

January Senior Bulletin

January 24, 2024

First Semester Transcripts

If a college or university has requested your first semester grades or a mid-year report, please complete a paper transcript request form and submit it to the guidance office. Please do not make your request for an updated transcript through Naviance. We will start to send updated transcripts next week. **Also, please update your Naviance account to indicate the schools you have applied to and the results of the admission decisions.**

Financial Aid - FAFSA

Due to recently passed legislation, the Indiana Department of Education is requiring the families of all graduating seniors in the class of 2024 to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA determines what need-based aid students qualify for. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for FAFSA in Indiana is December 31, 2023 - April 15, 2024. FAFSA is submitted online and is available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. 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>. Watch the Video to Create your FSA ID: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco>. Once you have your FSA ID's you are ready to complete FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. 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 local FAFSA completion support.

Wednesday, February 7 | 3:30-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom

Register at <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights>

Tuesday, February 20 | 5:00-6:30 | PFW Walb Classic Ballroom

Register at <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights>

Sunday, February 25 | College Goal Sunday | 2:00-4:00 | Ivy Tech Community College

No registration needed. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available to help.

Financial Aid – CSS Profile

There are several private colleges that require you to file a **CSS Profile** in addition to the FAFSA. CSS Profile registration forms are available online at www.collegeboard.org. Please note that there is a fee to submit the CSS Profile. Again, please verify each school's specific requirements and deadlines.

Financial Aid Award Letters

For those of you who have already filed the FAFSA, the colleges will send a Financial Aid Award letter to you. This will include the financial aid package the college is offering you. Please carefully read all information and respond according to their requests. Make sure you fully understand the types of aid you are being offered and discuss with your parents what you should accept or decline. You are not obligated to accept everything that you are offered.

Types of financial aid typically offered

Scholarships/Grants - money that is awarded to you that does not need to be paid back

Work-study – secured employment on campus

Loans – money that is borrowed that must be paid back, with interest

If you have specific questions regarding the award letter, contact the financial aid office of the college directly.

Scholarships

The following scholarships are currently available through the guidance office. If a web address is listed, the scholarship is to be completed or accessed online. If there is no web address listed, the application is available in paper format. See Mrs. Stefanek in the guidance office for paper applications. Regardless of the application format, please be sure to meet the deadlines stated below.

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 have a 3.0 GPA.

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 21st 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.

Scholarship Name: Lawrence A. Ackerman Scholarship

Criteria: Must plan to pursue an education and career in the stewardship of animals.

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: To download the paper application, visit <https://kidszoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/ackerman.pdf>. The application must be submitted by February 1.

Scholarship Name: Lutheran Foundation Health Professions and Nursing Scholarship

Criteria: Must have a 2.8 GPA and plan to attend an area college/university to pursue a degree in nursing or other healthcare related field. The list of participating colleges is listed on the website (link is below.)

Amount: Varies by recipient

Deadline: The application is available at <https://thelutheranfoundation.org/investing/scholarships> and is due by February 1.

Scholarship Name: PHP (Physicians Health Plan) Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in a health-related field and have a least a 3.0 GPA; 1000 word essay required

Amount: \$1,000 - \$3,000

Deadline: The paper application is available at <https://public.powerdms.com/PHPNI/documents/1717019> and must be postmarked by February 23.

Scholarship Name: Paul and Madelyn Sagstetter Scholarship

Criteria: 2.0 GPA; demonstrate leadership skills, good moral character and religious affiliation, and plan to pursue a 4-year degree

Amount: Scholarship is renewable. The amount awarded varies by demonstrated financial need, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. . Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/sagstetter and must be received by March 11. After your application is submitted, you will be given a list of additional materials that must be submitted by mail or email, including your transcript. All materials must be received by March 11. As soon as possible, but no later than March 1, please let Mrs. Stefanek know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application. **Please note that the funds for this scholarship may not be awarded until the fall of 2024.

Scholarship Name: Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness -**This is a great way to borrow money!**

Criteria: Must have a 2.75 GPA if you plan to attend a 4-year college or a 2.5 GPA if you plan to attend a 2-year college. Must plan to attend a college in Indiana.

