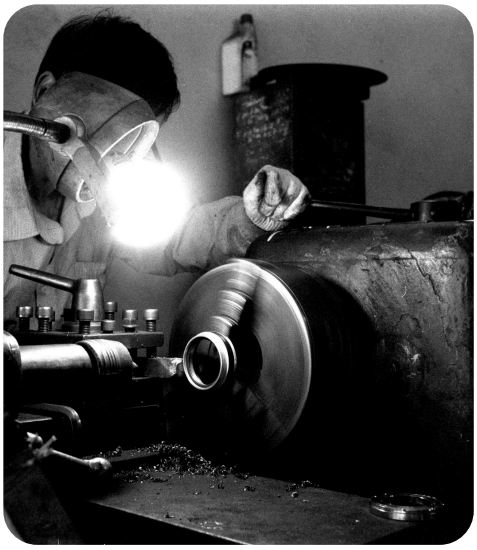
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navigating your path beyond high school

COLLEGE and CAREER









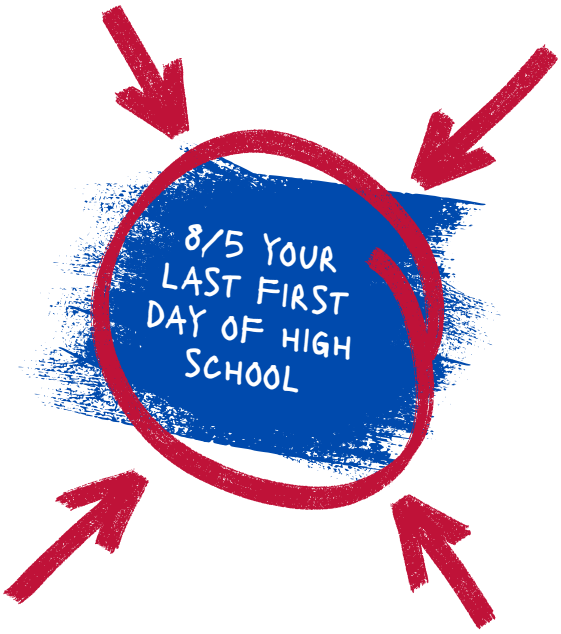


June - August

Start Senior Year Organized and Prepared

STUDENTS

- FINALIZE YOUR COLLEGE LIST (5–8 SCHOOLS) INCLUDING REACH, MATCH, AND SAFETY OPTIONS.
- RESEARCH COLLEGE MAJORS - WHAT IS YOUR "WHY"!
- REGISTER FOR THE SAT OR ACT AND RETAKE THE TEST.
- BEGIN BRAINSTORMING AND DRAFTING YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY/PERSONAL STATEMENT.
- SIGN UP TO ATTEND COLLEGE VISITS THROUGH NAVIANCE AND ENRICHING STUDENT.
- ATTEND YOUR SENIOR CLASS MEETING
- CREATE ACCOUNTS FOR APPLICATION PLATFORMS (COMMON APP OR COLLEGE PORTALS).
- DEVELOP A RESUME OR ACTIVITIES LIST THAT INCLUDES LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, ATHLETICS, JOBS, AND AWARDS.
- VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES IF POSSIBLE.



SAT DATES

June 6, 2026
August 22, 2026
September 12, 2026
October 3, 2026
November 7, 2026
December 5, 2026

register at collegeboard.org

ACT DATES

June, 13, 2026
July 11, 2026
September 19, 2026
October 17, 2026
December 12, 2026

register at act.org

PARENTS

- BEGIN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY AND FAMILY BUDGET.
- HELP STUDENTS SCHEDULE COLLEGE VISITS.
- ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO BEGIN ORGANIZING DEADLINES.

Juniors & Seniors are allowed 4 college visit days per year & they do not count as absences. See the student handbook for details.

THE PATHS TO EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

There are many paths of education that can help a student achieve their career goals after high school. This guide breaks down those pathways, provides financial aid options and highlights in-demand careers in some of Indiana's fastest-growing industries.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are 2- to 5-year occupational training programs where students learn skills for a specific field through hands-on instruction, typically while earning money.

