

October 2024 Senior Bulletin

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TESTING

The SAT and ACT are administered at various local high schools on Saturday mornings. The cost for the SAT is \$68; the ACT costs \$69. Registration is available online at: SAT: www.collegeboard.org and ACT: 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 21st Century Scholars. See your guidance counselor for a fee waiver.*

School Code: 151082

Test Date		Registration Deadline
	<u>SAT</u>	
December 7		November 22
	<u>ACT</u>	
December 14		November 8

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 of your 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, an updated one cannot be sent until January.

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.

<u>College/University Application Deadline</u>	<u>Transcript Request Deadline</u>
November 15	November 1
December 1	November 15
December 15 – January 15	December 1

ADMISSION DECISIONS

Colleges and universities grant a variety of admission decisions. Below are a few defined terms to help you understand the decisions you may receive. If you have questions, please see your counselor.

Admitted: Congratulations! You have been accepted to the college and you have the opportunity to attend, if you choose.

Denied: You have been denied admission to the college. This decision is usually final, and you need to seek other opportunities.

Deferred: If you have been deferred by a Rolling Decision/Priority Deadline school, you will need to provide updated academic information for further consideration. This includes new SAT/ACT 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 will need to let your counselor know to send a Common App Mid-Year report, which will include your first semester grades. A final decision will be granted at the end of that application period, usually in March or April.

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 ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 both online and in-person. For more information and to apply for enrollment, visit www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart. Please let your school counselor know after you have submitted your application.

Students may also take dual-credit courses through **Ivy Tech**. Ivy Tech courses cost approximately \$500, plus the cost of books. A variety of classes are offered online and in-person. Classes are either 8 weeks or 16 weeks long. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/apply-now/index.html> for more information and to apply. Please let your counselor know once you have applied. **A representative from Ivy Tech will be in the BD guidance office during lunches on Thursday, November 14 to meet with students to help register for classes.**

COLLEGE AND CAREER EVENTS

Ivy Tech is hosting an Apprenticeship Day on Friday, November 22 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.

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 – 2025-26 FAFSA

Families of seniors attending college next year should plan to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) **2025-26** to secure need-based aid. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for the **2025-26 FAFSA** in Indiana is December 1, 2024 - April 15, 2025. The FAFSA is submitted online and will be available at studentaid.gov. FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2023. To complete a **2025-26 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. 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 on How to Create your FSA ID: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco>

PFW FAFSA Completion Events: Starting December 10, PFW will offer community support to families completing the 2025-26 FAFSA, regardless of which college the student plans to attend. The student and a parent will need to each get an FSA ID prior to attending. (Please note that it takes a few days to receive the FSA IDs.) To register to attend a completion event, visit <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights>.

BD Financial Aid Night: In January, BD will host a financial aid night for the parents of college-bound seniors.

College Goal Sunday: College Goal Sunday is a state-wide initiative to help families complete the 2025-26 FAFSA. One-on-one help is provided, and Spanish speaking experts will be available. College Goal Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 23 at Ivy Tech from 2:00-4:00. Families are asked to bring 2023 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, see Mrs. Stefanek in the guidance office for the paper application.

Scholarship Name: Ivy Tech NEIFAME – Northeast Indiana Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education

Criteria: Have an interest in working while earning a degree in Advanced Manufacturing at Ivy Tech. This opportunity will connect students with employers in the community that will provide financial support, mentoring, and paid work experience while the student is pursuing a two-year degree.

Deadline: Visit <https://ivytechfortwaynnews.com/2024/10/09/neinfame-accepting-applications-for-the-fall-2025-cohort/>

for more information and to apply.

Scholarship Name: University of Saint Francis Pay It Forward Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to attend the University of Saint Francis and submit an essay regarding your commitment to service in the community.

Amount: up to Full-Tuition at USF

Deadline: Must apply to USF and submit the scholarship application by November 1. The scholarship is available at https://be.sf.edu/payitforward/?_gl=1*1nty099*_gcl_au*MjA5MzAyMTc1LjE3MjYyNDY2MzA.&_ga=2.136591863.615599033.1729604983-207299460.1726246630.

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 <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm> and is due by November 12.

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. Selected students will be invited to complete the Summit Scholars application to participate in the competition.

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://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/president>. Students must be admitted to the university by December 1; the scholarship application is due by December 15.

Scholarship Name: Burger King Scholars

Criteria: Must have a 2.0 GPA

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: Apply online at <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/> by December 16.

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. The priority deadline is January 6. You must also apply for admission to USF before this date.

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 a 3.0 GPA.

Amount: up to \$10,000, 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, 2025.

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 application by February 2, 2025. For more information, visit <https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/purdueaid/>.

WHERE TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded by colleges, businesses, organizations, and individuals. The criteria for scholarships vary, depending on the objective of the sponsor. Places to seek scholarships include:

Colleges: Colleges offer several types of scholarships: merit/talent, departmental, athletic, and academic. Scholarship information should be available on the Financial Aid portion of the school's website. Some scholarships are automatic and are awarded at the time of application for admission. Others may require supplemental applications, interviews, and/or auditions. Exhaust all possibilities of scholarships offered through the colleges. These scholarships tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years.

Parents' places of employment: Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees' dependents. Check with human resources.

Student's place of employment: Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees. Check with human resources.

Clubs/organizations to which parents belong: Many organizations offer scholarships/grants to members' dependents. Check with club officers or the national/state chapter.

Online Searches: The Internet is an endless source for scholarship information. It is advised to have more than one account with online searchers.

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

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 three scholarship search features under the Scholarships and Money heading under the Colleges tab.
3. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are:
www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.college-scholarships.com
www.cappex.com
www.scholarships.com
<https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/finaid.org>
www.commonapp.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.