## The 21st Century Scholars Program Take a Step Toward Your Future

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A program of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Learn More Indiana

With the 21st Century Scholars Program you CAN make your college dream and career goals a reality.

21st Century Scholars helps students stay on track for college and career success.

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### The 21st Century Scholars Program Provides:

- Tuition assistance
- College and career readiness through the Scholars Success Program

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Other support and services

## What is Expected of a 21st Century Scholar

Students enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars Program must honor the 21st Century Scholar Pledge.

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## As a Scholar, you pledge to:

 Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school 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.

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## **The Scholar Pledge**

✓ 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.

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#### GRADE

#### **REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**

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

# **Completing the Application**

To enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program, you must:

- Be a resident of Indiana as an applicant and as a scholarship recipient (determined by the residency of your parent or legal guardian);
- Be a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education;
- Agree to fulfill the 21st Century Scholars Pledge;
- Meet income eligibility requirements.

## What Information Do I Need to Apply?

- 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, you will use 2020 tax information.

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• A valid email address.

## How Do I Apply?

#### • CREATE AN ACCOUNT

 Visit <u>ScholarTrack.IN.gov</u> to "Create an Account" and select "I am a parent or guardian."

#### APPLY FOR SCHOLARS

 Parents can apply to 21st Century Scholars via the ScholarTrack system. Click on "My Account" to submit an application.

#### TRACK PROGRESS

 Parents can track student's progress in high school and view student's scholarship status by clicking "View/Edit Student."

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# **Next Steps**

- Keep your school and contact information current
- Look for communications from the 21st Century Scholars Program
- Find more resources to support your college and career goals (visit LearnMoreIndiana.org)
- Start thinking about college!

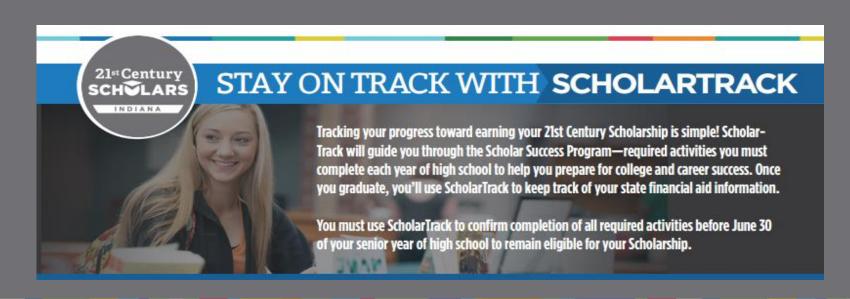


How do you get from where you are today to the life and career you want? Consider this your roadmap. Here you'll find the tools you need to plan your career path, help pick the right school and take an honest look at how to pay for it all.



## **Tracking Progress Online**

ScholarTrack — online tool for managing progress
Create a personalized account
Students use ScholarTrack to confirm they've completed requirements



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## **Questions?**

- Visit Scholars.IN.gov
- Email Scholars@che.IN.gov

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• Call 1-888-528-4719