
Avon High School Senior College Planning Night 2026



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Each Journey To College Is Unique – Your Child Needs You!

Student

- Research colleges
- Must use Naviance
- Meet Deadlines
- Take initiative to organize
- Check Schoology messages
- Work on/complete applications (including the AHS Transcript Request Form)
- Work hard for scholarships
- Complete student part of FAFSA

Parent

- Research colleges
- Encouraged to use Naviance
- Remind of deadlines
- Help keep organized
- Remind student to check Schoology messages
- Remind student to work on/complete applications
- Lead on financial discussions
- Complete the parent part of the FAFSA



AUGUST 20TH

6 TO 8PM

MADE@PLAINFIELD

MOCK APPLICATIONS

COLLEGE
REPRESENTATIVES

LEARN HOW TO
STAND OUT

Q&A SESSIONS

APPLICATION &
ESSAY TIPS

EXPERIENCE A
MINI COLLEGE FAIR

FREE TO ATTEND

STUDENT RSVP RECOMMENDED



[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & TO RSVP
Hendrickscollegenetwork.org](https://Hendrickscollegenetwork.org)



In Partnership with:

BUTLER
UNIVERSITY



COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ATTENDING!

BUTLER UNIVERSITY	IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	MARIAN UNIVERSITY
EARLHAM COLLEGE	PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FRANKLIN COLLEGE	ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
HANOVER COLLEGE	TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRINE UNIVERSITY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON	UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS	INVEST ED
WABASH COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



College & Career Fair and Apprenticeship & Trades Fair

HENDRICKS COUNTY FUTUREPATHWAYS FAIR

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER
08
6-7:30 PM**

Explore career options while
talking with colleges, apprenticeship
& trades programs, training
providers, military, and employers.

Learn more: www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org
or email: CollegeFair@HendricksCollegeNetwork.org

 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS



HENDRICKS COUNTY
FUTUREPATHWAYS
Discover the possibilities! **FAIR**

2026 REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE FAIR

Check back often! This list is updated regularly as new organizations register.
Some representatives may not appear on this list.



COLLEGE / UNIVERSITIES

Anderson University	Indiana University School of Dentistry	Ohio Wesleyan
Ball State University	Indiana Wesleyan	Purdue Fort Wayne
Bellarmino University	IU Bloomington Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, Engineering	Purdue University- Main Campus
Belmont University	IU Bloomington O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Bethel University	IU Indianapolis Health Professions Programs	Taylor University
Bowling Green State University	Ivy Tech Biotechnology	The Ohio State University
Butler University	Ivy Tech Business & Supply Chain	University of Cincinnati
Capital University	Ivy Tech Criminal Justice	University of Dayton
Chamberlain University	Ivy Tech Dual Credit/Enrollment	University of Evansville
Defiance College	Ivy Tech Healthcare Specialist	University of Indianapolis
DePauw University	Ivy Tech Medical Assisting	University of Louisville
Earlham College	Ivy Tech Microbiology	University of Northwestern Ohio
Eastern Illinois University	Ivy Tech Nursing	University of St Francis
Ferris State University	Ivy Tech Plainfield	Valparaiso University
Franklin College	Ivy Tech School of IT	Vanderbilt University
Grace College	Ivy Tech Visual Communications	Vincennes University Agribusiness Department
Hanover College	Jackson State University	Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center
Harris-Stowe State University	Kettering University	Vincennes University Business & Industry
Holy Cross College at Notre Dame	Lincoln Technical College	Wabash College
Huntington University	Manchester University	Western Kentucky
Indiana State	Marian University Indianapolis	Wilmington College
Indiana Tech	Marian University Plymouth	Wittenberg University
Indiana University - Bloomington	Miami University Ohio	Xavier University
Indiana University Indianapolis	Michigan Technological University	
	Northern Michigan University	

