November/December Senior Bulletin

November 24, 2026

Naviance/Transcripts

Remember, all transcript requests for college applications 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 college using the Common Application, you must Match your Naviance account with your Common App account and add the college to your Common App list ***before*** you request the transcript. If you need any assistance with this process, please see your school counselor. **If you are applying to a school with a deadline between December 15 and January 10, you must make your transcript request by Friday, December 4.**

Note Regarding SAT/ACT Test Scores: be sure to have any new scores sent directly through the testing agencies to the colleges to which you have or will apply.

AP Exam Fees

AP Exam fees were due on November 2. If you have not yet paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible. All exam fees must be paid to the guidance office. See Mrs. Stefanek in the guidance office if you need to know how much you owe.

Admissions Decisions

Once you have submitted your applications, please be sure to regularly check for emails from the colleges. Some colleges will ask you to set up an account to track your application status. This will likely be where they will post your admission decision. There are a variety of admission decisions you may receive. Below are a few defined terms to help you understand the decisions. If you have any questions, please see your school counselor.

Admitted: Congratulations! You have been accepted to the college and you may attend, if you choose. Once you have been accepted by a school, be sure to read all further emails and text messages from them. They will share information regarding next steps for enrollment, including financial aid, registration, orientation, and housing.

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 first semester grades and updated test scores, if available. If you do not provide updated academic information, you will likely not be given further consideration for 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. A final decision will be granted at the end of that application period, which is usually in March or April. ****** Regardless of how you applied to the school, you will need to ask your school counselor to send your updated transcript. Make this request in-person or fill out a paper request form in the guidance office. You cannot make the request through Naviance. Updated transcripts should be available by January 19.**

Waitlisted: This decision is usually granted at the end of Regular Decision in the spring. If you are added to a 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 college admissions representative. If you decide to attend another college by making a deposit for enrollment, remove your name from other schools' waitlists.

FINANCIAL AID – 2027-28 FAFSA

Families of seniors attending college next year should plan to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid **(FAFSA) 2027-28** to secure need-based aid. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, scholarships, and work-based study. The filing window for the **2027-28 FAFSA** in Indiana is October 1, 2026 - April 15, 2027. Please note that colleges/universities typically have an earlier deadline. It is recommended that FAFSA be completed as early as possible. The FAFSA is submitted online and is available at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and requires parent and student tax information from 2025. To complete a **2027-28 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 https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa Below is information regarding FAFSA completion support.

Watch the Video on How to Create your FSA ID: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco

Watch the Video on How to Complete the FAFSA: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5KZFe23E_g

PFW FAFSA Completion Events: Throughout the next several months, PFW will offer individual support to families completing the 2027-28 FAFSA, regardless of which college the student plans to attend. This is a service PFW provides to the community. Also, the student and a parent will need to each get an FSA ID prior to attending. For more information and to register to attend any of the upcoming events, visit https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-events?_ga=2.178535974.30593742.1761571969-1305279878.1724686937.

Financial Aid – CSS Profile

Some private colleges require students to complete the CSS Profile, in addition to the FAFSA. The CSS Profile is a more comprehensive form schools often use to determine in-house aid distribution. The form is available at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. CSS Profile costs $25 for the first school, plus $16 for each additional school.

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.

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, service, and academic. Scholarship information should be available on the Financial Aid section 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 searches.

Scholarships Awarded by Colleges and Universities

Once you've been admitted to a college or university, exhaust all possibilities for scholarships and financial aid offered through that school. Most schools offer merit scholarships based on your academic record submitted for admission. However, there are also other scholarships offered that may require supplemental applications. Search the financial aid and/or scholarship portions of the school's website for departmental, talent, service, and leadership scholarships for incoming freshmen. The scholarships offered by the colleges and universities tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years. Below are links to the scholarship webpages for local and common colleges.

Purdue Fort Wayne - https://www.pfw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financial-aid/types-financial-aid
Ivy Tech Fort Wayne - https://www.ivytech.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/
University of Saint Francis - https://www.sf.edu/cost-and-aid/scholarships/
Indiana Tech - https://financialservices.indianatech.edu/scholarships/undergrad/
Ball State University - https://www.bsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships/types/scholarships
Indiana University Bloomington - https://scholarships.indiana.edu/future-scholars/iu-scholarships/index.html
Purdue University - https://admissions.purdue.edu/costsandfinaid/freshman.php

Scholarship Opportunities

The following scholarships are promoted through the BD guidance department. A website will be listed for online applications. If no web address is listed, paper applications are available in the guidance department.

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://neinfame.com for more information and to apply.

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 January 6 to be considered. Selected students will be invited to complete the Summit Scholars application, which is due by January 15.

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://indianastate.edu/costs-aid/scholarships/freshman-scholarships. 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://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/burgerking/ **by December 15.**

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 to 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 https://www.sf.edu/faith/assisi-program-for-discipleship-amp-leadership/. The priority deadline is January 15.

Scholarship Name: INACAC Scholarship
Criteria: Plan to attend a college or university in Indiana
Amount: $500-1000
Deadline: The application is available at https://inacac.org/scholar and is due on December 15.

Scholarship Name: Washington Crossing Foundation (WCF) Scholarship
Criteria: Competition is open to all high school seniors who are U. S. citizens and are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government
Amount: $500-5,000
Deadline: the application is available at https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship and is due by January 15.

Scholarship Name: Franklin College Future Scholar Program
Criteria: Must have a 3.7 GPA and be admitted to Franklin College. One scholarship will be awarded to a BD student.
Amount: $30,000 per year for up to four years.
Deadline: Must first apply and be admitted to Franklin College and visit the school. The application for the Future Scholar Program is due on December 31. For more information, visit www.franklincollege.edu/future-scholar.

***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 also have a 3.0 or higher GPA.
***Amount*:** $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 February 28.

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 have applied to Purdue by November 1 and submit departmental scholarship application by the priority deadline of December 15. For more information, visit https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/purdueaid/.

Scholarship Name: Marian University Diocesan Employee Family Guarantee
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: Up to half-tuition for four years
Deadline: Information is available at https://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid/first-year-scholarships/scholarships/diocesan-employee-family-guarantee.php.

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. A few recommended websites for general scholarship searches are:

Naviance: Scholarships and Money under Colleges tab
www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.commonapp.org
www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx
www.scholarshipamerica.org
www.studentscholarships.org
www.scholarships.com
https://learnmoreindiana.org/cost/
www.finaid.org
www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx
www.mometrix.com/blog/scholarships-for-college/

Please note, you should never pay for a scholarship search nor to apply for a scholarship.

Testing

The testing season for seniors is winding down. Seniors who need to take a standardized test for the first or second time should register now. The ACT is administered at local high schools. The cost for the ACT is $75, with Science Reasoning. Registration is available online at www.actstudent.org. ***Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program and for students who are 21st Century Scholars. See your school counselor for a waiver***

School Code: 151082

Test Date	Registration Deadline
ACT	
February 27	January 22