Potential Careers:

Electricians, commercial loan officers, pharmacy support staff and data analysts.

Trade Programs

Trade programs are 1- to 2-year professional training programs where students learn skills for high-priority industries and receive certificates or non-degree credentials.

Potential Careers:

Medical/dental assistants, robotics technicians, business managers, automotive mechanics and IT specialists.

The Military

Joining the military is another option for getting an education after high school, and many programs pay for education during or after service. Depending on the branch, the length of service ranges from 4 to 8 years.

Potential Careers:

Communications, health science, manufacturing and information technology.

Associate Degrees

Associate degrees usually take 2 years to complete during a full-time program and can open the door to a range of career options for students.

Potential Careers:

Hotel managers, aviation mechanics, paralegals and surgical assistants.

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor's degrees generally take 4 years to complete if attending full time. They provide a variety of career options after graduation.

Potential Careers:

Social workers, teachers, engineers and financial consultants.

Advanced Degrees

Advanced degrees include master's, doctorate and other professional degrees. Advanced degrees are often needed to move into high-level managerial, specialized and executive positions. Depending on the field, advanced degrees can take 2 to 5 years (or more) to attain after completing a bachelor's degree.

Potential Careers:

Corporate financial managers, aerospace engineers, physician assistants and computer and information research scientists.

School Search Questions

Admissions

- What are the requirements to be admitted?
- What is the application deadline for early decision and/or regular decision?
- What percentage of freshman return for their sophomore year?
- Are test scores (SAT or ACT) required? How does submitting my scores impact admission and financial aid decisions?

Financial Aid

- What is the school's deadline to file the FAFSA?
- Are there other forms I need to fill out to apply for financial aid?
- What scholarships or grants are available?
- What percentage of students receive financial aid?

Academics

- What are the top majors?
- What percentage of classes are taught by professors vs. teaching assistants?
- Are there hands-on opportunities like internships in my area of study?
- What kind of help can I get if I'm struggling academically?

Life on campus

- Are students required to live on campus?
- What are ways to get involved outside of the classroom?
- Are freshman permitted to have cars on campus?
- What health care options are available when students get sick?

Finding **a school that is the right fit** academically, socially, and financially means you are more likely to **graduate on time and with less debt!**

Life after college

- What kinds of career services do you offer?
- What is the job placement rate for recent graduates in my major?
- What is the average student loan debt for graduates?
- What is the average debt to starting salary ratio for students in my major?

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September

Application Preparation Month



STUDENTS

- ASK TEACHERS FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (GIVE AT LEAST 4–6 WEEKS NOTICE). AFTERWARD, SEND AN EMAIL REQUEST/THANK YOU NOTE.
- CONTINUE WORKING ON APPLICATION ESSAYS.
- ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS AND ADMISSION PRESENTATIONS.
- NARROW DOWN YOUR FINAL COLLEGE LIST.
- BEGIN COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.
- TAKE OR RETAKE SAT/ACT IF NEEDED.
- TAKE A LOOK AT MILITARY/VOCATIONAL OPTIONS.

PARENTS

- HELP STUDENTS CREATE A SPREADSHEET OF APPLICATION DEADLINES.
- BEGIN GATHERING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR FINANCIAL AID FORMS.
- ATTEND SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT





HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A COLLEGE VISIT @ HSE HIGH SCHOOL

LOGIN TO NAVIANCE THROUGH CLEVER

CLICK ON "COLLEGES"

CLICK ON "COLLEGES VISITS"

FIND COLLEGES YOU ARE INTEREST IN

CLICK ON "REGISTER NOW"

DAY OF COLLEGE VISIT

SHOW YOUR TEACHER THE NAVIANCE EMAIL CONFIMRING THAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR A COLLEGE VISIT.

