

## November/December Senior Bulletin

November 22, 2024

### Naviance/Transcripts

Remember, all transcript requests must be made through your Naviance account. You may request your transcript at any time, even if you have not yet submitted your application. If you are applying to a college using the Common Application, you must Match your Naviance account with your Common App account and add the college to your Common App list **before** you request the transcript. If you need any assistance with this process, please see your school counselor. **If you are applying to a school with a deadline between December 15 and January 10, you must make your transcript request by Friday, December 6.**

**Note Regarding Test Scores: If you take the SAT or ACT in November or December, be sure to have any new scores sent directly through the testing agencies to the colleges to which you have or will apply.**

### AP Exam Fees

AP Exam fees were due on November 1. If you have not yet paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible. All exam fees must be paid to the guidance office.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Psychology and US History	\$99 per exam
English Lit, English Lang, Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Statistics	\$10 per exam

**If you are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, you need only pay \$10 per exam, regardless of the subject.** Please see Miss McGuire if you have any questions regarding the fees.

### Admissions Decisions

Colleges and universities grant a variety of admission decisions. Below are a few defined terms to help you understand the decisions you may receive. If you have questions, please see your counselor.

**Admitted:** Congratulations! You have been accepted to the college and you could attend, if you choose.

**Denied:** You have been denied admission to the college. This decision is usually final, and you need to seek other opportunities.

**Deferred:** If you have been deferred by a Rolling Decision/Priority Deadline school, you will need to provide updated academic information for further consideration. This includes new SAT/ACT scores and/or first semester grades. If you do not provide updated academic information, you will likely not be granted admission. If you have been deferred by a school during Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or Early Decision, you will be deferred to the next application period, which is Regular Decision. You will need to let your counselor know to send a Common App Mid-Year report, which will include your first semester grades. A final decision will be granted at the end of that application period, usually in March or April.

**Waitlisted:** This decision is usually granted at the end of Regular Decision in the spring. If you are added to a waitlist of a college, you may remain in consideration for admission until late May or June. There is no guarantee that admission will ever be offered. Remaining on a waitlist is optional. If you would like to remain on a waitlist, communicate your continued interest to your admissions counselor. If you decide to attend another college, remove your name from other schools' waitlists.

## **Financial Aid – FAFSA**

Every year, a lot of financial aid goes unclaimed because families think they will not qualify to receive need-based aid. Therefore, the Indiana Department of Education is requiring the families of all graduating seniors in the class of 2025 to complete the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The official filing window for the 2025-26 FAFSA in Indiana is December 1, 2024 - April 15, 2025. (Please note that colleges may have earlier deadlines. Do your research.) However, **the 2025-26 FAFSA is currently open to all families during their Beta Testing period.** FAFSA is submitted online and is available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2023.

To complete a 2025-26 FAFSA, you will need a student and a parent FSA ID, one for each. Create these at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. Watch the Video to Create your FSA ID: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMvtzco>. Once you have your FSA IDs you are ready to complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. It is recommended you complete your FAFSA as early as possible, so you can receive full financial aid consideration and receive award letters from colleges in a timely manner. For more information to help you get ready for the 2025-26 FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support>.

The 2025-26 FAFSA is designed to be shorter and more user-friendly than in previous years. However, some families may still need assistance with completing it. Below are local FAFSA completion events available to offer support.

### **Tuesday, December 10 | 3:00-6:00 | PFW Kettler Hall Room 102**

Register at [https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights?\\_ga=2.66189998.1815698859.1731683171-1305279878.1724686937](https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights?_ga=2.66189998.1815698859.1731683171-1305279878.1724686937). This event is for any student planning to go to college. You do not have to intend to go to PFW. This is a community service they provide to all families.

### **Monday, February 10 | 5:30-7:30 | Bishop Dwenger Library**

Link to register will be available later

### **Sunday, February 23 | College Goal Sunday | 2:00-4:00 | Ivy Tech Community College**

No registration needed. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available.

## **Financial Aid – CSS Profile**

There are several private colleges that require students to complete the CSS Profile, in addition to the FAFSA. The CSS Profile is a more comprehensive form schools often use to determine in-house aid distribution. The form is available at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. CSS Profile costs \$25 for the first school, plus \$16 for each additional school.

## **Net Price Calculator**

Net Price Calculators (NPC) are available on a college's website to allow you to enter information (financial and/or academic) about yourself to find out what students like you paid to attend that institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account. If you have an account with the College Board (SAT), you may also use <http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/>. The purpose of the NPC is to provide students with an advanced idea of what the bottom-line cost of attendance to a specific college may be.