ACT and SAT

Avon will host the September 19th ACT and October 3rd SAT

SAT

Register online at sat.org/registration

SAT Customer Service: 866-756-7346

Test Date	Registration Deadline
August 22	August 7
September 12	August 28
*October 3	September 18
November 7	October 23
December 5	November 20
March 06	February 19
May 01	April 16
*June 5	May 21

ACT

Register online at actstudent.org

ACT Customer Service: 319-337-1270

Test Date	Registration Deadline
*September 19	August 14
October 17	September 11
December 12	November 6
February 27	January 22
*April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7
July 10	June 4

When registering, be sure to list 4 colleges/universities to have scores sent for FREE

ZAPS Test Prep Seminars

Visit DoorwayToCollege.org and **REGISTER NOW!**

**Avon High School is partnering with us to bring
ZAPS PSAT/SAT Test Prep to your student!**

Receive the Nation's Best Test Strategy Prep at a special price of only \$117.00
Register **before 9/4/26** and receive an **\$18.00 discount**, making your price **only \$99!**



PSAT/SAT Test Prep Seminar

Avon High School

Room L101 (Enter door 28)

Monday & Tuesday

September 14 & 15, 2026

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Your Seminar Fee: \$117.00



**Doorway
to College**
Foundation

Register at:
www.doorwaytocollege.org
or call 877-927-8378

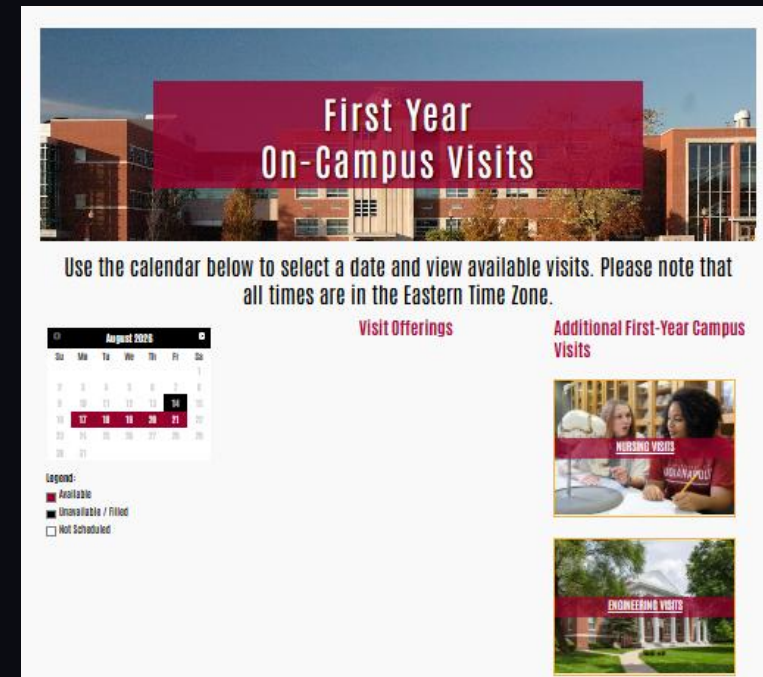
Mini-College Fairs

- College admissions representatives will provide information regarding their admission criteria, majors, campus life, scholarships/financial aid, application process, and more
- Up to 8 colleges will be represented per date and will take place during SRT
- Students may find a list of colleges visiting Avon and must register for the mini-college fairs in Naviance
- Visits start August 19th and continue through October 6th

College Visits		
AUGUST Wed 19 09:30AM	The University of Alabama ☞ Cafe Commons	Register Now View Details
AUGUST Wed 26 09:30AM	Indiana University - Indianapolis ☞ Cafe Commons	
SEPTEMBER Wed 02 09:30AM	Marian University, Indianapolis Campus ☞ Cafe Commons	
SEPTEMBER Wed 02 09:30AM	The Ohio State University at Columbus ☞ Cafe Commons	
SEPTEMBER Wed 09 09:30AM	Case Western Reserve University ☞ Cafe Commons	
SEPTEMBER Wed 23 09:30AM	Hofstra University ☞ Cafe Commons	
SEPTEMBER Wed 23 09:30AM	Wabash College ☞ Cafe Commons	
OCTOBER Tue 06 09:30AM	DePauw University ☞ Cafe Commons	
OCTOBER Tue 06 09:30AM	Holy Cross College ☞ Cafe Commons	
OCTOBER Tue 06 09:30AM	University of Cincinnati ☞ Cafe Commons	
OCTOBER Tue 06 09:30AM	University of Notre Dame ☞ Cafe Commons	