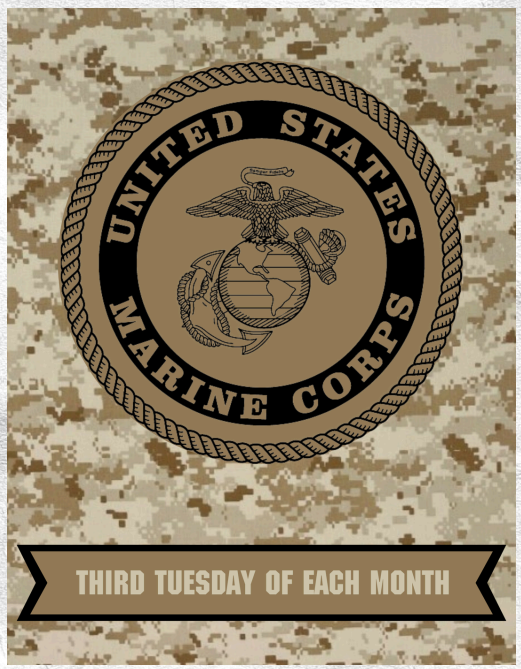
REPORT TO THE COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER ACROSS FROM GUIDANCE (F104).

TEACHERS ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO RELEASE YOU TO A COLLEGE VISIT

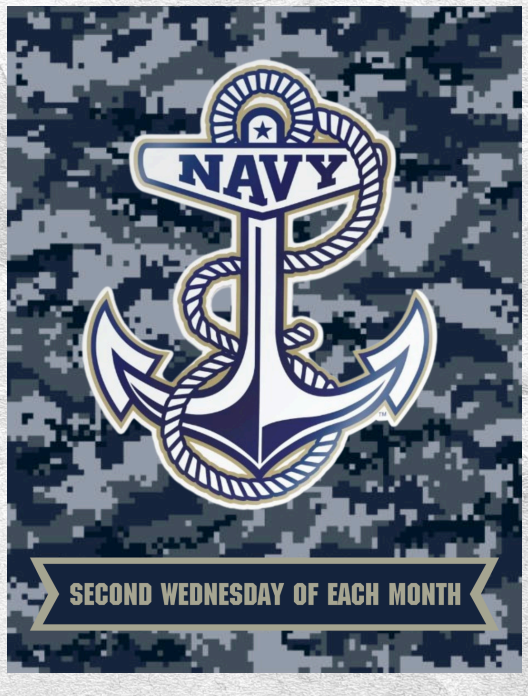
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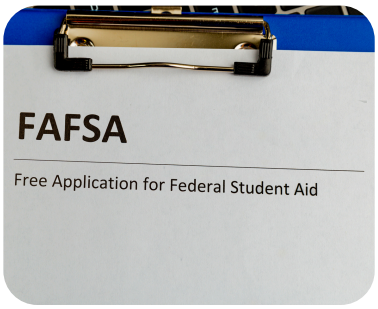


MILITARY VISITS

LOCATED IN CCA

October

Financial Aid & Early Applications



STUDENTS

- SUBMIT EARLY ACTION OR EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS IF APPLICABLE BY **OCTOBER 15.**
- FINALIZE AND POLISH COLLEGE ESSAYS.
- REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS IN NAVIANCE.
- CONTINUE SUBMITTING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.
- REQUEST TEST SCORES BE SENT TO THE COLLEGES (IF APPLICABLE)

PARENTS

- ATTEND HSE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
- COMPLETE THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID). FAFSA OPENS OCTOBER 1.
- BEGIN SEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
- CONTINUE TO HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FINANCES AND COLLEGE COST.

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Which College Admission Process Best Suits You?

NON-RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS			RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS	
REGULAR DECISION	ROLLING ADMISSION	EARLY ACTION (EA)	EARLY DECISION (ED)	RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION (REA)
Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. *COMMITMENT NON-BINDING*	Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle. *COMMITMENT NON-BINDING*	Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. *COMMITMENT NON-BINDING*	Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early. *COMMITMENT BINDING*	Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm. *COMMITMENT NON-BINDING*

STUDENTS ARE NOT RESTRICTED FROM APPLYING TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE UNTIL MAY 1 TO CONSIDER THEIR OPTIONS AND CONFIRM ENROLLMENT.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING AND FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS.

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WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is a form current and prospective college students complete to determine their eligibility for federal, state and institutional financial aid.



