

## September Senior Bulletin

September 22, 2025

### COLLEGE GO WEEK 2025

September 22-26 is College Go Week in Indiana. During this week, some colleges are waiving their application fees. These schools require that you use their **in-house, directly-to-the-institution application**, not the Common App to have the fee waived.

**Indiana University Fort Wayne:** Applications are free with the code FWCOLLGO. If you add other IU campuses to the Apply IU application, including Bloomington, the fees will be waived for all schools.

**Indiana University Indianapolis:** Applications are free with the code INCOLLGO. If you add other IU campuses to the Apply IU application, including Bloomington, the fees will be waived for all schools.

**Purdue University Fort Wayne:** Applications are free with the code CollegeGo2025. Also, Collegiate Connection students, those taking SPAN 203/204, ENG 131, COM 114, PHIL 110 and/or CS 112, may have their fee waived at any time; you must indicate on the PFW application or Common App that you are a CC student.

**University of Southern Indiana:** Applications are free during College Application Week, no code needed.

### COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, October 15 is PSAT day at Bishop Dwenger, and seniors do not have school on this day. Please use the time to work on college applications, take a college visit, schedule a job shadowing day, or to finish your service hours. (Service hours are due on November 20.) The priority application deadline for many colleges is November 1. PSAT is a day off from school and is a good time to plan and prepare for your future.

### TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

This is a reminder that when you are applying to a school using the Common Application, you must be sure to MATCH your Common App account with your Naviance account AND complete the Recommenders and FERPA section on the Common App. If you do not take these steps, **WE CANNOT SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT TO ANY SCHOOLS**. If you need assistance with the use of Naviance or the Common App, please see your counselor. Be sure to bring your laptop with you.

### SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET

If you have not yet completed your Senior Information Sheet, please do so as soon as possible. The Senior Information Sheet can be found in Canvas modules in Clas of 2026 BDHS Seniors. The original due date was September 2.

### TESTING

The SAT and ACT are administered at various local high schools on Saturday mornings. The cost for the SAT is \$68; the ACT costs \$72 (with Science Reasoning). Registration is available online at SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). ***Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify for free- or reduced-lunches and for students who are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars. See your guidance counselor for a waiver.***

**School Code: 151082**

#### **Test Date**

#### **SAT**

October 4  
November 8  
December 6

#### **Registration Deadline**

September 23 (additional late registration fee)  
October 24  
November 21

#### **ACT**

October 18  
December 13

September 30 (additional late registration fee)  
November 7

### **Notes Regarding Testing**

1. If you are pursuing the **Academic Honors Diploma** and you are **not** taking two AP/college classes, you must earn at least 1250 SAT (minimum score of 590 on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 560 on Math) or a 26 ACT composite
2. **Be sure to have your test scores sent all schools you are applying to.** Even if you have your scores sent to a school, you can still apply test optional. If you indicate you are applying test optional on the application, the college will not consider your scores in the admission process.

## **TEST-OPTIONAL ADMISSIONS**

Many colleges have implemented a Test-Optional policy for admission. Test-Optional means you decide if your test scores will be used in the admission process for that school. For test-optional schools, we recommend that you read each school's explanation of the policy on their admissions webpage. Pay special attention to the statistics posted regarding the average SAT and ACT scores of admitted freshman students. Look for the freshman class profile on their website. This will help you know how your test scores compare to those of admitted students. You must decide if your test scores strengthen or weaken your application. If you indicate that you do not want your test scores used in the review process, the academic focus on your application will be on the level of rigor of the courses you have taken, how you have performed in courses related to your intended major, grade trends (consistency, improvement), and your overall GPA. If you need help deciding whether to use your test scores or not, please talk to your school counselor. **\*\*Please note, applying test-optional may impact scholarship consideration and direct-admit to certain programs at some schools. Be sure to read all information each school provides regarding test-optional policies, procedures, and restrictions.**

## **COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES**

As you have probably encountered, colleges and universities use a variety of processes to admit students. Below are a few of the terms used regarding application types and timeframes. If you have questions regarding the best time to apply to a specific school, please consult your counselor.

**Rolling Decision (ROLL):** Applications are processed as they are received. Notification of a decision will be within a couple of weeks to months, depending on the time of year. Schools that use this application process typically have a pre-determined set of academic standards students must meet.

**Early Decision (ED):** This is a legally binding application period and is the earliest possible application period. Students may apply to only **one** school ED and should apply only if they are absolutely committed to attending that school if admitted. Some selective schools may further restrict students from applying to any other school during their Early Application period. Be sure to read and understand each school's policy. An ED form must be signed by the student, a parent, and the counselor and submitted at the time of application.

**Early Action (EA)/Priority:** This is the earliest non-binding application period. The deadline for EA is usually in November, and notification of a decision is usually in December. Schools that use this application employ a holistic approach and determine the standards for admission based on the quality of the applicant pool as a whole.

**Restrictive Early Action (REA):** Students applying Restrictive Early Action to a school *may not* apply to any other college or university during their *binding Early Decision* process. Some selective schools may further restrict students from applying to any other school during their Early Application period. Be sure to read and understand each school's policy. Notre Dame utilizes Restrictive Early Action.