## **Where to Find Scholarships**

Scholarships are awarded by colleges, businesses, organizations, and individuals. The criteria for scholarships vary, depending on the objective of the sponsor. Places to seek scholarships include:

**Colleges:** Colleges offer several types of scholarships: merit/talent, departmental, athletic, and academic. Scholarship information should be available on the Financial Aid portion of the school's website. Some scholarships are automatic and are awarded at the time of application for admission. Others may require supplemental applications, interviews, and/or auditions. Exhaust all possibilities of scholarships offered through the colleges. These scholarships tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years.

**Parents' places of employment:** Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees' dependents. Check with human resources.

**Student's place of employment:** Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees. Check with human resources.

**Clubs/organizations to which parents belong:** Many organizations offer scholarships/grants to members' dependents. Check with club officers or the national/state chapter.

**Online Searches:** The Internet is an endless source for scholarship information. It is advised to have more than one account with online searches.

### **Scholarships Awarded by Colleges and Universities**

Once you've been admitted to a college or university, exhaust all possibilities for scholarships and financial aid offered through that school. Most schools offer merit scholarships based on your academic record submitted for admission. However, there are also other scholarships offered that may require supplemental applications. Search the financial aid and/or scholarship portions of the school's website for departmental, talent, service, and leadership scholarships for incoming freshmen. The scholarships offered by the colleges and universities tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years. Below are links to the scholarship webpages for local and common colleges.

**Purdue Fort Wayne** - <https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financial-aid/types-financial-aid>

**Ivy Tech Fort Wayne** - <https://www.ivytech.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/>

**University of Saint Francis** - <https://www.sf.edu/cost-and-aid/scholarships/>

**Indiana Tech** - <https://financialservices.indianatech.edu/scholarships/undergrad/>

**Ball State University** - <https://www.bsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships/types/scholarships>

**Indiana University Bloomington** - <https://scholarships.indiana.edu/future-scholars/iu-scholarships/index.html>

**Purdue University** - <https://admissions.purdue.edu/costsandfinaid/freshman.php>

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

The following scholarships are promoted through the BD guidance department. A website will be listed for online applications. If no web address is listed, paper applications are available in the guidance department.

***Scholarship Name:*** Ivy Tech NEIFAME – Northeast Indiana Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education

***Criteria:*** Have an interest in working while earning a degree in Advanced Manufacturing at Ivy Tech. This opportunity will connect students with employers in the community that will provide financial support, mentoring, and paid work experience while the student is pursuing a two-year degree.

***Deadline:*** Visit <https://ivytechfortwaynenews.com/2024/10/09/neinfame-accepting-applications-for-the-fall-2025-cohort/> for more information and to apply.

***Scholarship Name:*** PFW Summit Scholars Program

***Criteria:*** Must have a GPA of 3.95 OR 1380 SAT OR 29 ACT.

***Amount:*** Full ride to PFW

***Deadline:*** **Must submit your application for admission to PFW by December 1 to be considered. Selected students will be invited to complete the Summit Scholars application to participate in the competition.**

***Scholarship Name:*** Indiana State University Gongaware Scholarship

***Criteria:*** Plan to attend Indiana State University to major in business

***Amount:*** Full tuition, a laptop computer, and \$3,000 stipend to be used for professional development (study abroad)

***Deadline:*** **must apply to ISU by December 1. For information on this and all other ISU scholarships for incoming freshmen, visit <https://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware>. The Gongaware deadline is December 15.**

**Scholarship Name:** Indiana State University President's Scholarship

**Criteria:** Must have a GPA of at least 3.8 or higher AND an SAT score of 1270 (EBRW + Math) OR an ACT composite of 27. Special achievements, leadership potential, and community service are also taken into consideration.

**Amount:** Full in-state tuition and standard housing for up to four years

**Deadline:** information is available at <https://www2.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/president.htm>. Students must be admitted to the university by December 1; scholarship application is due by December 15.

**Scholarship Name:** Burger King Scholars

**Criteria:** Must have a 2.0 GPA

**Amount:** \$1,000-\$4,000

**Deadline:** Apply online at <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/> by December 16.

**Scholarship Name:** GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship

**Criteria:** 3.0 GPA; demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship

**Amount:** \$10,000/renewable for four years

**Deadline:** apply online at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx> by January 5.

**Scholarship Name:** University of St. Francis Assisi Program for Discipleship and Leadership

**Criteria:** The Assisi program focuses on adding layers of prayer, study, fellowship, service, and mission to your USF experience. Students must also plan live in the dorm. Other application requirements include at least a 3.25 GPA, two reference letters, a personal narrative essay, and an interview.