Filing the FAFSA can help make the cost of obtaining a college degree or postsecondary credential manageable. Hoosiers benefit from having education and training beyond high school because both unlock doors to job security and economic opportunity.

ECONOMIC METRICS BY EDUCATION LEVEL		
EDUCATION LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2024)	WAGES – MEDIAN INCOME (U.S.) (2022) (AGES 25+)
LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	9.5%	$37,240
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	3.2%	$46,640
SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE	3.2%	$53,650
BACHELOR'S DEGREE + UP	1.0%	$83,570

*Annual average as of May 2024

How do I file?

To file the 2025-2026 FAFSA, students and families must use **2023 federal tax information**. The FAFSA can be completed in two ways:

- At studentaid.gov
- On the paper application

Filing online is recommended when possible, and the FAFSA is free!

When do I file the FAFSA?

Indiana students should prepare to file a FAFSA between **October** and **April 15** of their senior year of high school and each year they plan to attend college.

Some institutions have FAFSA deadlines that fall before the state deadline of April 15, so students should check with their college or university to verify their deadline.

What do I need to file?

- ✓ A studentaid.gov account for students and parents (can be created at FAFSA.gov)
- ✓ Student and parent social security numbers (or alien registration numbers)
- ✓ Parent and student 2023 tax records, records of assets, and untaxed income
- ✓ List of schools to which you wish to send your FAFSA information (up to 20 online)

The FAFSA takes less than a half hour to complete. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/FAFSA** or scan the **QR code** below to learn more and obtain assistance.

If you or your parent does not have a social security number, please visit **studentaid.gov** or call **888-528-4719** for more information on how to file the FAFSA.



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November

Application Deadline Season

STUDENTS

- SUBMIT EARLY ACTION/EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS (MANY DEADLINES FALL NOV. 1 OR NOV. 15).
- CONFIRM THAT COLLEGES HAVE RECEIVED:
  - TEST SCORES
  - TRANSCRIPTS
  - RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- CONTINUE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
- DEVELOP A STUDY PLAN FOR FINALS. STARTING EARLY IS THE BEST PLAN.



PARENTS

- REVIEW FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION AND KEEP RECORDS ORGANIZED.
- ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO STAY ON TRACK ACADEMICALLY.







December

Final Applications and Planning



STUDENTS

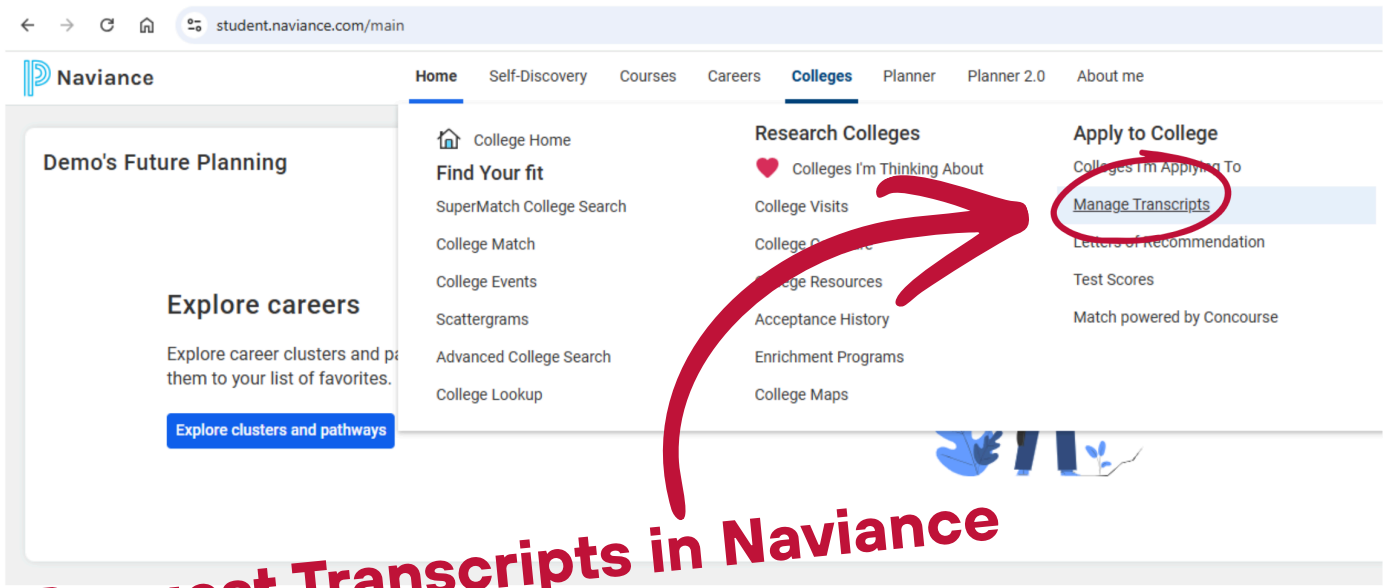
- SUBMIT REMAINING REGULAR DECISION APPLICATIONS.
- DOUBLE CHECK THAT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE COMPLETE.
- CONTINUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.
- PREPARE FOR FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS – FINISH STRONG.
- REMEMBER – YOUR UPDATED TRANSCRIPT WILL BE SENT TO THE COLLEGES YOU APPLIED TO SO THEY WILL SEE YOUR 7TH SEMESTER GRADES.