Tips on College Campus Visits

- Complete the **College/Military Visit Form** at Avon and return the form at least 5 days in advance
- Students should design their visit in advance and request a guided tour of the campus (**Fall Break** is a great time to visit)!
- Register on the college website for a campus visit
- Meet with an admission counselor
- Observe a classroom lecture
- Check out the dorm, cafeteria, the student union, etc.
- Take an unofficial high school transcript with you
- Take notes on each visit to compare with other colleges you visit
- Stepping on campus can be the deciding factor in the student's college of choice!



When to Apply to College

- Be familiar with the college deadlines and what they mean
- **Early Action:** Most common deadline is November 1st (Competitive programs and scholarships may require students to apply Early Action)
- **Regular Decision:** Usually in January and February
- **Early Decision:** Binding; if accepted, student must attend
- Submit all AHS Online Transcript Request Forms by *October 2nd (for Nov. 1 deadlines) to allow ample time for counselors to finalize their steps of the application upon return from fall break

*Students may still apply to college after and continue to submit Transcript Request forms

AHS College Application
Checklist/Transcript Request



How to Apply to College

1. Apply directly on the college website



2. Apply using the Common App

- Apply to multiple colleges by creating a Common App account
- 30+ Indiana colleges use Common App
- Nationally, over 1,000 colleges use Common App
- Can be more time effective



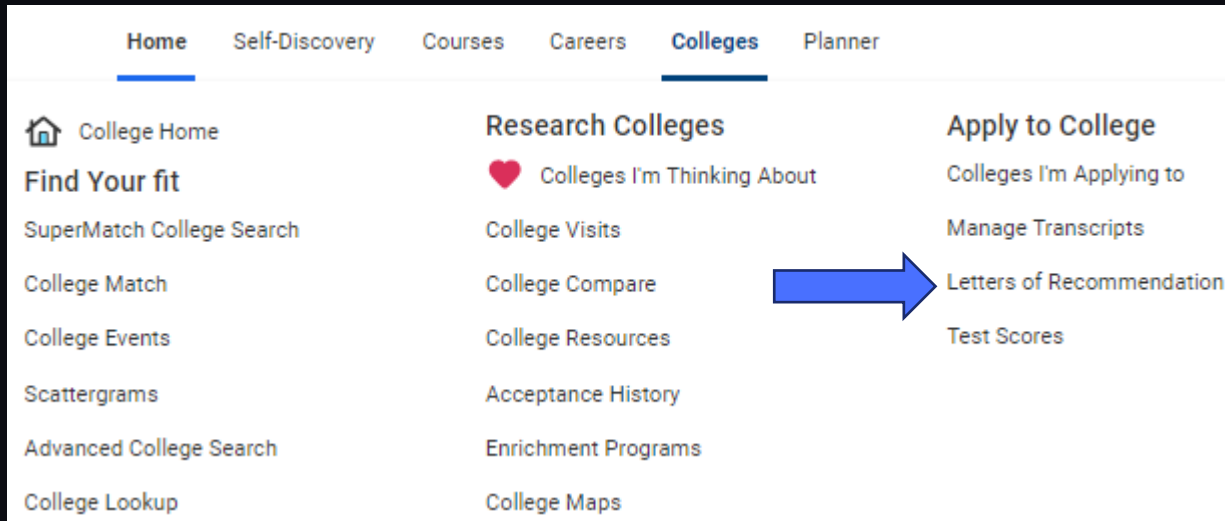


“One-Stop-Shop” for College Application Process

- Research/compare colleges
- Request transcripts
- Enter colleges for which you are applying
- Match your Common App (if applicable)
- Request teacher/counselor letters of recommendation (do not request these in Common App)
- Sign up for College Rep Visits – August 19th – October 6th (Mini-College Fairs during SRT)

