

November/December Senior Bulletin

November 30, 2022

Naviance/Transcripts

Remember, all transcript requests 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 2.**

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>
Psychology and US History	\$97 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 aid. Need-based financial aid includes loans, grants, and work-based study. The filing window for the FAFSA in Indiana is October 1, 2022 - April 15, 2023. The FAFSA is submitted online and is available at fafsa.gov. FAFSA requires parent and student tax information from 2021. 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 ID's you are ready to complete FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. It is recommended that FAFSA be completed as early as possible, so students can receive full financial aid consideration and receive award letters from colleges in a timely manner. Below is information regarding FAFSA completion support.

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 2021 tax return forms and relevant information with them. For a list of dates and to register, visit <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights>.

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 3. 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 3. To schedule an audition or portfolio review, call 260-399-8064 or email creativearts@sf.edu. If you are unable to attend the event this weekend, contact Molly McGowan to schedule a one-on-one portfolio review during the week. Her email address is mmcgowan@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; scholarship application 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 5.

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, 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, which is primarily for students attending other Indiana colleges.

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 currently have one of the following: 3.5 GPA **OR** 26 ACT **OR** 1130 SAT.

Amount: up to \$7,500, 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 January 31, 2023.

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 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: Up to half-tuition for four years

Deadline: Information is available at <http://www.marian.edu/Admissions/financial-aid/grants/diocesan-employee-family-grant>.

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 17.

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 \$63. 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 11

January 6

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.