PARENTS

- DISCUSS TRAVEL PLANS FOR POTENTIAL SPRING CAMPUS VISITS.
- BEGIN REVIEWING POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SCENARIOS FOR COLLEGE.

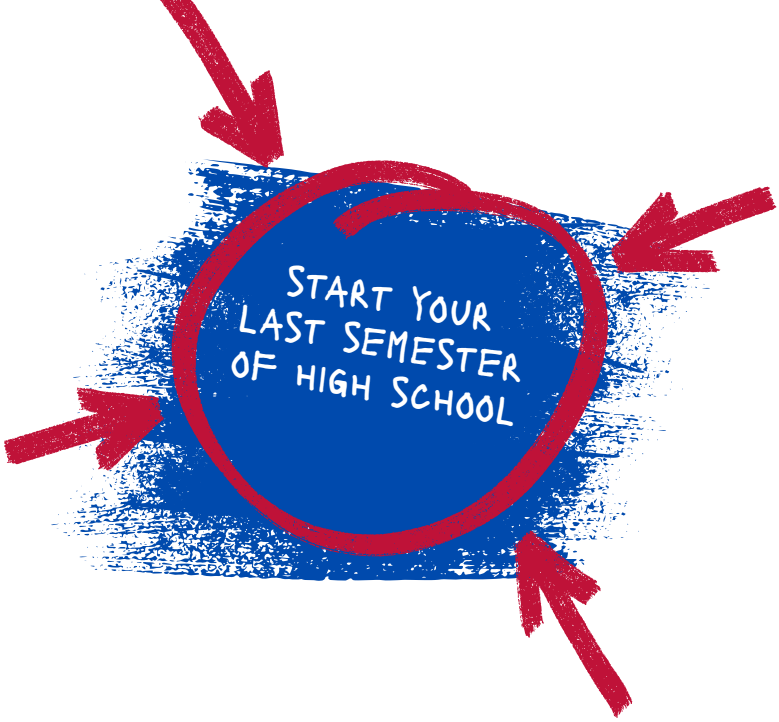




Request Transcripts in Naviance

January

Financial Aid Follow-Up



STUDENTS

- COMPLETE ANY ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID FORMS COLLEGES REQUEST.
- SUBMIT MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES.
- CONTINUE APPLYING FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS. – THE HSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.
- MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING YOUR COLLEGE PORTALS AND EMAILS FOR UPDATED INFORMATION FROM YOUR COLLEGES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO.
- SEVERAL IN-STATE COLLEGE ADMISSION DECISIONS COME OUT IN JANUARY.





PARENTS

- MONITOR STUDENT PORTALS FOR FINANCIAL AID UPDATES.
- BEGIN DISCUSSING HOUSING OPTIONS AND COLLEGE PREFERENCES.
- CONTINUE TO HAVE FAMILY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COLLEGE OPTIONS.
- TALK WEEKLY ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS. SET FAMILY MEETINGS TO TALK ABOUT FINANCIAL AID.

