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Welcome to Senior Year!

Senior year is an exciting time as you enjoy your last year at Western Boone while planning for your next steps. Whether you are planning to join the workforce, enter the military, or attend a college or training program, we can help advise you on how to get there! We will meet with seniors individually over the next ~6 weeks to help support your post-high school planning and review graduation status. Some things to note:

1. College Application Week is September 23-27. This is a week where a few colleges have waived their application fees. (Indiana State and the IU system *but not IUB* are some examples). Indiana State has typically made their application free for the entire month of September. We hope to have a complete list of participating universities soon.
2. Seniors are allowed **2** college visit/job shadow days plus STAR Day (October 16th) to help ensure students can figure out what options are best for them after high school. Utilize these days! Visiting a campus is one of the best ways to determine if attending that campus is the best decision for you. Immersing yourself in the job you hope to do for your career is the best way to figure out if that career is best for you.
3. Schedule your visit or shadow opportunity based on your schedule directly with the college/employer. A parent/guardian should then call into attendance notifying us of the absence. Then, either get a form from attendance to have a representative sign or turn in a paper from the college as proof of attendance back to the attendance office the day you return. Your absence will be excused and not counted against your attendance. You will still make up your schoolwork following the attendance policy.
4. Please note the days/times college admission reps are coming to WEBO and sign up for those on Canvas if interested.
5. HEA 1002 requires juniors and seniors to attend a college fair and attend a "Career Discovery Meeting" each year. The easiest way to meet this requirement is to attend a college visit on campus. If a student wants to use an employer meeting to complete this requirement, the employer must be preapproved with the state.
6. SEA 167 requires all seniors to file a FAFSA. That application will not be available until October 1st and due April 15th.
7. If you want to join the military, speak to the recruiters sooner than later! We have seniors every year it seems who hope to join the service, but wait until later in the year to complete the steps only to go through MEPS and be denied entry. It is better to find an alternate plan now than in April/May.
8. We encourage seniors to focus on college applications and college visits first and make sure those things are completed no later than fall break. Financial aid and scholarship season will pick up beginning in October and last through March.

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:

1. Fill out an online application from the college via their website or commonapp.org
2. Log into www.parchment.com and request to send your high school transcript to the colleges to which you applied. (If applying through CommonApp, you do not need to request through Parchment.)
3. It should take 2-6 weeks once the college receives all of your application materials to hear back with your admission decision (Purdue releases decisions only after Jan. 15th)
4. **Please make sure that if your college requires official test scores that they come from the College Board or ACT Inc. directly or your application will not be reviewed.**

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Upcoming Events:

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| 8/20/24—Purdue @ 10:15am |
| 8/28/24—Eastern Illinois @ 8:55am |
| 9/3/24—DePauw @ 8:05am |
| 9/4/24—Ball State @ 1:15pm |
| 9/16/24—Butler @ 1:10pm |
| 9/19/24—Modern College of Design @ 10:15am |
| 10/16/24—STAR Day |
| 11/1/24—Priority Application Date for Many Schools including IU system, Purdue, and Butler |
| 11/6/24—FAFSA Help Night |

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!

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

Scholarships

Be Bold Scholarship

September 1, 2024

Open to students who create a "bold" profile. The most earnest, determined, and moving profile will be considered for a \$25,000 scholarship. For more information, go to <https://bold.org/scholarships/the-be-bold-no-essay-scholarship/#ref=best-scholarships>

Coca-Cola Scholarships (multiple scholarships available)

September 30, 2024

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit their website for more information at <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

Anidjar & Levine Community Service Scholarship

October 1, 2024

Open to students enrolled in college or formally accepted to a college. Applicants must have a history of service to their community and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarship is valued at \$2,500. Apply at <https://www.anidjarlevine.com/about/scholarship/community-service-scholarship/>

Voice of Democracy Scholarship

October 31, 2024

Open to high school students. Application requires applicants to write and record an essay on the topic "America: Where do we go from here?". Scholarships vary from \$1,000-30,000 and are due to the local VFW branch. More information can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

IU Academic Scholarships

November 1, 2024

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, 2024

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

National Space Club Scholarship

November 1, 2024

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 \$20,000. Application is available at <http://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/>

Elks Lodge Most Valuable Student Scholarship

November 12, 2024

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. Scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000-7,500. Applications are available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship (opens August 22, 2024)

November 14, 2024

Open to high achieving seniors who have financial need and the desire to attend the nation's best 4 year colleges. Average GPA of selectees is an unweighted GPA of 3.97 and 93% have engaged in community service. Scholarship pays up to \$55,000 in tuition per year. Applicant family income must be less than \$95,000. More information is available at <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

IU Indianapolis Honors College Scholarships

November 15, 2024

To maximize scholarship consideration from IU Indianapolis students need to apply and have all academic materials received by IU Indianapolis by November 1st. An additional application for scholarships will be due by the date above. Application is available at <https://honors.iupui.edu/admissions-scholarships/prospective-freshmen.html>

Andrew Flushe Scholarship

November 30, 2024

Open to seniors who create a video to raise awareness about sharing the road with cyclists. Scholarship is valued at \$500. More information is available at <https://www.andrewflushe.com/scholarship/>

National Honor Society Scholarship (opens September 16, 2024)

November 26, 2024

Open to students in who have verified NHS accounts. Scholarship amounts vary. More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.us/advisers/the-nhs-scholarship/>

Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future Teachers

December 1, 2024

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, 2024

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

Gongaware Center Scholarship at Indiana State University

December 1, 2024

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.5, or are in the top 15% of their class, or have a combined SAT score of 1140 or ACT of 23. 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>

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Indiana State University Rural Health Program

December 1, 2024

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 a SAT of 1270 or ACT 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.

Hagan Scholarship (opens September 1, 2024)

December 1, 2024

Open to seniors who have unmet financial need. (This is most students). Applicants must have a GPA of 3.75 and enroll at an eligible institution. Applicants must also work 240 hours during the previous 12 months prior to college enrollment, complete a FAFSA, criminal history free, and be Pell Grant eligible. Scholarship pays for up to \$7,500 per semester and gives investment money to help sustain financial security. Apply at <https://haganscholarships.org/>

INDOT Engineering Scholarship

December 31, 2024

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 <https://www.in.gov/indot/careers-with-indot/students-and-recent-graduates/indot-engineering-scholarship/>

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

January 17, 2025

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.

Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 14, 2025

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.

College Board Big Futures Scholarships

February 28, 2025

Open to seniors with various academic backgrounds. Scholarships are awarded monthly to seniors through February on the first of the month. Students will use their existing College Board accounts to apply. Visit their website for more information at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships/scholarship-details/start-your-scholarship-list>

Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 30, 2025

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Application is also open to recent graduates. 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 \$4,000 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.

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 |
| Scholarship America | http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php |
| Student Scholarships | https://studentscholarships.org/ |

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.