14 years old who follow GetSchooled on Twitter and tweet #FAFSA between October 1st and October 16th. More information is available at <https://getschooled.com/dashboard/article/2605-the-fafsa-sweepstakes>

Horatio Alger Scholarship

October 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on completing a bachelor's degree upon graduation (can start out at a 2 year school), have critical financial need, involvement in community service activities, minimum GPA of 2.0, U.S. citizenship, and have overcome adversity. Scholarships range from \$5,000-20,000. Applications are available at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

Coca-Cola Scholarships (multiple scholarships available)

October 31, 2016

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit their website for more information at www.coca-colascholars.org/

IU Academic Scholarships

November 1, 2016

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

Purdue Freshmen Scholarships

November 1, 2016

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

IUPUI Honors College Scholarships

November 15, 2016

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

Indiana State University Freshmen Scholarships

November 15, 2016

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, 2016

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 and SAT score of 1200 (between math and reading) or ACT Composite of 27. 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 3, 2016

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 1500/2400. 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>

Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 17, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

March 10, 2017

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. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship

March 10, 2017

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 and due back by the deadline above. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.



Western Boone Teachers' Association Scholarship

March 10, 2017

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.

Scholarships

Boone County MIBOR Scholarship

March 17, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Elizabeth Siddall Memorial Scholarship

March 17, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.



State Bank of Lizton Community Bankers Scholarship

March 24, 2017

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.

Lough Family Scholarship

March 24, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Thorntown Knights of Pythias Scholarship

March 24, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Sugar Creek Arts Center Scholarship

March 24, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

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

March 30, 2017

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 is variable, but has been \$2,000. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 30, 2017

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. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Zonta Club of Boone County Scholarship

March 30, 2017

Open to senior girls who have been involved in their school, community, and/or church. Academic status is a factor in choosing a recipient. Application requires two letters of recommendation, transcript, one-half page essay describing future plans and another one-half page essay describing how the applicant plans to use the scholarship. Scholarship is in the amount of \$750. Applications are available in the guidance office or the "General Application" on the Western Boone guidance site can be used. Applications must be turned into the guidance office by the due date.

Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

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| 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 |

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.