PAYING FOR EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Discussing finances when planning for education after high school can feel difficult. Many students and parents may believe it's impossible to pursue because of their financial situation. The truth is, there are MILLIONS of dollars in financial aid available each year! Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school. Here are the top 4 types of financial aid:



1. Grants

Grants offer free money for education after high school and are often awarded based on financial need. Grants can come from the federal government, state government, colleges and private or nonprofit organizations.



2. Scholarships

Many nonprofit and private organizations offer scholarships to help students pay for education after high school. Scholarships are money that doesn't have to be paid back and are often awarded based on a family's financial circumstances (**need-based**), a student's achievements (**merit-based**) or a group or population a student belongs to (**affinity-based**).



3. Work-Study

Work-Study programs provide part-time jobs for students who demonstrate financial need, allowing them to earn money and help pay for expenses toward their education after high school.



4. Federal Student Loans

There are subsidized and unsubsidized federal student loans to help cover the cost of education after high school. These loans must be paid back and accumulate interest (additional money that grows over time that must also be paid back). While loans are helpful, students should try to limit how much debt they take on.

Learn more about the difference between Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans?

https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized

All of these resources can be applied for by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA.

studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid

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February

Scholarship Season



STUDENTS

- APPLY HEAVILY FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (MANY DEADLINES OCCUR THIS MONTH).
- CHECK COLLEGE PORTALS REGULARLY FOR APPLICATION UPDATES.
- CONTINUE MAINTAINING STRONG GRADES.



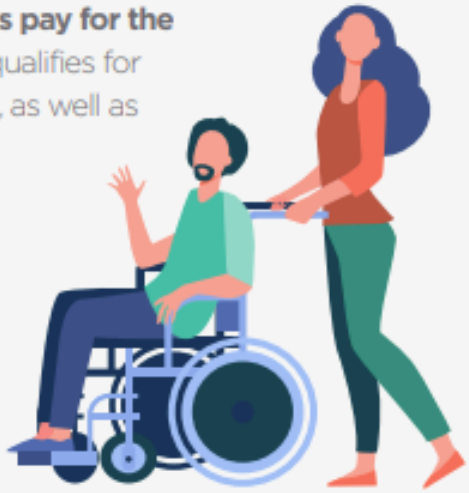
PARENTS

- HELP STUDENTS ORGANIZE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES.
- HAVE STRONG FAMILY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT TOP COLLEGE PICKS.
- MAYBE TAKE A SECOND IN PERSON VISIT TO THE TOP PICKS.

SCHOLARSHIPS EXPLAINED

Funding to Help Pay for Education after High School.

Thousands of scholarships are available every year to help students pay for the next step in their education. Scholarships vary in amount and who qualifies for them. This guide highlights scholarships available to Indiana students, as well as information on other types of scholarships and how to find them.



What type of scholarships are available?

There are scholarships for all types of skills and backgrounds. Several types of scholarships can open the doors to funding to help pay for education after high school.

Scholarship Guide

Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on skills and academic accomplishments.	**Need-based scholarships** are based on how much a student or their family can pay for their education.
Athletic scholarships are awarded based on participation in various sports.	**Activity scholarships** are awarded based on a student's involvement with a profession, hobby or extracurricular activity.
Government Scholarships are different from loans. Local, state or federal scholarships may be available for qualifying students.	**Employer-sponsored tuition assistance** is awarded by participating employers to employees seeking to further their education and skills.
Military scholarships are awarded based on military service.	**Affinity or Identity-based scholarships** are awarded based on a student's belonging to an underrepresented group.



Scholarship Tips and Tricks

- Start the application process sooner rather than later.
- Ask for letters of recommendation early.
- Review the scholarship requirements before submitting.
- Reach out to your network and ask for support.
- Pay attention to deadlines.

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March

Admission Decisions Begin



STUDENTS

- REVIEW ACCEPTANCE LETTERS CAREFULLY.
- COMPARE COLLEGES BASED ON:
  - ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
  - CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT
  - COST AND FINANCIAL AID
  - INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ATTEND ADMITTED STUDENT DAYS OR VIRTUAL EVENTS.
- NARROW YOUR DECISION/FINALIZE COLLEGE PLANS
- CHECK COLLEGE PORTAL FOR ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES
- PAY ANY DEPOSITS THE COLLEGE MAY REQUEST.