Letters of Recommendation

Many schools do not require letters of recommendation and might not read them or even accept them. Before asking for one, be sure you need it



Letters of Recs should come from teachers who:

- Know the student well (academically)
- Can speak to work ethic and self-advocacy
- Can provide insight into the student's potential in a college classroom environment

COUNSELOR Letter of Recommendation Survey
NAVIANCE REQUIRED QUESTIONS

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Be thoughtful and specific.
- ✓ Use complete sentences.
- ✓ Include examples and personal stories whenever possible.
- ✓ Don't be afraid to brag a little—this is your chance to showcase who you are!

1 INTENDED MAJOR OR CAREER
What is your intended major or career path, and how did you choose it?

2 ACADEMIC STRENGTHS
List your academic strengths and provide a few examples of how you have demonstrated them.

3 DESCRIBE YOURSELF
What three words best describe you? Explain why you chose each word by providing detailed examples or personal anecdotes.

4 WHAT SHOULD COLLEGES KNOW?
What are three things you want a college admissions committee to know about you? Use examples or specific stories to illustrate your points.

5 WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE
Describe any work, internship, or volunteer experiences you have had. How did these experiences impact you or help you grow?

6 LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER
Describe a time when you demonstrated strong character, leadership, perseverance, or responsibility.

7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Is there anything else you would like your counselor to emphasize or highlight in your letter of recommendation?

8 UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES
Please describe any unique circumstances, challenges, or obstacles that you believe would help your counselor better understand your journey and write a stronger recommendation letter.

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

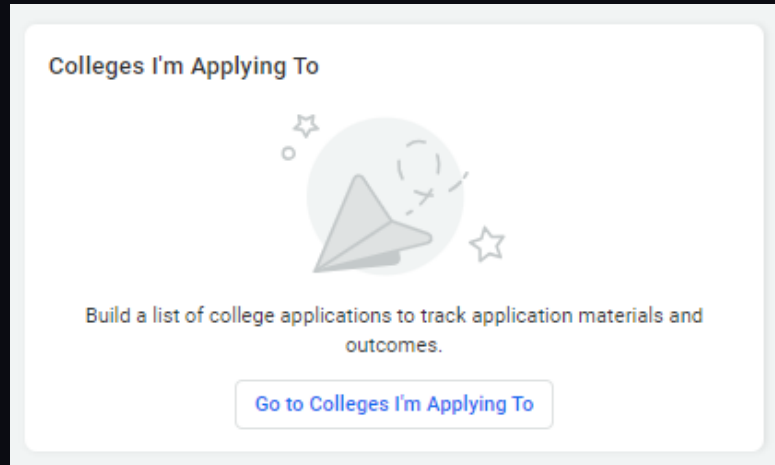
- ☒ I answered all 8 questions thoroughly.
- ☒ I included specific examples instead of one-word or short answers.
- ☒ I proofread my responses for spelling and grammar.
- ☒ My responses reflect who I am and what I want colleges to know.

Thank you!

The more detail you provide, the stronger and more personalized your counselor's recommendation letter will be. Take your time and give your counselor plenty to work with!

