

## October 2023 Senior Bulletin

October 27, 2023

### TESTING

The SAT and ACT are administered at various local high schools. The cost for the SAT is \$60; the ACT costs \$68. Registration is available online at: SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). **Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify for free- or reduced-lunches and for students who are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars. See your guidance counselor for a waiver.**

**School Code: 151082**

| Test Date  |     | Registration Deadline |
|------------|-----|-----------------------|
|            | SAT |                       |
| December 2 |     | November 2            |
|            | ACT |                       |
| December 9 |     | November 3            |

**Note – Even if you plan to apply to colleges utilizing the test-optional process, there may be some scholarship opportunities that require an SAT or ACT score. Also, be sure to have all fall test scores sent to each of the colleges you are applying to. This can be done at the time of registration for the SAT and/or ACT. Once your transcript has been sent to a college or university, it cannot be sent again until the end of the semester.**

### NAVIANCE/TRANSCRIPTS

Remember, all transcript requests must be made through your Naviance account. You may request your transcript at any time, even if you have not yet submitted your application. If you are applying to a school using the Common Application, you must **MATCH** your Naviance account with your Common App account and complete the Recommenders and FERPA part of the Common App **before** you request the transcript. Also, be sure to indicate if you are submitting the Common App or the school's in-house application directly to the institution under 'How Are You Applying?' If you need assistance with any of these processes, please see your school counselor in the guidance office. Also, please follow the schedule below when requesting transcripts.

#### **College/University Application Deadline**

November 15

December 1

December 15 – January 15

#### **Transcript Request Deadline**

November 1

November 15

December 1

### ADMISSION DECISIONS

Colleges and universities grant a variety of decisions regarding admission. Below are a few terms regarding admission decisions. If you have questions about any admission decisions you receive, please see your counselor.

**Admitted:** Congratulations! You have been accepted to the college and have the opportunity to attend.

**Denied:** You have been denied admission to the college. This decision is usually final.

**Deferred:** If you have been deferred by a Rolling Decision school, you will need to provide updated academic information for further consideration. This includes new SAT/ACT test scores and/or first semester grades. If you do not provide updated academic information, you will likely not be granted admission. If you have been deferred by a school during Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or Early Decision, you will be deferred to the next application period, which is Regular Decision. You may provide updated academic information for review. A new decision will be granted at the end of that application period.

**Waitlisted:** This decision is usually granted at the end of Regular Decision in the spring. If you are added to the waitlist of a college, you may remain in consideration for admission until late May or June. There is no guarantee that admission will ever be offered. Remaining on a waitlist is optional. If you would like to remain on a waitlist, communicate your continued interest to your admissions counselor. If you decide to attend another college, remove your name from any other schools' waitlists.

## **DUAL CREDIT/ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**A representative from PFW will be in the guidance office during lunches on Thursday, November 9** to register students for spring semester classes. **Please stop by the guidance office during your lunch if you are taking a PFW dual credit class next semester.** This includes anyone taking ENG 131, COM 114, and/or CS 112 here at BD. Seniors in good academic standing also have the opportunity to take a college course for dual-credit second semester at PFW. Classes will be offered at various times during the school day, in the evening, and online. Parent permission is required. There are many courses offered in a variety of subject areas. The cost for classes taken at PFW is approximately \$900 for tuition and \$80-100 for books per course. Classes taken at BD are from \$75-315.

**Indiana Tech** offers classes to high school seniors at a discounted rate through their Early Start program. The cost is \$75 per credit hour or \$225 per class, and they offer a variety of transferable general education courses. For more information and to apply for enrollment, visit [www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart](http://www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart). Please let your school counselor know after you have submitted your application. **A representative from Indiana Tech will be at BD on Monday, November 13 during all three lunches to meet with students to help register for classes.** Submit your application now, so you can select your course on November 7.

Students may also take dual-credit courses through **Ivy Tech**. Ivy Tech courses cost approximately \$450, plus the cost of books. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/apply-now/index.html> for more information and to apply. **A representative from Ivy Tech will be in the BD guidance office during lunches on Friday, November 10 to meet with students to help register for classes.**

## **COLLEGE AND CAREER EVENTS**

**Ivy Tech is hosting an Apprenticeship Day** on Friday, November 17 from 8:30-12:30 at the Steel Dynamics, Inc., Keith Busse Technology Center at 3701 Dean Drive. See live demonstrations on skilled trades and learn how apprenticeships can teach you a skilled trade while you earn money. You will also be able to talk to industry representatives about how to become an apprentice in the Sheet Metal, Electrical, Bricklaying, Plumbing and Pipefitting, Sprinkler Fitting and Carpentry fields. If you have questions, email them to [fw-apprenticeship@ivytech.edu](mailto:fw-apprenticeship@ivytech.edu).

**University of St. Francis** is hosting a variety of virtual and in-person events for prospective students and parents. Visit <https://admissions.sf.edu/undergraduate/admission-events/> for more information and to register.

## **Financial Aid - FAFSA**

Families of seniors attending college next year should plan to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to secure need-based aid. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for the FAFSA in Indiana is December 2023 - April 15, 2024. The FAFSA is submitted online and will be available at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2022. To complete a FAFSA, you will need a student and a parent FSA ID, one for each. Create these at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. Once you have your FSA IDs you are ready to complete FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). It is recommended that FAFSA be completed as early as possible, so students can receive full financial aid consideration and receive award letters from colleges in a timely manner. Below is information regarding FAFSA completion support.