PARENTS

- COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES.
- DISCUSS OVERALL COLLEGE FIT, COST, AND OPPORTUNITIES.



Cost Comparison Sheet

Enter the costs and financial aid offers provided by the various colleges/programs you are considering to better compare your FREE money versus potential debt to attend each school.

School Name	1.	2.	3.
Tuition & Fees			
Food & Housing			
Books & Supplies			
Transportation			
Miscellaneous Personal Expenses			
Cost of Attendance			
Federal Grants			
State Grants			
Institutional Scholarships & Grants			
Other Scholarships			
Total Grants/Scholarships			
Net Price			
Work Study			
Direct Loan–Subsidized			
Direct Loan–Unsubsidized			
PLUS Loan (Parent)			
Private/Alternative Loan			
Total Debt			
Balance			

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April

Final Decision Month

STUDENTS

- MAKE YOUR FINAL COLLEGE DECISION.
- COMPLETE HOUSING AND ROOMMATE APPLICATIONS.
- PAY HOUSING DESOITS
- DEVELOP A STUDY PLAN FOR FINALS/AP TESTING
- PICK UP CAP AND GOWN (LATE APRIL)

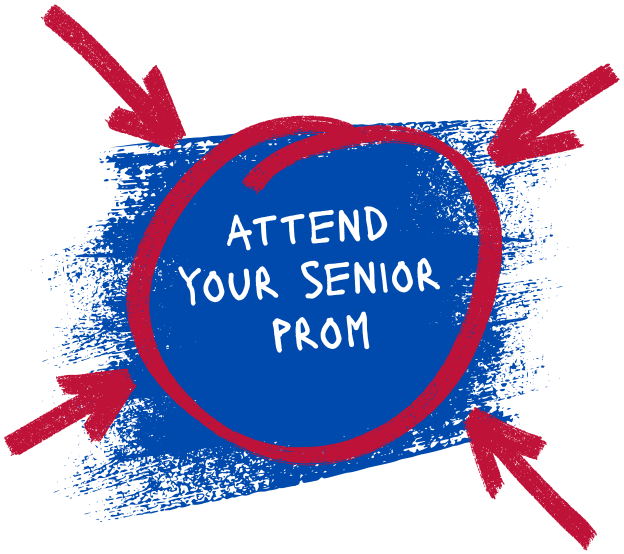


PARENTS

- REVIEW THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTERS CAREFULLY.
- HELP YOUR STUDENT EVALUATE NET COST AND STUDENT LOAN OPTIONS IF NECESSARY.