Requesting Transcripts is A Two-Step Process

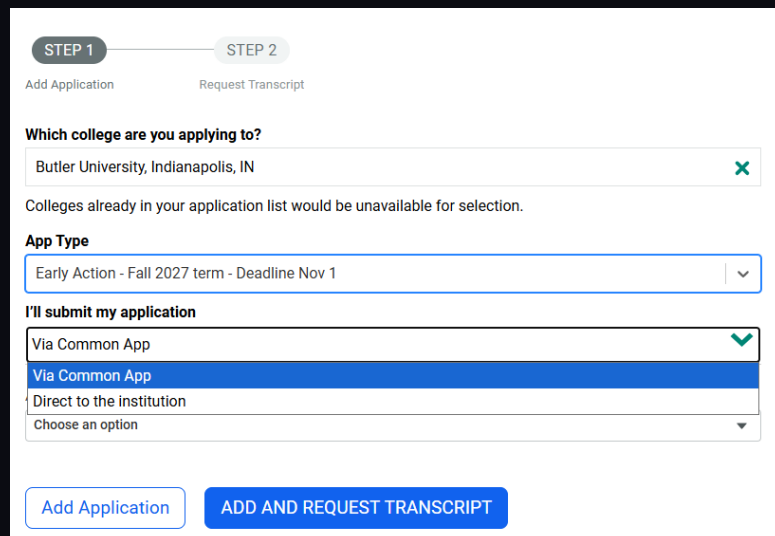
1. Add Colleges to Naviance



Colleges I'm Applying To

Build a list of college applications to track application materials and outcomes.

[Go to Colleges I'm Applying To](#)



STEP 1 Add Application

Which college are you applying to?

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App Type

Early Action - Fall 2027 term - Deadline Nov 1

I'll submit my application

Via Common App

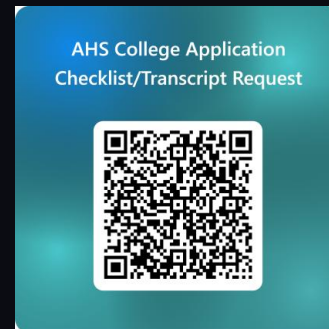
Via Common App

Direct to the institution

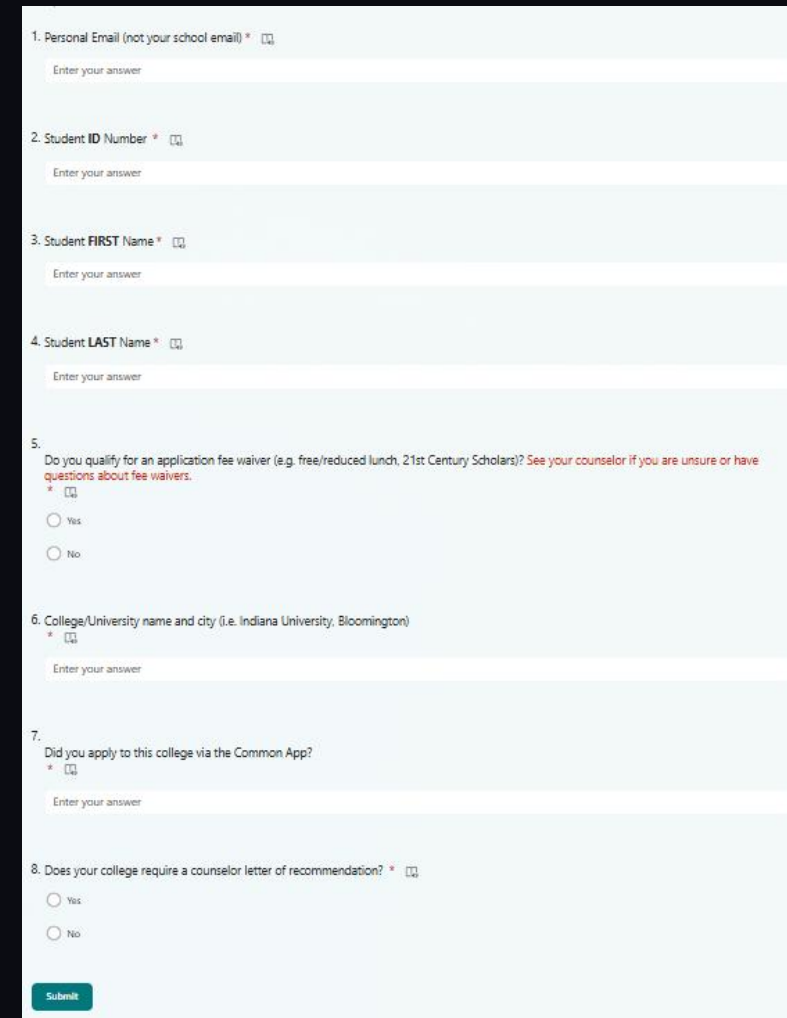
Choose an option

[Add Application](#) [ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPT](#)

