

Senior Bulletin #3

December 1, 2021

Naviance/Transcripts

Remember, all transcript requests must be made through your Naviance account. You may request your transcript at any time, regardless if you have 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 3.**

Note Regarding Test Scores: If you take the SAT or ACT after your transcript has been submitted to a college or university, be sure to have any new test scores sent directly to the colleges through the testing agencies.

AP Exam Fees

AP Exam fees were due on November 1. 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.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Music Theory, Psychology, US History	\$96 per exam
English Lit, English Lang, Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Statistics	\$10 per exam

If you are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, you need only pay \$10 per exam, regardless of the subject. Please see Miss McGuire if you have any questions regarding the fees.

Financial Aid – FAFSA

Families of seniors attending college next year should plan to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to secure need-based financial aid. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for the FAFSA in Indiana is October 1, 2021 - April 15, 2022. The FAFSA is submitted online and is available at fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2020. To complete a 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 fafsa.ed.gov. It is recommended that FAFSA be completed as early as possible, so students can receive full financial aid consideration and receive award letters in a timely manner. Below is information regarding FAFSA completion support. There are videos and local in-person help sessions.

Videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThiYSOHK_2c&list=PLr_r1oVmJThKvAY6n53JoLELHRbV9OjzR&index=3. This video is provided by Joliet Junior College in Illinois. Please note that FAFSA is a federal form, and that the information provided in this video is relevant to all students; it is not college specific. Other helpful videos are available at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLr_r1oVmJThKvAY6n53JoLELHRbV9OjzR.

Purdue Fort Wayne FAFSA Nights: PFW is hosting several in-person FAFSA completion sessions. These sessions are open to all students and families, regardless of where the student plans to attend college. Families are asked to bring 2020 tax return forms and relevant information with them. To register, visit <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights>. The next help session is December 7.

Financial Aid – CSS Profile

There are several private colleges that 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, plus \$16 per school.

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 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 for which you may be qualified. The scholarships offered by the colleges and universities tend to be generous and renewable for up to 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.

Scholarship Opportunities

The following scholarships are available through the 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: University of St. Francis Talent Scholarship Day

Criteria: USF is hosting a Talent Scholarship Day on Friday, December 10. Students can showcase their talent with portfolios or auditions. Students will meet one-on-one with a USF Creative Arts faculty member, with the possibility of being awarded a scholarship in animation, art education, band, choir, dance, digital media, graphic design, music technology, pre-art therapy or studio art.

Deadline: The event is December 10. To schedule an audition or portfolio review, call 260-399-8064 or email creativearts@sf.edu. For more information or to submit work online, visit art.sf.edu.

Scholarship Name: Indiana State University Gongaware Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to attend Indiana State University to major in business

Amount: Full 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://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware>. The Gongaware deadline is December 15.

Scholarship Name: Indiana State University President's Scholarship

Criteria: Must have a GPA of at least 3.8 or higher AND an SAT score of 1270 (EBRW + Math) OR an ACT composite of 27. Special achievements, leadership potential, and community service are also taken into consideration.

Amount: Full in-state tuition and standard housing for up to four years

Deadline: information is available at <https://www2.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/president.htm>. Students must be admitted to the university by December 1; Interview Day registration is due by December 15.

Scholarship Name: Burger King Scholars

Criteria: Must have a 2.5 GPA

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: Apply online at <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/> by December 15.

Scholarship Name: GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship

Criteria: 3.0 GPA; demonstrate financial need; demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: apply online at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx> by January 6.

Scholarship Name: Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarships

Criteria: Essays are required and are the focal point of the application. Numerous scholarships available.

Amount: Varies

Deadline: apply online at mensafoundation.org/scholarships/ by January 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: Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness -**If you have to borrow money, this is the way to do it!**

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, Grace College, Huntington University, Ivy Tech, Manchester University, University of St. Francis, Indiana Tech, Indian University Fort Wayne, Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University, Trine University, and Purdue University Fort Wayne 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-scholars-program>. Funds are limited, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Students already accepted at one of the partner schools listed above should apply by January 15 for early review. Applications will be accepted through March 15 for the second round of reviews.

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: 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>.

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 high 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 an 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: 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://public.powerdms.com/PHPNI/documents/1717019> and must be postmarked by February 18.

There is one ACT test date yet available to seniors. 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 \$60. 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.** Even if your immediate plans after high school do not include college, it is a good idea to take a standardized test while still in high school. These scores are usually good for up to five years after graduation.

School Code: 151082

Test Date

ACT

Registration Deadline

February 12

January 7

NOTE: If you are a 21st Century Scholar, you must take at least one SAT or ACT. If you have not yet done so, be sure to register for this ACT test administration. Also, see your school counselor for a fee waiver.