**Watch the Video to Create your FSA ID:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco>

**BD Financial Aid Night:** In January, BD will host a financial aid night for the parents of college-bound seniors. An overview of FAFSA and general financial aid information will be shared.

**College Goal Sunday:** College Goal Sunday is a state-wide initiative to help families complete FAFSA. One-on-one help is provided, and Spanish speaking experts will be available. College Goal Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 25 at Ivy Tech from 2:00-4:00. Families are asked to bring 2022 tax return forms and relevant information with them.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following scholarships are currently available through the guidance office. Note: To be considered for a scholarship sponsored by a college or university, it is best to apply for admission to that college or university ASAP. If a web address is listed, the scholarship application is available online and must be submitted by the deadline posted. If no web address is listed, the paper application is available in the guidance office.

**Scholarship Name:** Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to pursue a college education

**Amount:** \$4,000 – 60,000 over four years

**Deadline:** The application is available at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm) and is due by November 13.

**Scholarship Name:** PFW Summit Scholars Program

**Criteria:** Must have a GPA of 3.95 OR 1380 SAT OR 29 ACT.

**Amount:** Full ride to PFW

**Deadline:** Must submit your application for admission to PFW by December 1 to be considered. No additional application is required. Selected students will be invited to participate in the competition.

**Scholarship Name:** University of St. Francis Assisi Program for Discipleship and Leadership

**Criteria:** The Assisi program focuses on adding layers of prayer, study, fellowship, service, and mission to your USF experience. Students must also plan live in the dorm. Other application requirements include 3.25 or higher GPA (typically), two reference letters, a personal narrative essay, and an interview.

**Amount:** Half of the cost of Room and Board as USF

**Deadline:** The application and more information is available at [go.sf.edu/assisiprogram](http://go.sf.edu/assisiprogram). The priority deadline has been extended to December 12. You must also apply for admission to USF by this date.

**Scholarship Name:** Indiana State University Gongaware Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to attend Indiana State University to major in business

**Amount:** \$9,000 for tuition, a laptop computer, and \$3,000 stipend to be used for professional development (study abroad)

**Deadline:** Must apply to ISU by December 1. For information on this and all other ISU scholarships for incoming freshmen, visit <https://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware>. The Gongaware deadline is December 15.

**Scholarship Name:** Indiana State University President's Scholarship

**Criteria:** Must have a GPA of at least 3.8 or higher **AND** an SAT score of 1270 (EBRW + Math) **OR** an ACT composite of 27. Special achievements, leadership potential, and community service are also taken into consideration.

**Amount:** \$17,000 per year for up to four years

**Deadline:** Information is available at <https://www2.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/president.htm>. Students must be admitted to the university by December 1; Interview Day registration is due by December 15.

**Scholarship Name:** Burger King Scholars

**Criteria:** Must have a 2.5 GPA

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** Apply online at <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/> by December 15.

**Scholarship Name:** INACAC Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to attend a college or university in Indiana

**Amount:** \$500-1000

**Deadline:** The application is available at <https://inacac.org/scholar> and is due on January 8, 2024.

**Scholarship Name:** Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

**Criteria:** Must plan to pursue a degree to become a teacher at an Indiana college and plan to teach in the state of Indiana following graduation. Must currently have one of the following: 3.5 GPA OR 26 ACT OR 1130 SAT.

**Amount:** up to \$7,500, renewable for up to four years

**Deadline:** Instructions for the application process are available at <http://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm>. You are required to create a Full Account with Scholar Track. If you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar, you will use your current Scholar Track account, but you must change it to a Full Account. The application is due by January 31, 2024.

**Scholarship Name:** Purdue University Departmental Scholarships

**Criteria:** Plan to attend Purdue University in the College of Education, College of Health and Human Science, College of Liberal Arts, or Polytechnic Institute.

**Deadline:** Must apply to Purdue by November 1 and submit departmental scholarship by February 15, 2024. For more information, visit <https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/purdueaid/>.

**College Sponsored Scholarships** – Once you have been admitted to a college or university, you will want to seek scholarships offered by that school. Refer to the school’s financial aid portion of their website for scholarships for incoming freshmen. Complete any required supplemental applications for which you are qualified. The scholarship money that comes from the colleges and universities tends to be generous and renewable for up to four years.

### **ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

Do not limit your scholarship search to those publicized in the Senior Bulletins. There are countless websites to help you search for scholarships. The scholarship search process is yearlong and ongoing. The sooner you start, the better.

1. Check each potential college’s website for scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.
2. Naviance has a National Scholarship Search link under the Scholarships and Money heading under the Colleges tab.
3. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are:  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com)  
[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
<https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/finaid.org>

**Please note, you should never pay for a scholarship search nor to apply for a scholarship.**

### **NET PRICE CALCULATOR**

Net Price Calculators (NPC) are available on a college’s website to allow you to enter information (financial and/or academic) about yourself to find out what students like you paid to attend that institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account. If you have an account with the College Board (SAT/AP), you may also use <http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/>. The purpose of the NPC is to provide students with an early indication of what the bottom-line cost of attendance to that college may be.