**Amount:** Half of the cost of Room and Board at USF

**Deadline:** The application and more information is available at [go.sf.edu/assisiprogram](http://go.sf.edu/assisiprogram). The priority deadline is January 6. You must also apply for admission to USF before this date.

**Scholarship Name:** INACAC Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to attend a college or university in Indiana

**Amount:** \$500-1000

**Deadline:** The application is available at <https://inacac.org/scholar> and is due on January 10.

**Scholarship Name:** Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarships

**Criteria:** Essays are required and are the focal point of the application. Numerous scholarships are available.

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** apply online at <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarships/> by January 15.

**Scholarship Name:** Washington Crossing Foundation (WCF) Scholarship

**Criteria:** Competition is open to all high school seniors who are U. S. citizens and are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government

**Amount:** \$500-5,000

**Deadline:** the application is available at <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship> and is due by January 15.

**Scholarship Name:** Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

**Criteria:** Must plan to pursue a degree to become a teacher at an Indiana college and plan to teach in the state of Indiana following graduation. Must also have a 3.0 or higher GPA.

**Amount:** \$10,000, renewable for up to four years

**Deadline:** Instructions for the application process are available at <http://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm>. You are required to create a Full Account with Scholar Track. If you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar, you will use your current Scholar Track account, but you must change it to a Full Account. The application is due by January 31.

**Scholarship Name:** Lawrence A. Ackerman Scholarship

**Criteria:** Must plan to pursue an education and career in the stewardship of animals.

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** To download the paper application, visit <https://kidszoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/ackerman.pdf>. The application must be submitted by February 1.

**Scholarship Name:** Purdue University Departmental Scholarships

**Criteria:** Plan to attend Purdue University in the College of Education, College of Health and Human Science, College of Liberal Arts, or Polytechnic Institute.

**Deadline:** Must have applied to Purdue by November 1 and submit departmental scholarship application by February 15. For more information, visit <https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/purdueaid/>.

**Scholarship Name:** Marian University Diocesan Employee Family Guarantee

**Criteria:** Must be the dependent of an employee who works full-time for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including parishes, schools, and social service agencies.

**Amount:** Up to half-tuition for four years

**Deadline:** Information is available at <https://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid/first-year-scholarships/scholarships/diocesan-employee-family-guarantee.php>.

**Scholarship Name:** PHP (Physicians Health Plan) Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to pursue a career in a healthcare related field and have a least a 3.0 GPA.

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$3,000

**Deadline:** The paper application is available at <https://public.powerdms.com/PHPNI/documents/1717019> and must be postmarked by February 21.

**Scholarship Name:** Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness -**If you have to borrow money, this is a good way to do it!**

**Criteria:** Must have a 2.5 GPA and plan to attend a college in Indiana.

**Amount:** up to \$5,000 may be borrowed per year (\$20,000 maximum); 50% of the loan will be forgiven if the student lives in Northeast Indiana for five year after college graduation. Students who attend a Questa partner school such as Anderson University, Grace College, Huntington University, Ivy Tech, Indiana Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, Manchester University, Purdue Fort Wayne, Taylor University, Trine University, and University of Saint Francis, will have another 25% of the loan forgiven. This is a great local program, and all qualified students are encouraged to apply.

**Deadline:** Student must complete FAFSA before submitting this application. The application is available at <https://www.questafoundation.org/traditional-scholars-program> and will be available from December 1-March 15.

### Online Scholarship Opportunities

There are countless websites to help you search for scholarships. The scholarship search process is yearlong and ongoing. The sooner you start, the better.

1. Check each potential college's website for scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.
2. Naviance has three scholarship search features under the Scholarships and Money heading under the Colleges tab.
3. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are:  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com)  
[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
<https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/>  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

**Please note, you should never pay for a scholarship search nor to apply for a scholarship.**

## **Testing**

The testing season for seniors is winding down. Seniors who need to take a standardized test for the first or second time should register now. The ACT is administered at local high schools. The cost for the ACT is \$69. Registration is available online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). ***Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program and for students who are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars. See your school counselor for a waiver.*** Even if your immediate plans after high school do not include college, it is a good idea to take a standardized test while still in high school. These scores are usually good for up to five years after graduation.

**School Code: 151082**

**Test Date**

**ACT**

**Registration Deadline**

February 8

January 3