

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, 2018.**
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, 2018 to earn their Scholarship. Visit scholars.IN.gov and scholarTrack.IN.gov for more information.
- File the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15, 2018**
Senior Scholars must file a completed 2018-2019 FAFSA by **April 15, 2018**. 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, 2017 and must be received by the federal processor by April 15 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.

Please note: Senior Scholars **must** complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA even if they do not plan to enroll in college until the fall 2019 term.
- 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 2018 term must enroll as full-time students no later than the fall semester of 2019 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.