

Senior Bulletin #4/5

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First Semester Transcripts

If a college or university has requested your first semester grades and/or a mid-year transcript, send an email or Canvas message to your guidance counselor to make that request. Please do not make your request for an updated transcript through Naviance. We will start to send updated transcripts via Naviance 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

The application period for financial aid opened October 1, 2020. This is a reminder that the deadline in the State of Indiana for filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is April 15, 2021. **The FAFSA must be RECEIVED by April 15. Please submit it electronically by this date. FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** If you are planning to apply for any type of financial aid (grants, loans, or work-study), you must meet the April 15 deadline. Even if you do not think your family will qualify for need-based aid, most colleges, especially private colleges, want students to file a FAFSA form in order for them to award school-sponsored scholarships. The FAFSA may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You will need a FSA ID for you and for a parent before you can access the form. Get your FSA ID as soon as possible at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. **Many schools have earlier deadlines for filing for financial aid. Contact the financial aid office of the college for verification of requirements.**

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 soon be sending 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

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. Dillon in the guidance office for paper applications. Regardless of the application process, please be sure to meet the deadlines stated below.

Scholarship Information: The University of Michigan Club of Fort Wayne offers scholarships for students who have been admitted to U of M. Please contact Mr. Dave Kaverman at dave.kaverman@comcast.com for an application.

Scholarship Name: Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness Program

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, Huntington University, Manchester University, University of St. Francis, Indiana Tech, Taylor University, Trine University, PFW (Engineering only), Indiana University Fort Wayne, Indiana Wesleyan University, Ivy Tech, or Grace College 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 FAFSA before submitting this application. The application is available at <https://www.questafoundation.org/traditional-questa-scholars>. Students attending one of the partner schools listed above should apply by January 15 for early review. All other applicants should apply by March 15 for the second round of reviews.

Scholarship Name: Ball State University Miller College of Business Scholars

Criteria: Plan to attend BSU to pursue a degree in business. Play a leadership role in activities and organizations in school and/or community and be academically high achieving.

Amount: Full-tuition and fees for four years, study abroad stipend, laptop computer, and internship stipend

Deadline: Apply online at <https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/mcob/miller-honors-program/miller-scholarship> by January 25

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.

Amount: Varies by recipient

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

Scholarship Name: Nancy Janyes Memorial Scholarship

Criteria: Candidates must be the child of a parent who is battling breast cancer or who has lost a parent to breast cancer and plan to attend school in Indiana.

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: The application is available at www.breastcancerplate.org under the How We Help tab at the top, select *Scholarships* tab. Applications and recommendation forms must be received by February 5.

Scholarship Name: Holy Cross College Bishop Rhoades Fellowship Scholarship

Criteria: Excellent academic record, commitment to service and to the mission of HCC.

Amount: Full-tuition and fees to attend HCC for four years; a scholarship will be awarded to one student from each Diocesan school.

Deadline: must submit your application for admission to HCC by February 15.

Scholarship Name: Holy Cross College Indiana Max Scholarship

Criteria: Must be the recipient of a Indiana School Choice Scholarship to attend Bishop Dwenger.

Amount: Varies based on the amount the student is eligible to receive from the Indiana School Choice program.

Deadline: must submit your application for admission to HCC by February 15.

Scholarship Name: E.H. Kilbourne Scholarship

Criteria: 3.571 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; multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students

Deadline: Applications are available at www.csascholars.org/kilbourne and must be submitted by February 18. 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 February 18. As soon as possible, please let Mrs. Dillon in the guidance office know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application.

Scholarship Name: Evans-Moss Scholarship

Criteria: 3.571 GPA; strong moral character, extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need

Amount: Varies by demonstrated financial need; multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: Applications are available at www.csascholars.org/moss and must be submitted by February 18. 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 February 18. As soon as possible, please let Mrs. Dillon in the guidance office know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application.

Scholarship Name: Eugene Kimmel Scholarship

Criteria: 3.571 GPA; 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; multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: Applications are available at www.csascholars.org/kimmel and must be submitted by February 18. 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 February 18. As soon as possible, please let Mrs. Dillon in the guidance office know that you will need a transcript and class rank verification letter for your application.

Scholarship Name: PHP (Physicians Health Plan) Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in a healthcare 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://www.phpni.com/uploads/page/PHP-B-MC-Scholarship Information and Application-20201010-v01.pdf](https://www.phpni.com/uploads/page/PHP-B-MC-Scholarship%20Information%20and%20Application-20201010-v01.pdf) and must be postmarked by February 21.

Scholarship Name: Fort Wayne International Airport Aviation Scholarship

Criteria: Must have a 3.0 GPA and plan pursue a degree in aviation at a 4-year college or through Ivy Tech's Aviation Maintenance Technology or Flight Certificate program.

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: The scholarship application is available at <https://fwairport.com/airport-authority/fort-wayne-international-airport-aviation-scholarship/> and must be postmarked by February 26.

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: \$2,750

Deadline: the application is due on February 18 and is available online at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Form/Preview?form=597434&urlkey=cfgfwscholarships>

Scholarship Name: Marian University Diocesan Employee Family Grant

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 the 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 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), 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.

HELPFUL 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.cappex.com

www.collegegreenlight.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

<http://student.naviance.com/dwenger> - Sallie Mae scholarship search through your Naviance account

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. Also connect to ScholarSnapp, a scholarship search data base.

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