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INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS GRADES 9-10

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*"I want to work  
in agribusiness."*

*- Danielle, 10th grade*

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

Does Your Career Interest  
Align With One of Indiana's  
Growing Fields?

Think College Isn't for You?  
Think Again!

Find Out What Kind of  
Financial Aid you Qualify For.



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## DEAR INDIANA STUDENTS,

Welcome to **Learn More!** This is your guide to reaching your college and career goals. Whether you're dreaming of a career in software development, or researching life in a laboratory, or working on constructing new buildings, or something entirely different, **Learn More** can help you get there! In this magazine, you will learn all about:

- your **career** choices in Indiana,
- your **college** options after high school, and
- how to cut the **cost** of your higher education.

Taking the right steps now will put you on the path to college and career success. Don't wait any longer—flip through these pages and start learning how you can reach your goals. Also be sure to check out our campaigns throughout the year to make sure you're on track: **College GO!** (August-November), **Cash for College** (December-March) and **Career Ready** (April-July) have information and activities to help you turn your dream into a reality.

Have a great school year!

## DEAR INDIANA PARENTS,

**Learn More** isn't just for your child. There are important steps you too can take to help your son or daughter stay on track.

Be sure to check out the parent corners in each of the sections of **Learn More** to learn about ways you can ensure your child is ready to succeed.



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**Mike Pence**

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State of Indiana



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Education


 Checklist

## CAREER

- Find** your career fit at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career).
- Experience** your future career by job shadowing a professional or volunteering in the field.
- Challenge** yourself with tough courses related to your career field. Advanced Placement (AP), dual-credit classes, or classes at your local career center are all great choices.

## COLLEGE

- Complete** (and update) your high school Graduation Plan. Visit your counselor or sign up for the online version at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).
- Earn** the right high school diploma for the college you want to attend. Visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college) to see which diploma is preferred by your favorite Indiana colleges.
- Match** your education and career goals. Research apprenticeships, workforce training and college options.

## COST

- Contribute** to a tax-advantaged Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan. Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).
- Succeed** in school. Learn how good grades throughout high school mean more dollars for college at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).
- Earn** scholarships now by being involved at school and volunteering in your community.



*Danielle is in 10th grade at Madison-Grant High School. She plans to mix her interests in **managment & agriculture**. She'd like to manage a co-op. She knows this is the right career for her because her family farms and her dad owns a co-op. She's preparing for her career by taking challenging courses and participating in 4-H.*

*Her advice for students who want to go to college? Don't follow the crowd—do what you need to do for you.*



### Top 5 Parent Tips

1. Start, or continue, to talk to your child about college plans as if he or she will definitely go to college.
2. Keep an eye on your child's study habits and grades—stay involved!
3. Encourage your child to take AP, dual credit or other challenging courses throughout high school.
4. Continue to save for your child's college education.
5. Find out about college nights or financial aid nights at your child's school.

# CAREER



Ashton is a sophomore at South Central Jr./Sr. High School. He's interested in becoming a **precision machinist**. He knows this is the right career for him after working in a body shop. He's even built his own car! It's always a good idea to test out the career you're interested in. See if you can find an internship or volunteer opportunity in the field you're interested in to make sure it's a good fit. Someday, someone working in the marketing, sales and service field might market or sell what he creates.

## Marketing, Sales & Service

High School Pathway for these careers: **Business Administration.\***

Marketing, sales and service careers help businesses sell their products. This includes planning, managing and performing all types of marketing functions.

A lot of careers in this field are all about purchasing and selling goods. Sales representatives do the selling for their company and purchasing agents or buyers do the buying for their company. These jobs require you to be outgoing and persuasive. Sometimes you even get to travel.

If you enjoy creative writing or art classes, you might enjoy a career as a marketing specialist. These individuals research an area to determine if a product will sell. They also get to design marketing campaigns.

There are careers in this field that require one-year certifications all the way through master's degrees, so there is an option for everyone. If you're interested in this field, look into the Marketing Management concentration of the Business Administration Pathway.

\* For more information about Indiana College and Career Pathways, visit [doe.IN.gov/cte/indiana-college-career-pathways](http://doe.IN.gov/cte/indiana-college-career-pathways).