May

Decision Day & Final Steps

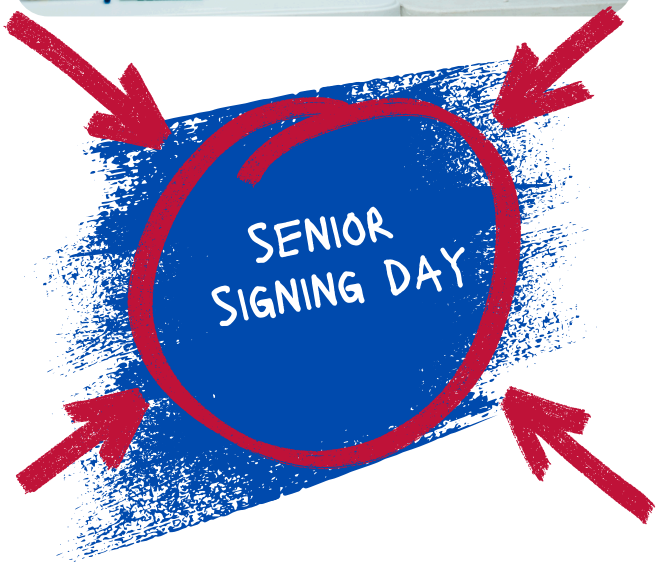
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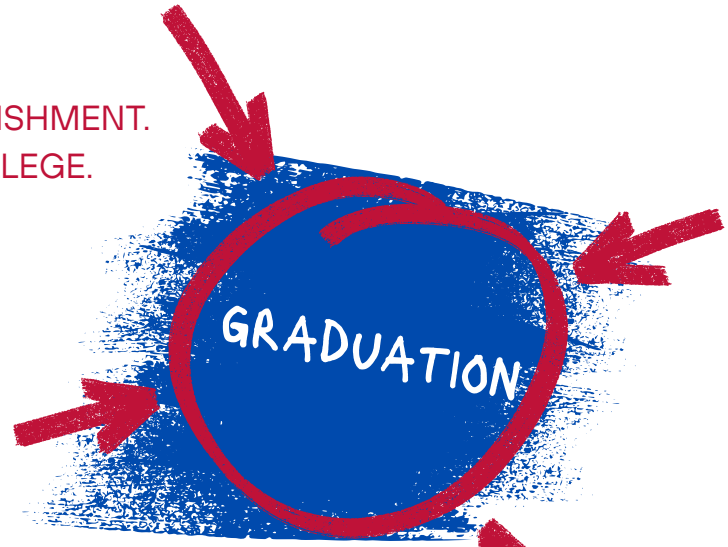
- SUBMIT YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT BEFORE MAY 1 (NATIONAL DECISION DAY).
- DECLINE OTHER ADMISSION/SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS.
- REGISTER FOR COLLEGE ORIENTATION.
- FINISH STRONG
- REQUEST TO HAVE YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT SENT TO YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE.
- MEET WITH YOUR FUTURE ROOMMATE. START PLANNING FOR THE FALL.
- GET READY FOR SENIOR WEEK AND GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

PARENTS

- CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENT.
- HELP PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE.









COLLEGE PACKING LIST

CollegeAdvisor.com has whittled down college packing to the most essential items - take all of these and you can't go too wrong!

Don't forget to explore your college or university's individual packing lists, to see what items they recommend as well.

KITCHEN ITEMS

- ☐ Dishes
- ☐ Cutlery
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Small dorm fridge
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Sponges & dish scrubbers
- ☐ Plastic storage bags
- ☐ Food-storage containers
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Tin foil & plastic wrap
- ☐ Dishtowels
- ☐ Paper towels

BATHROOM

- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Vitamins
- ☐ Comb or brush
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Cosmetics
- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Towels/washcloths
- ☐ Hair dryer or straightener
- ☐ Antibacterial spray
- ☐ Rubber gloves
- ☐ Cleaning cloths

BEDROOM

- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Fan
- ☐ Reading lamp
- ☐ Décor
- ☐ Photos of friends & family
- ☐ Trash can
- ☐ Mattress cover & mattress pad
- ☐ Pillows & duvet & comforter
- ☐ XL Twin sheets, duvet covers & pillowcases
- ☐ Bed risers
- ☐ Underbed storage

DESK

- ☐ Desk lamp
- ☐ Printer
- ☐ Bulletin board & whiteboard
- ☐ A College Planner Favorite stationary (pens, pencils, tape, scissors, highlighters etc.)
- ☐ Binders & folders & notebooks
- ☐ Envelopes & stamps
- ☐ Desk calendar
- ☐ Calculator
- ☐ Index cards

WARDROBE

- ☐ Clothes hangers
- ☐ Everyday clothes
- ☐ Formal/dress clothes Athletic clothes
- ☐ Shoes, sandals, boots and sneakers
- ☐ Flipflops
- ☐ Slippers
- ☐ Socks and underwear
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Coats
- ☐ Hats/scarves/gloves
- ☐ Jewellery
- ☐ Watch
- ☐ Sunglasses

LAUNDRY

- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Iron and ironing board
- ☐ Small sewing kit
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Laundry detergent, fabric softener and stain remover

final advice for seniors & families





- ✓ Start early and stay organized
- ✓ Keep a shared calendar of deadlines
- ✓ Check emails and college portals often
- ✓ Focus on best fit, not just prestige
- ✓ Apply for many scholarships
- ✓ Keep communication open between students, parents



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