

SCHOLARSHIPS EXPLAINED:

“FREE MONEY” TO HELP PAY FOR EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

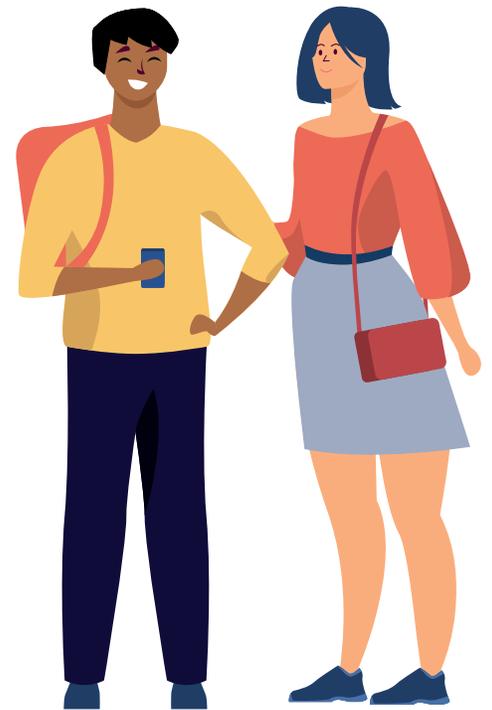


Thousands of scholarships are available every year to help students pay for the next step in their education. Scholarships vary in amount and who qualifies for them. This guide highlights scholarships available to Indiana students, as well as information on other types of scholarships and how to find them.



What type of scholarships are available?

Keep in mind that there are scholarships for all types of skills and backgrounds. Several types of scholarships can open the doors to “free money” to help pay for education after high school.



Scholarship Guide	
Merit scholarships are awarded based on skills and academic accomplishments.	Activity scholarships are awarded based on a student’s involvement with a profession, hobby or extracurricular activities.
Need-based scholarships are influenced by how much a student or their family can pay for their education.	Military scholarships are awarded based on military service.
Affinity or Identity-based scholarships are awarded based on a student’s belonging to an underrepresented group.	Government scholarships are different from loans. Local, state or federal scholarships may be available for qualifying students.
Athletic scholarships are awarded based on participation in various sports.	Employer-sponsored tuition assistance is awarded by participating employers to employees seeking to further their education and skills.



Where can students find and get scholarships?

1. Explore Locally: Local community foundations, businesses and government entities may have scholarships or provide lists of scholarship opportunities.

2. Search Online: Online scholarship platforms offer many possibilities. Below is a short list of sites to explore:

LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost

CollegeBoard.org

FastWeb.com

ScholarshipInformer.com

Scholarships.com

StudentAid.gov

After finding scholarships that they qualify for, students should:

1. READ the scholarship's application requirements carefully to ensure they know exactly what the scholarship is for and how to apply for it.

2. RESEARCH best practices for filling out scholarship applications and writing scholarship essays.

3. FILL OUT the application, ensuring all requirements are met. It is always a good idea to have a teacher, parent/guardian, or another trusted adult look over the application, especially if it has an essay or personal statement.

4. TURN IT IN before the application deadline.

INDIANA SCHOLARSHIPS

The 21st Century Scholarship

The 21st Century Scholars is Indiana's early college promise program, offering income-eligible students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university. The Scholar Success Program helps students prepare for college, complete their college degrees and connect to career opportunities.

Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship

The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship is a one-time, \$4,000 scholarship for students who graduate at least one year early from a publicly supported Indiana high school.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$7,500 a year for four academic years.

William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship

The William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship is available to Black and Hispanic students who intend to pursue, or are currently pursuing, a course of study that would enable them to teach in an accredited school in Indiana.



Learn more about Indiana scholarships

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