### CAREER READY

- Kicks off every April to help you explore careers.
- Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career).

## Health Science

High School Pathways for these careers: **Biotechnology, Dental, Healthcare Specialties and Nursing**

Taking care of people is a very important industry in Indiana. Jobs in health science are expected to grow by 23% by 2022. In 2014, 99 new Indiana-developed medicines and types of medical equipment were approved by the USDA.

There are health science careers for every education level. These careers also need workers with a wide range of skills and interests. If hands-on patient care is what you want, your options range from a certified nursing assistant (CNA), which requires a one-year workforce certificate, to a registered nurse (RN) with a bachelor's degree, to a medical doctor or dentist with eight or more years of college.

Maybe you'd like to help people, but numbers or management are more your thing. Consider applying those skills to a hospital or clinic as an administrator or medical records specialist. If you're a science whiz, a research position working in a laboratory might be in your future.



# Information Technology

## High School Pathways for these careers: Programming and PC Networking and Support

Careers in information technology (IT) focus on the design, development, and support of hardware, software and other technologies. IT makes data available to people, usually through computers and the Internet. IT is a rapidly growing and developing field, so workers need to be adaptable.

A career in IT might be the right fit for you if you enjoy working with computers, and there are a lot of options! Some careers in IT, like database administrators, support and manage computer hardware. Some careers in IT program and create new software, like apps and video games. You could also work as a security analyst to ensure websites are safe from viruses and hackers.

Most jobs in information technology require at least an associate degree. If you're interested in this career field, make sure you stay up to date with all the new technology.



*Mia is a freshman at Madison-Grant High School. She's interested in becoming a lawyer. Lawyers typically go to college for 7 years (a bachelor's degree and 3 years of law school). The degree lawyers earn is called a J.D. (Juris Doctor). Then, they must take the Bar Exam to become licensed. Lawyers can work in all career clusters, so they need to be knowledgeable in a lot of different areas. For example, lawyers in the IT field might deal with data protection and security laws.*

If you want to be a lawyer, classes like English, public speaking, government, history, economics and math are important. Law schools are very competitive, so make sure you develop good study habits now and earn good grades. They'll pay off in the future.



## Hey Parents!

It's never too early—or too late—to start talking about careers with your child. Now is a great time to start thinking about part-time jobs, internships or job shadowing opportunities. Soft skills are important not only to employers but in everyday life. Your child is more likely to develop these skills through employment opportunities. A part-time job can also help your child to

develop a sense of responsibility, but remind your son or daughter that school comes first.

Remember, math matters! Every career uses math in some way, and the fastest growing, highest-paying jobs rely heavily on math and critical thinking skills. Don't reinforce the myth that math is hard; teach your child that math is all around us!

# Architecture & Construction



**High School Pathways for these careers: Commercial and Residential Facilities, Construction Trades, and Drafting and Design**

Careers in architecture and construction design, plan, manage, build and maintain the built environment. Whether you want to work in an office or in the field, on a computer or with your hands, there's a job in architecture and construction for you.

Most careers in architecture and construction require at least a one-year workforce certificate. There are a lot of options for apprenticeships too. Apprenticeships usually pay you money while you work and learn! Hands-on jobs include things like carpentry, plumbing or electrical work.

If an office or computer is more your style, you could be an architect, designer or drafter... just to name a few!



*Cole is a junior at Madison-Grant High School. He thinks he'd like to be a landscape architect and own or design his own golf course. He's preparing for college by doing his research! He's already talked to a professor of landscape architecture to find out what steps he should be taking. The professor recommended computer and design courses, so Cole will enroll in computer design courses next year.*

# Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

**High School Pathway for these careers: Engineering**

Careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) plan, manage and provide scientific research and development services. STEM careers are usually located in offices or labs. STEM careers cover many different areas, including physical sciences, social sciences and engineering. There's an option for nearly everyone!

If you think a STEM career might be right for you, be sure you enroll in challenging science and math courses so you're ready for rigorous college-level courses. Nearly all of the careers in this field will require some advanced math and science training.

