

Senior Bulletin #4/5

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First Semester Transcripts

If a college or university has requested your first semester grades or a mid-year report, please complete a paper transcript request form and submit it to the guidance office. Please do not make your request for an updated transcript through Naviance. We will start to send updated transcripts 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, 2021. 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, 2022. **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. Check your prospective schools' websites for school-specific deadlines and 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

Scholarships/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 format, please be sure to meet the deadlines stated below.

Scholarship Name: Questa Scholars - Loan Forgiveness -**This is a great way to borrow money!**

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 a 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. Later applications will be accepted through March 15.

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 (link is below.)

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 4.

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: 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: Varies

Deadline: the application is due on February 18 and is available online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=cfgfwscholarships>. Click Create an Account in the upper right corner.

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 25.

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/fwa-aviation-scholarship> and must be postmarked or submitted via email by February 28.

Scholarship Name: E.H. Kilbourne Scholarship

Criteria: 3.615 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, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. . Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/kilbourne and must be received by March 10. 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 March 10. As soon as possible, , but no later than March 1, 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: 3.615 GPA; strong moral character, extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need

Amount: Varies by demonstrated financial need, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/moss and must be submitted by March 10. 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 March 10. As soon as possible, but no later than March 1, 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: 3.615 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, so you must have submitted your FAFSA to apply. Multiple scholarships will be awarded to BD students.

Deadline: The application portal is available at www.csascholars.org/kimmel and must be submitted by March 10. 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 March 10. As soon as possible, but no later than March 1, 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: 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 each 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 all 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/AP), 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 and Financial Aid 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.unigo.com

<http://student.naviance.com/dwenger> - Scholarship search through Naviance

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.

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