

21st Century Scholars

Senior Scholarship Checklist

All high school seniors enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program must complete the following steps to maintain eligibility for the 21st Century Scholarship.

- Complete the Scholar Success Program by June 30, 2017.**
Senior Scholars must complete the Scholar Success Program, 12 activities designed to help students stay on track for college and career success, and track them in their ScholarTrack account by June 30, 2017 to earn their Scholarship. Visit scholars.IN.gov and scholars.IN.gov/scholartrack for more information.
- File the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10, 2017**
Senior Scholars must file a completed 2017-2018 FAFSA by **March 10, 2017**. The FAFSA must be signed by both the student and a parent or legal guardian using individual FSA IDs. The FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. The FAFSA can be completed at FAFSA.gov. The FAFSA becomes available October 1, 2016 and must be received by the federal processor by March 10 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.

Please note: Senior Scholars **must** complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA even if they do not plan to enroll in college until the fall 2018 term.
- Make corrections/updates to 2017-2018 FAFSA by May 15, 2017**
Scholars filing a FAFSA will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) via the email address listed on their FAFSA or delivered to their home address if an email address was not listed. Scholars and parents must review the SAR carefully and make all necessary updates/corrections by the May 15 deadline by visiting FAFSA.gov and logging in to the completed FAFSA using their FSA ID.
- Achieve a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale**
Senior Scholars must graduate from high school with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. Scholar GPA is automatically reported to the State by their high school.
- Earn a Core 40 diploma**
Senior Scholars must earn a minimum of a Core 40 diploma from a state-accredited Indiana high school. Other diploma options include Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and the International Baccalaureate diploma.
- Apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or technical school**
All high school seniors enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program are required to apply for admission to an eligible institution of higher education during their senior year of high school. A list of eligible institutions can be found at scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges.
- Enroll as a full-time student**
Only 21st Century Scholars enrolled as **full-time** students at an eligible institution can receive the Scholarship, and Scholars must earn 30 credits per year. Senior Scholars graduating during the spring 2017 term must enroll as full-time students no later than the fall semester of 2018 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.