You might like a career in STEM if you're detailed-oriented and a problem solver.



*Katelyn is in 10th grade at South Central Jr./Sr. High School. She's interested in becoming an electrical or mechanical engineer. If you're interested in engineering, you should plan to take four years of math and as many science classes as you can.*

# Student Activity

## Career Outlook

Although it's great to find a career that matches your interests and skills, it's also important to consider what the career's outlook will be. Will there be jobs available when you graduate college? Will they pay enough? Use information at [www.BLS.gov/ooh](http://www.BLS.gov/ooh) to answer the questions below.

*Tip: Check Hoosier Hot Jobs at [HoosierHot50.com](http://HoosierHot50.com) to see what jobs are most employable in Indiana. Also, if you haven't found a career that's a good match for you, visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career) to create an Indiana Career Explorer account. Here you can take a few quizzes related to your interests and skills that will link to possible careers for you.*

Choose 2 careers you're interested in	Career #1:	Career #2:
Do you think this career is in a growing sector? Which one?		
How many people are in this job right now?		
What is the percent of growth for this career?		
Year (look at a range of years based on when you will enroll and graduate)		
Percent Growth (look at the job outlook)		
How many job openings will there be?		
Year (look at a range of years based on when you will graduate)		
Number of job openings (look at how employment will change)		
Is this career growing faster, slower or at the average rate?		
What is the median salary?		
What is the education level needed to enter this career?		

What is the difference between “percent growth” and “number of openings” for a career? Explain these terms in your own words.

Percent Growth: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Openings: \_\_\_\_\_

How can one career have a 10% growth but only 100 more jobs, while another career can have a 5% growth but needs 50,000 more jobs?

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# COLLEGE



## Make the College Connection!

Maybe your dream career has a clear path through college and into your first job. Maybe you're not sure what you need to do next or where exactly you're headed. Either way, you've got to start out with a plan.

Charles, a senior at South Central Jr./Sr. High School, knows he wants to be a cardiothoracic surgeon. He's been accepted to Indiana University Bloomington. To be a cardiothoracic surgeon he'll complete four years of pre-med, four years of med school, a 5-year general surgery residency and finally a specialized cardiothoracic fellowship. Charles has a lot of work ahead of him, but it all started with a plan. He will earn a Core 40 Diploma with Academic Honors, and he took dual-credit courses through high school.

Creating a plan isn't as hard as it sounds. Every high school freshman in Indiana is required to create one. It's the smartest way to make sure you're on track to earning the diploma you need. Talk to your counselor, and check out the online graduation plan at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

### Diplomas Matter

Like it or not, your high school diploma (and your GPA and the classes you take) will affect where you can go to college. Go the extra mile—find out the admission requirements for the colleges you are interested in. Consider your Core 40 diploma options:

- Core 40 diploma,
- Core 40 with Academic Honors,
- Core 40 with Technical Honors, and
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (not offered at all schools).

Talk to your counselor or visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college) to find out about the requirements. Push yourself. Colleges like to see you earn the higher-level diplomas.

### Some Tips

- Most Apprenticeship programs look for high math grades.
- Many four-year colleges require or prefer an honors diploma (academic or technical).
- The military will give you more job options if you score high on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)—so practice now by doing well in all your classes.

- You're more likely to get into any program if you can show you did well in related courses in high school. Charles took AP and dual-credit courses in high school to prove to Indiana University he's ready for the challenge. Find out how your AP and dual-credit courses will transfer by visiting [TransferIN.net](http://TransferIN.net).



- Take the right tests. You must pass the graduation exam in English and math to graduate from high school in Indiana. Also, ask your counselor about taking the PSAT, a prep test for the SAT. The SAT and ACT are college admission tests you'll need to take to apply to most four-year colleges. If you take the tests as a junior and earn high enough scores, you may be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship.
- Get involved. Your GPA, courses and test scores matter, but colleges are also looking for students who contribute time and leadership skills to their schools and communities. Commit to an activity that relates to your career interests and you'll be a step ahead. It's better to stay highly involved in one or two activities all through high school than to pick a new one each year.