Due by Friday,
October 2nd for
November 1st
Deadline



2. Complete Transcript Request Form



1. Personal Email (not your school email) *

Enter your answer

2. Student ID Number *

Enter your answer

3. Student FIRST Name *

Enter your answer

4. Student LAST Name *

Enter your answer

5. Do you qualify for an application fee waiver (e.g. free/reduced lunch, 21st Century Scholars)? See your counselor if you are unsure or have questions about fee waivers. *

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. College/University name and city (i.e. Indiana University, Bloomington) *

Enter your answer

7. Did you apply to this college via the Common App? *

Enter your answer

8. Does your college require a counselor letter of recommendation? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Submit](#)

Paying for College

Net Price Calculator

- Net Price = Total Cost of Attendance – Gift Aid (grants & scholarships)
- Estimate college costs using personal financial/tax information
- There is a Net Price Calculator on most college/university's admission pages that estimates your costs for attending that institution

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- Must be completed in order to receive any type of institutional/state scholarships, grants, or loan for college
- Financial Aid Night @ AHS: September 22nd at 6:30pm
- FAFSA Day @ AHS: December 2nd (3:30pm -7pm) and March 10th (10am – 1pm) and (3:30pm – 7pm)
- FAFSA Deadline: April 15, 2027 (to be eligible for state aid)
- INvestED Indiana- experts on all things Financial Aid and a free resources to families



Scholarships

- New scholarships are announced on **Schoology** on a regular basis (heavier in the spring)
- Research **college websites** for their unique scholarships



- No-cost scholarship websites to visit:

Fastweb.com, Opportunity.Collegeboard.org, Raise.me, Goingmerry.com, Studentscholarships.org

- Other reliable sources for scholarships:
 - Community & School (i.e. Sports Boosters, Avon Alumni, Avon Rotary, etc)
 - Employers
 - Local businesses
 - Church groups

Class of 2027 HCCF Scholarship Timeline

Applications Available: July 29, 2026
Applications Due: August 26, 2026

Information on HCCF scholarships along with the application can be found by scanning the QR code or using the link below:

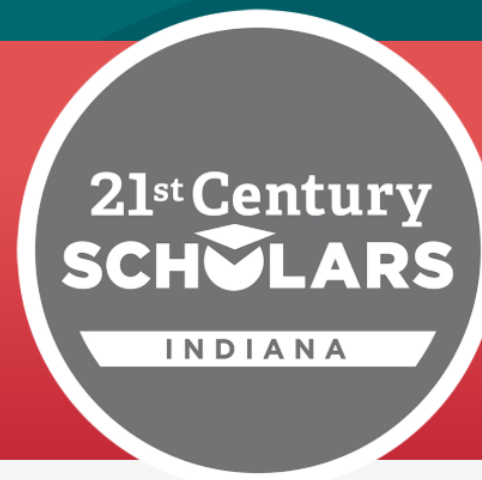
<https://hendrickscountycf.org/for-our-community/scholarships/>



Where Local Good Grows
**Hendricks County
Community Foundation**
www.hendrickscountycf.org | 317.268.6240

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program is an early-college promise program designed to make college more affordable for students.

Eligible students who meet requirements receive a two- or four-year scholarship that pays up to 100% tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university.



- Graduate from a state-accredited Indiana high school.
- Graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Earn at least a Core 40 or Indiana Diploma (Class of 2029 and beyond).
- Complete all 12 high school Scholar Success Program requirements and track them in [ScholarTrack](#) by high school graduation.
- Apply to and be admitted to an eligible Indiana college, university or proprietary school as a high school senior.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until college graduation.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours each year of college.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by your college.
- Maintain Indiana residency.
- Do not do drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.