Amount: up to \$5,000 may be borrowed per year (\$20,000 maximum); 50% of the loan will be forgiven if the student maintains a 2.75 college GPA and lives in Northeast Indiana after college graduation for five years. Students who attend Anderson University, Grace College, Huntington University, Ivy Tech, Manchester University, University of St. Francis, Indiana Tech, Indiana University Fort Wayne, Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University, Trine University, and Purdue University Fort Wayne will have another 25% of the loan forgiven. This is a great local program, and all qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: Student must complete a FAFSA before submitting this application. The application is available at <https://www.questafoundation.org/traditional-scholars-program>. Funds are limited, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted through March 15.

Scholarship Name: E.H. Kilbourne Scholarship

Criteria: 3.57 GPA; demonstrate leadership skills, good moral character and religious affiliation, and plan to pursue a 4-year degree

Amount: Scholarship is renewable. The amount awarded varies by demonstrated financial need, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. . Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/kilbourne and must be received by March 21. After your application is submitted, you will be given a list of additional materials that must be submitted by mail or email, including your transcript. All materials must be received by March 21. As soon as possible, , but no later than March 15, please let Mrs. Stefanek know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application. **Please note that the funds for this scholarship may not be awarded until the fall of 2024.

Scholarship Name: Evans-Moss Scholarship

Criteria: 3.57 GPA; strong moral character, extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need

Amount: Varies by demonstrated financial need, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/moss and must be submitted by March 21. After your application is submitted, you will be given a list of additional materials that must be submitted by mail, including your transcript. All materials must be received by March 21. As soon as possible, but no later than March 15, please let Mrs. Stefanek know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application. **Please note that funds for this scholarship may not be awarded until fall of 2024.

Scholarship Name: Eugene Kimmel Scholarship

Criteria: 3.57GPA; be a Catholic high school student planning to attend any four-year college or university

Amount: Scholarship is renewable. Amount awarded varies by demonstrated financial need, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/kimmel and must be submitted by March 21. After your application is submitted, you will be given a list of additional materials that must be submitted by mail, including your transcript. All materials must be received by March 21. As soon as possible, but no later than March 15, please let Mrs. Stefanek know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application. **Please note that the funds for this scholarship may not be awarded until fall of 2024.

Scholarship Name: James H. Cox Scholarship

Criteria: Must be the tax dependent of an Agri Stats employee; also includes Agri Stats affiliate companies. Must also have a 2.5 GPA and plan to pursue either a 2- or 4-year college degree.

Amount: Varies

Deadline: the application is due on April 1 and is available online at

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=cfgfwscholarships>. Click Create an Account in the upper right corner.

Scholarship Name: Marian University Diocesan Employee Family Guarantee

Criteria: Must be the dependent of an employee who works full-time for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including parishes, schools, and social service agencies.

Amount: Half-tuition for four years

Deadline: Information is available at <http://www.marian.edu/Admissions/financial-aid/grants/diocesan-employee-family-grant>.

Scholarships Awarded by Colleges and Universities

Once you've been admitted to a college or university, exhaust all possibilities for scholarships offered through that school. Most schools offer merit scholarships based on your academic record at the time of application. However, there are also other scholarships offered that may require supplemental applications. Scour the financial aid and/or scholarship portions of each school's website for departmental, talent, service, leadership scholarships, etc. for which you may be qualified. The scholarships offered by the colleges and universities tend to be generous and renewable for all four years.

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 advanced idea of what the bottom-line cost of attendance to a specific college may be.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Websites

You cannot rely solely on the senior bulletin as your source for scholarship opportunities. There are many helpful websites available to assist you in your search for colleges, scholarships, and other financial aid opportunities. A few recommended ones are:

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.learnmoreindiana.org

www.collegeboard.org

www.collegedata.com

www.scholarships.com

www.appily.com

www.unigo.com

<http://student.naviance.com/dwenger> - Scholarship search through Naviance

www.commonapp.org – Click on the Financial Aid Resources tab to access financial aid and scholarship information directly related to the school's you apply to using the Common App.

NOTE: When seeking scholarships, do not pay to apply for a scholarship nor for a scholarship search.