

# FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form current and prospective college students complete to determine their eligibility for federal, state and institutional financial aid.



Filing the FAFSA can help make the cost of earning anything from a short-term certificate, to an associate, or bachelor's degree manageable. Hoosiers benefit from having education and training beyond high school because both unlock doors to job security and economic opportunity.

### CTE Puts a Certificate in Reach!

• **33%** of Indiana's nearly 39,000 CTE concentrators in the 2024 class earned 9+ dual credits. It often only takes 15 credits to earn a certificate that can be transferred to most in-state colleges and universities!

ECONOMIC METRICS BY EDUCATION LEVEL				
EDUCATION LEVEL		WAGES – MEDIAN INCOME (U.S.) (2023) (AGES 25+)		
LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	10.1%	\$37,510		
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	4.0%	\$48,810		
SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE Degree	3.6%	\$57,618		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE+UP	1.8%	\$89,410		

Annual average as of January 2025

• **20%** of CTE concentrators earned a Credential of Value, either a postsecondary certificate or degree or an approved industry certification that can often transfer as college credit at Ivy Tech Community College or other institutions.

Filing the **FAFSA** can help you access financial aid for whatever educational path you choose after high school, whether it's a certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree.

If you or your parent do not have a Social Security number, please visit **studentaid.gov** or call **888-528-4719** for more information on how to file the **FAFSA**.





LearnMoreIndiana.org/CTE

#### How do I file?

To file the 2025-2026 FAFSA, students and families must use **2024 federal tax information**. The FAFSA can be completed in two ways:

- At studentaid.gov
- On the paper application

Filing online is recommended when possible, and the FAFSA is free!

#### When do I file the FAFSA?

Indiana students should prepare to file a FAFSA between **October** and **April 15** of their senior year of high school and each year they plan to attend college.

Some institutions have FAFSA deadlines that fall before the state deadline of April 15, so students should check with their college or university to verify their deadline.

#### What do I need to file?

- ✓ A studentaid.gov account for students and parents (can be created at FAFSA.gov)
- ✓ Student and parent social security numbers (or alien registration numbers)
- ✓ Parent and student 2023 tax records, records of assets, and untaxed income
- ✓ List of schools to which you wish to send your FAFSA information (up to 20 online)



## INDIANA FINANCIAL

Indiana has financial aid for all types of students. To qualify, file the **FAFSA by April 15** of your senior year of high school (and each following year too!). Check out these options, and visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid** to see all your state financial aid options.

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	*	MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP
	10	OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

WHAT IS IT?	WHO QUALIFIES?	HOW MUCH?	Туре	
21st Century Scholars Program	Income-eligible Hoosier students, must apply or be enrolled during 7th or 8th grade year	Four years of <b>up to 100% tuition</b> at an eligible Indiana college		
Adult Student Grant	Hoosier adults who are starting or completing an associate degree, bachelor's degree or certificate	A renewable award of <b>up to \$2,000</b>	2	
Child of Veterans and Public Safety Officers (CVO)	Students whose parent is a disabled military veteran or deceased or disabled public safety officer	<b>Up to 100%</b> of tuition cost at a public Indiana college and <b>\$5,000</b> at a private Indiana college	*	
Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities	Black or Hispanic students who will be participating in student teaching during the upcoming academic year	The <b>amount varies</b> based on student need and available funds	<b>♦</b>	
EARN Indiana	Any student who demonstrates financial need	<b>Varies</b> , but all internships are paid at least federal minimum wage	*	
Frank O'Bannon Grant	Full-time college students with financial need. May receive more aid if you earn an honors diploma in high school, maintain a 3.0 GPA in college, complete more credit hours or earn an associate degree	<b>\$650 to \$12,400</b> , depending on your college and your financial need.	<b>♦</b>	
Indiana National Guard Supplement Grant	Students who are active members of the Indiana Air or Army National Guard	Up to 100% of tuition cost at a public Indiana college	*	
Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship	Students who graduate from a public high school at least one year early	A one-time award of <b>up to \$4,000</b>	1	
Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship	High-achieving high school and college students who plan to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduation	<b>Up to \$10,000</b> per year for four years		
Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields	Students who plan to teach in a high-need field where there is a shortage of candidates	The <b>amount varies</b> based on student need and available funds		
Transition to Teaching Scholarship	Hoosier students who possess a bachelor's degree, are employed or volunteer at a school, have financial need, and plan to teach for at least five years after earning their credential	A one-time award of <b>up to \$10,000</b> at an eligible Transition to Teaching Program		
William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship	Black or Hispanic students majoring in education who plan to teach in Indiana for at least three years after graduation	The <b>amount varies</b> based on student need and available funds		
Workforce Ready Grant	Students who enroll in a high-demand certificate program at Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University or another approved training provider	Up to 100% of tuition cost at Ivy Tech, Vincennes or another approved training provider	•	
*For full requirements, see LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid				