

Who can enroll as a Scholar?

To be eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program, students must:

- Be Indiana residents.
- Be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens.
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- Meet income eligibility requirements.
- Take the 21st Century Scholar Pledge.

Eligible students must enroll online before June 30th of their 8th-grade year at [Scholars.IN.gov/enroll](https://scholars.IN.gov/enroll).



What are Scholars expected to do?

All students take the Scholar Pledge as part of the online enrollment process. Learn more at [Scholars.IN.gov/enroll](https://scholars.IN.gov/enroll).

THE SCHOLAR PLEDGE

- ✓ I will graduate with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma from a state-accredited Indiana high school.
- ✓ I will complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and in college that helps me stay on track for college and career success.
- ✓ I will achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol or commit a crime or delinquent act.
- ✓ I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college my senior year of high school.
- ✓ I will file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until college graduation.
- ✓ I will complete at least 30 credit hours each year in college to stay on track to earn my degree on time.
- ✓ I will maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standards established by my college.

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What is 21st Century Scholars?

The 21st Century Scholars program was established in 1990 to increase students' aspirations for and access to higher education. The Scholars program provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees.

The 21st Century Scholars program supports students and their families by providing them with the tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and start toward a successful career path.

The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. It does not cover the cost of books and supplies or room

and board. Scholars are provided resources and support to help them learn how to pay for additional college expenses.

Visit Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges for a list of approved colleges.



Scholars must complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and in college.

What is the Scholar Success Program?

The Scholar Success Program helps students in high school and in college as they prepare for college and career success and stay on track to earn and maintain the 21st Century Scholarship. In high school and in college, each grade level has activities, outlined in the charts below, that should be completed each year. Scholars must complete the specific steps and track their progress online using ScholarTrack.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM

GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES			
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"	
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Estimate the Costs of College	
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT or SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³	
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA	

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.
2. Includes job shadowing, internship, part-time employment, interviewing a professional or a related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.
3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunities beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

SCHOLARTRACK

ScholarTrack is the one-stop-shop for Hoosiers' state financial aid needs. Scholars use ScholarTrack to complete the Scholar Success Program and update their contact information. Create an account at ScholarTrack.IN.gov.



COLLEGE SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM

YEAR	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
	ALL 4 ANNUALLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE	1+ PER YEAR COLLEGE EDUCATION	1+ PER YEAR CAREER PREPARATION
FIRST YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 30 Credits Per Year Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Identify 1 Mentor/Champion** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Bridge Program New Student Orientation/Transfer Student Orientation First-Year Experience Living-Learning Community Campus Involvement** Study Abroad* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational Interview Job Shadow Professional Resume Portfolio Internship* (or equivalent) Student-Faculty Research*
SECOND YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 30 Credits Per Year Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Identify 1 Mentor/Champion** 		
THIRD YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 30 Credits Per Year Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Identify 1 Mentor/Champion** 		
FOURTH YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 30 Credits Per Year Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Identify 1 Mentor/Champion** 		

*Filing the FAFSA during the fourth year is only necessary if the student intends to continue to additional education, such as graduate school.

*Activity may be repeated/sustained for multiple academic years.

**All 21st Century Scholars will identify at least one personal mentor/champion who will help guide and support them through college and into the workforce.

***Students continuing to a four-year program must complete requirements through graduation.

21st Century Scholars

7th and 8th grade parents:

Your children may be eligible for a college scholarship

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school, dependent upon financial need. In middle and high school, Scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them stay on track for college and career success. Once in college, Scholars receive support to complete their college degrees and connect to career opportunities. 7th and 8th grade Indiana students whose families meet income eligibility guidelines can apply to become a 21st Century Scholar. Applications must be received by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year.

As a Scholar, you pledge to:

- ✓ Complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and in college, which includes activities at each grade level to help you stay on track for college and career success.
- ✓ Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ Not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.
- ✓ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until you graduate from college.
- ✓ Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by my college.
- ✓ Complete 30 credit hours each year you are in college to stay on track toward earning your degree on time.

Apply online at Scholars.IN.gov and provide:

- ☐ Student's Social Security Number, date of birth and address.
- ☐ Parent or guardian's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, if applicable.
- ☐ 2019 gross income amounts for all members of the household. If applying after December 31, 2020, use 2020 gross income.
- ☐ A valid email address (free email accounts are available at Yahoo.com, Gmail.com, Hotmail.com, and Live.com).

21st Century Scholars Program Income Guidelines (2020-2021)

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$31,894
3	\$40,182
4	\$48,470
5	\$56,758
6	\$65,046
For each additional person in the household add \$8,288.	

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