## Consider Your Options

Kevin is a junior at Madison-Grant High School. He's planning to be a mechanical engineer with the Air Force when he graduates from high school, and he's hoping to attend the Air Force Academy. To ensure he's ready to apply, he's been taking rigorous math and science classes and plans to graduate with the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma. He also volunteers in his community and participates in a flying club. He's doing all he can to make sure he's ready to apply to the Air Force Academy. If you're interested in enlisting in the military you should:

- stay in shape so you can pass physical fitness tests,
- stay out of trouble so you have a clean background check,
- study hard for the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery),
- avoid getting tattoos below the elbow, and
- talk to a local recruiter for more information.



Indiana students who enlist in the military should also check out Vincennes University's Military Education program. They offer programming at 38 military installations in the United States, and students can receive college credit for military experience.



## COLLEGE GO!

- Kicks off every August to help you plan for education beyond high school.
- Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).



### Hey Parents!

College matters! According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, nearly two-thirds of all new jobs in Indiana will require some form of education beyond high school. Talk to your child about how important school is and how important it is to do his or her best work. Colleges look at GPAs—even freshman year GPAs—so encourage your child to study hard every day and complete all of his or her homework assignments on time. Talk to your

child about his or her different college options, and consider taking college visits to different types of colleges (big and small) to help your child decide which option is best for him or her.

Thinking about going back to college yourself? **You Can. Go Back.** is a statewide campaign that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started. To learn more, including information on grant programs, visit [YouCanGoBack.org](http://YouCanGoBack.org).

# Student Activity

## It's All in the Application



Thinking about your plans after high school is important, but taking action is the key. You'll need to fill out an application when you apply for colleges or jobs that will ask about things you did in high school. Make a plan now to stand out from the crowd.

### MY PLAN AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

My career goal is to be to be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

After high school, I plan to earn a(n):

- Apprenticeship
- One-year workforce certificate
- On-the-job training in the military
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's or doctorate degree

The high school diploma I plan to receive is:

- Core 40
- Core 40 with academic honors
- Core 40 with technical honors
- International Baccalaureate (if your high school offers it)

My GPA goal is \_\_\_\_\_. My current GPA is \_\_\_\_\_.

Classes offered in my high school I can take that match my college and career goals are:

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Classes offered in my high school I have taken that match my college and career goals are:

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Extracurricular activities offered at my high school I can participate in that match my college and career goals are:

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Extracurricular activities offered at my high school I have participated in that match my college and career goals are:

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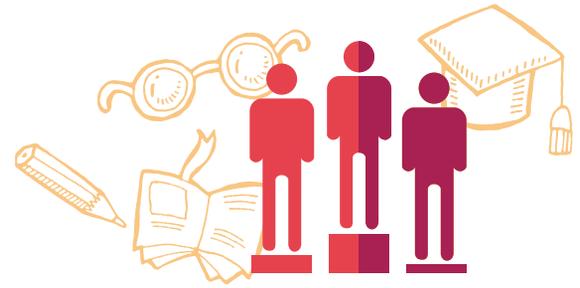
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## Think College isn't for you? Think Again.

You've probably heard tons of reasons why people don't go to college. The truth is, you should go to college, and there is an option for you. Check out the list below for some of the important reasons you should go.



**1.** Employers need workers with education beyond high school. Most well-paying jobs—both today and in the future—require higher education. The latest statistics predict that nearly two-thirds of job openings in Indiana will require a college degree or quality credential. If you're a hands-on learner, there are lots of programs that teach you skills on the job—sometimes even while you get paid.

**2.** You CAN afford it! Be a smart college consumer. There are a lot of ways to save on your education. Choose colleges near home, take AP and dual-credit courses, and make sure you file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Until you file your FAFSA, you won't know how much financial aid you'll get for college.

**3.** You have support. If no one else in your family has gone to college, it's easy to feel alone and overwhelmed. But there are plenty of people who can help you—and your family—understand where you're heading. Talk to your favorite teachers, and be sure your counselor knows all about your college plans and the type of high

school diploma you plan to earn. You may find college help in unexpected places too: an aunt or uncle, a tutor, a coach or even a boss.