The Scholar Success Program includes activities that will help you stay on track for college and career success.			
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	Watch "Estimate Your College Costs"
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

Questions?
Stop by the 21st Century Scholar Table to meet Morgan Kurtz



INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS

SEAMLESS ADMISSION

Why Seamless?

- Streamlined admission - no transcript or fee required.
- Simple online application - takes just minutes.
- Direct connection to IU Indianapolis admissions counselors.
- Confidence you're on the right path to college.

Who is Eligible?

If you're attending one of the participating schools and have a 3.0 GPA or higher, this program is for you. Why make the process harder than it needs to be? You've proven your worth and we're ready to welcome you to IU Indy!



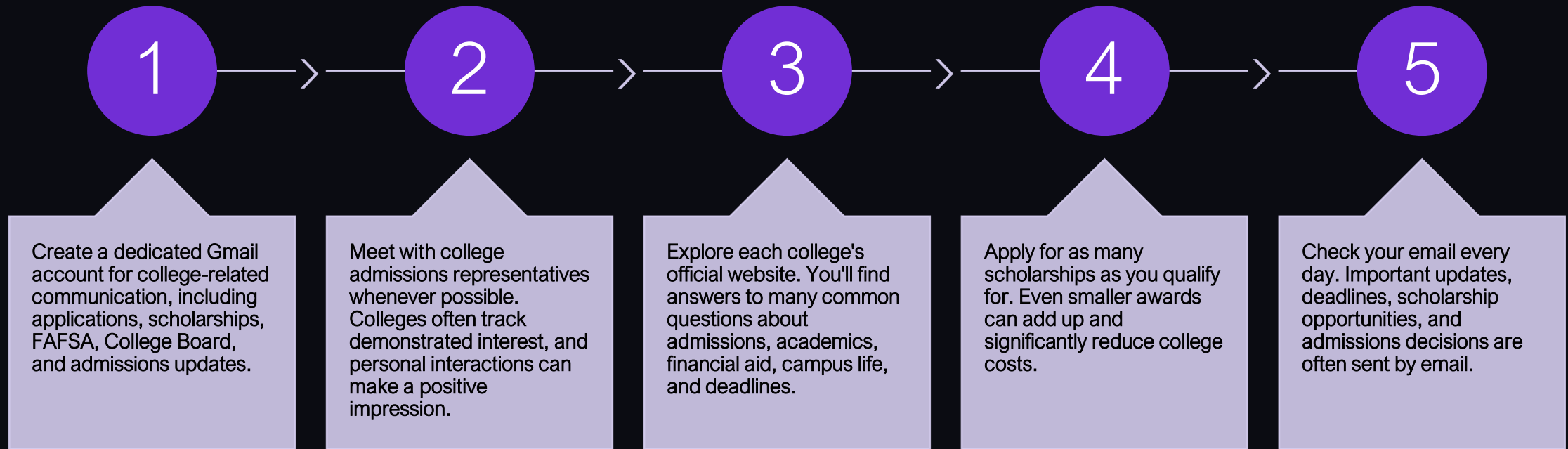
An email was sent to student school email account.

Representative will be available during lunches on Friday, August 14th

scan me

To learn more about
IU Indy and your
opportunities as a
Jaguar!

Helpful Tips



Thank you for attending and have a good evening!
Please join us in the Commons Area for our Mini-College Fair

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

- BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
- BUTLER UNIVERSITY
- DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
- FRANKLIN COLLEGE
- MARIAN UNIVERSITY
- INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
- PURDUE UNIVERSITY
- ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON
- UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
- OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
- WABASH COLLEGE

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

- MARIAN UNIVERSITY - ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE
- FOUNDER'S COLLEGE – BUTLER

REPRESENTATIVES

- INVESTED – ANDRE ROY
- 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS – MORGAN KUNTZ