

Dear Parent/Guardian of [FIRST NAME],

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is excited to share that [FIRST NAME] has been enrolled in **Indiana's 21st Century Scholars** program based on their eligibility.

The 21st Century Scholars program offers eligible Hoosier students who meet the program's requirements up to four years of paid tuition at a qualifying Indiana college or university upon graduation from high school. In high school, Scholars have access to programs and resources to help them stay on track for college and career success. Once in college, Scholars receive support to complete their degrees and connect to career opportunities.

To ensure eligibility, your student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and Indiana resident at the time of receiving the 21st Century Scholar Award. A financial means test will be conducted prior to your student's first year of college to determine eligibility.

As a 21st Century Scholar, your student must commit to:

- ✓ Complete the Scholar Success Program in high school, which includes activities each year to help your student stay on track for college and career success. This is made up of 12 activities your student must complete by high school graduation.
- ✓ Graduate from a state-accredited high school with the Indiana Diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until your student graduates from college.
- ✓ Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior and enroll in college as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by your student's college.
- ✓ Complete 30 credit hours each year your student is in college to stay on track toward earning their degree on time.
- ✓ Not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.
- ✓ All grade-level activities must be completed by June 30 following the end of the school year.

Your student's next steps are:

- 1. Your student must visit **ScholarTrack.in.gov**.
- 2. Click "Register" in the upper right-hand corner.
- 3. Select "I am a student." Students should be ready to enter their name, date of birth, email address (do not use a school address), and Social Security Number (SSN), Student Testing Number (STN), or Scholar ID.
- 4. Review and sign the Scholar Pledge.

The ScholarTrack account serves as a tool for Scholars to track their Scholar Success Program activities required to obtain the 21st Century Scholar Award. Students must be 13 years of age or older to create their ScholarTrack account. For assistance in creating your student's ScholarTrack account, please contact your student's Outreach Coordinator by visiting **LearnMoreIndiana.org/contact**. For additional information on 21st Century Scholars, higher education options, and financial aid, please visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org**.

If you wish to opt your student out of this opportunity, you can visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars**.