**4.** You don't need to have it all figured out. Although it's ideal to have a career goal and a major before you start college, sometimes you just need to get the ball rolling. If you're at a loss, check out [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career) to learn which career fields might be good for you. Once you're enrolled in college, try to take general courses that count towards most degrees until you have a solid plan. There are career services on most college campuses to help you sort out your career path.

**5.** It's never too late. If you haven't made the best decisions about studying or completing homework, it's not too late to change. Colleges will look for upward trends in your GPA, and admissions offices consider many things besides grades. Stop thinking about why a college wouldn't let you in, and start writing down reasons why a college should open its doors to you.



*Brianna is a senior at South Side high school. She's interested in women's health and plans to become a doctor with a speciality in obstetrics and gynecology. Her advice to high school freshman and sophomores? Stay organized! Create a list of colleges you're interested in, do your research and don't slack off your senior year!*

# COST



## Paying for College **BEGINS TODAY!**

Making smart choices and working hard in high school can pay off in real money. Anna, a senior at South Side High School, can tell you all about it.

In middle school, Anna signed up for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program. Now that Anna is at the end of high school, she knows the steps she's taken will result in up to 100% of her tuition covered for four years at Indiana University Bloomington, the college she's chosen to attend. Are you a 9th or 10th grade 21st Century Scholar? Remember to complete your Scholar Success Program activities! Go to **Scholars.IN.gov** to log in to ScholarTrack to complete your activities.

Whether you're a Scholar or not, there is financial aid available. Create a GPA goal for yourself and commit to an extracurricular or service activity to boost your chances of college acceptance and scholarships. Remember to save money too. Even with scholarships and financial aid, saving money helps cover additional costs. Consider opening an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan. Learn more at **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost**.

## Learn the Lingo: **FINANCIAL AID**

**Financial aid:** This general term covers everything from scholarships awarded by the government or your college to private loans. To qualify for most financial aid, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 10th of your senior year of high school.

**Grants:** Grants are typically for students with financial need and they don't have to be repaid. They often come from the State of Indiana or the federal government, and some are automatically awarded. Work-study opportunities (such as the Earn Indiana program you can read about on the next page) is where the state or federal government pays you money for working on campus or completing an internship.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships don't have to be repaid either. Usually you must seek out scholarships and apply long before you're actually in college. Right now you have an incredible opportunity to boost

your chances of earning free money. Check out **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost** and talk to your school counselor for tips on where to go to find scholarships.

**Loans:** This type of financial aid will have to be repaid. You should take out as few loans as possible since you'll have to pay them back with interest. Use up all of your federal loan eligibility before seeking loans from private companies or banks. Federal loans have lower interest rates and more repayment options.

**Remember:** Earn good grades. Even if you started off on the wrong foot, work hard to improve your GPA by the time you graduate.



# Financial Aid FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA

Indiana has financial aid for all types of students. To qualify, you must file your FAFSA by March 10th of your senior year (and each following year too!). Check out the options below, and visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost) to see all available state financial aid.

WHAT IS IT?	WHO QUALIFIES?*	HOW MUCH?*
Child of Veterans and Public Safety Officers (CVO)	Students whose parent is a deceased or disabled military veteran, deceased public safety officer or permanently disabled state trooper.	Up to 100% of tuition costs at a public Indiana college.
EARN Indiana	Any student who demonstrates need.	Varies, but all internships are paid at least federal minimum wage.
Frank O'Bannon Grant	Full-time college students with financial need. You may receive more aid if you earn an honors diploma in high school, maintain a high GPA in college, complete more credit hours or earn an associate degree.	\$600 to \$7,400, depending on your college and your financial need. Additional merit incentives available from \$800 to \$1,300.
Indiana National Guard Supplement Grant	Students who are active members of the Indiana Air or Army National Guard.	Up to 100% of tuition costs at a public Indiana college.
William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship	Black or Hispanic students majoring in education who plan to teach in Indiana for at least three years after graduation.	The amount varies based on student need and available funds.
Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship	Students who graduate from a public high school at least one year early and start college within five months.	A one-time \$4,000 award.
Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities	Black or Hispanic students who will participating in student teaching during the upcoming academic year.	The amount varies based on student need and available funds.
Student Teaching Stipend for High-Needs Fields	Students who plan to teach in a high-needs field where there is a shortage of candidates.	The amount varies based on student need and available funds.

\*For full requirements, see [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost)



*Rachel is in 9th grade at South Central Jr./Sr. High School. She's working hard to prepare to be a high school art teacher by pursuing a Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma and taking art classes.*



## CASH FOR COLLEGE

- Kicks off every December to help you save money and pay for your education.
- Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).
- **Get the App!** Compare college costs in the palm of your hand. Download the Indiana College Costs Estimator App. Visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost) to find out how.

# Scholarship Success Tips

There's plenty you can do right now to set yourself up for scholarship success:

- **Earn good grades.** Even if you start off on the wrong foot, you can increase your GPA by the time you graduate.
- **Get involved and stay involved.** Join a club or sport and seek leadership opportunities.
- **Help your community.** By volunteering you'll grow personally and gain teamwork and communication skills.
- **Hone your writing skills.** Many college and scholarship applications require an essay. Seize chances now to improve your writing.
- **Do your research.** You might have to search a few websites to find scholarships to apply for, but free money for college is worth the effort! Don't rule out scholarships for small amounts of money—they add up!
- **File on time.** To receive as much financial aid as possible, you will have to file the FAFSA by Indiana's March 10th deadline as a senior.



## Scholar Snapshot

### Treasure Jones

Treasure is in her fourth (and last!) year of college. She has a scholarship from the state of Indiana called the 21st Century Scholarship. Focus on your grades now to earn money for college.

**College:** University of Indianapolis

**Major:** Political Science with minors in Spanish and Philosophy

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Future career:** Lawyer



# Scholar Success Program

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program helps income-eligible students earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college. Scholars fulfill a pledge of good citizenship and participate in the **Scholar Success Program (see back cover)** that helps them plan, prepare and pay for college completion and career success. Scholars must also earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

**Even if you're not a Scholar**, completing these **12 activities** will help prepare you for college. Learn More at **Scholars.IN.gov**. Track your Scholars Success Program progress at **Scholars.IN.gov/ScholarTrack**.



# Financial Aid Quiz

How much do you know about financial aid?  
Circle **T** (True) or **F** (False) for each statement.

<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	1. Merit-based financial aid is based on your family's income.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	2. Even if you think you will get a lot of need-based financial aid, you still need to keep your grades up to be accepted to college and possibly even to receive the funds.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	3. Merit-based financial aid isn't only based on grades. You might also get a scholarship for an outstanding athletic or extracurricular achievement.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	4. Government financial aid can come from both your state (Indiana) and federal (U.S.) government.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	5. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	6. You don't have to apply for scholarships. Colleges just give them to you.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	7. Your school counselor is the only resource for scholarship information.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	8. Your family's income is a key factor to qualifying for a need-based scholarship or grant.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	9. It is better to participate in one activity for several years than to pick a new activity each year because colleges like to see growth and commitment.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	10. A "full-ride" scholarship does not always cover all of the costs of college, like room and board.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	11. Loans are not a part of your financial aid package.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	12. If you don't finish your degree, you don't have to pay back your student loans.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	13. Indiana's FAFSA filing deadline is March 10th.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	14. When you file the FAFSA, you are automatically considered for need-based grants from the State of Indiana.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	15. The FAFSA qualifies you for federal financial aid but not for aid from most colleges.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	16. When you file the FAFSA, you are automatically considered for merit-based grants from local community organizations.
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	17. If you are a 21st Century Scholar, you must file the FAFSA on time to keep your scholarship.

Answers: 1. F, 2. T, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T, 6. F, 7. F, 8. T, 9. T, 10. T, 11. F, 12. F, 13. T, 14. T, 15. F, 16. F, 17. T

Choose two statements for which you had incorrect responses. Write the correct responses below.

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How will knowing this information help you make more informed decisions about financial aid?

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

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.  
 2. Includes job shadowing, internship, part-time employment, interviewing a professional or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.  
 3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunities beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

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