**Regular Decision (RD):** This is the later, non-binding application period. The deadline for RD is usually December 31 or later, and notification is in March or April. Schools that use this application employ a holistic approach and determine the standards for admission based on the quality of the applicant pool as a whole.

## **DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE CLASSES FOR SENIORS**

**Indiana Tech** offers an Early Start program for high school students to take courses for \$225 per course, plus the cost of books. A variety of general education courses are available online and in traditional classroom settings. You can complete your application now at [www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart](http://www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart). Be sure to use a personal email address that you check frequently. **Please try to have your application submitted by October 15. Let your counselor know once you have submitted your application.**

Students may also take dual-credit courses through **Ivy Tech**. Ivy Tech courses cost approximately \$600, plus the cost of books and tech fees. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/fortwayne/> for more information and to apply. If you have taken CINS 101 and or BUSN 101 here at BD, you do not need to complete the Ivy Tech application, because you are already enrolled. **A representative from Ivy Tech will be here on October 6 during all three lunches to register students for classes.** Please stop by the guidance office on this day to select your class.

**Trine University** also offers dual credit courses. These online classes cost \$150 and are offered in a variety of subjects. For more information and to access the application, visit <https://www.trine.edu/admission-aid/dual-enrollment/index.aspx>.

## **COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT/ATHLETES**

Students planning to play NCAA Division I or II athletics need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after the completion of the junior year. **Register online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.** The cost of registering is \$110. Fee waivers are available for students who used a fee waiver to take the SAT or ACT, and you may request one when registering. Please let Miss McGuire know when you have submitted a request for a fee waiver. Carefully read the rules and regulations the NCAA has established regarding prospective college athletes and the eligibility standards.

Students who plan to participate in athletics at the NAIA level must register with the NAIA at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org). The fee to register is \$110. Once you have registered, please let Miss McGuire know to upload your transcript. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches may receive a fee waiver to register.

## **CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The **University of Cincinnati** has established a Metropolitan Tuition Rate for Indiana residents, which will allow students living in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Steuben, Noble, or Wells counties to attend at Ohio-resident tuition rates, plus a \$25 per credit hour surcharge. This is an annual savings of approximately \$14,000. After being accepted to U of C, students must submit the required documentation to receive in-state tuition. SAT/ACT test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to U of C. Some programs of study are excluded. For more information, visit <https://admissions.uc.edu/tuition-aid/kyin.html>.

The **Midwest Student Exchange Program** is a tuition reduction program that makes attending our-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. States with participating schools include Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Visit <http://msep.mhec.org> for a list of participating institutions.

**Scholarship Name:** Indiana University Merit Scholarships – these scholarships are awarded to high-achieving students who apply for admission to Indiana University by the priority deadline of **November 1, 2025**. All required application documents and forms must be submitted by this deadline. You can self-report your test scores at the time of application, but you will need to have your official scores sent directly to IU from the testing agencies later. Students who meet initial eligibility criteria will be invited to complete the online Selective Scholarship Application (SSA). Notification of a student's eligibility to apply for Selective Scholarships will be offered via email and in the admission packet. \*If you apply test-optional to IU, you may change to test-included if you later earn test scores you would like to report.

**Scholarship Name:** Purdue University Merit Scholarships - All students who complete the Purdue admission application by **November 1, 2025**, and who are admitted, will be considered for scholarships. These awards are limited in number, and the award process is competitive. All information associated with the admission application is reviewed for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are awarded by academic department. The following factors are considered in the awarding of scholarships: Grades in **core academic coursework** and strength of the high school curriculum; grades in coursework that are critical to success in intended major; SAT or ACT scores; evidence of commitment to the academic program to which the student has applied; application essay; evidence of leadership, service, and other accomplishments, activities, and awards; personal background and experiences; and letters of recommendation (optional).

**Scholarship Name:** Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship

**Criteria:** Plan to pursue a post-secondary education

**Amount:** \$4,000 – 60,000 over four years

**Deadline:** application is available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm> and is due **November 12**.

**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 at USF

**Deadline:** application and more information is available at [go.sf.edu/assisiprogram](http://go.sf.edu/assisiprogram). **The priority deadline is January 4. You must also apply for admission to USF first.**

## **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, and academic. Scholarship information should be available on the Financial Aid portion 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.

**Internet Searches:** The Internet is an endless source for scholarship information. It is advised to have more than one account with online searchers. A rule of thumb when searching for scholarships is to never pay to apply for a scholarship, nor pay for a scholarship search. A few reputable websites are: <https://student.naviance.com>, [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com), and [www.indianacollegecosts.org](http://www.indianacollegecosts.org).

### **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO BDHS**

The following representatives will be at BD during specific class times in the near future. If you are interested in meeting with a representative, get a pass from Mrs. Stefanek in the guidance office. **All passes must be signed by the teacher of the class you will miss and returned to the guidance office at least one day prior to the visitation day.** Mrs. Stefanek will then issue a Smartpass for you to report to the guidance office on the day of the visit.

<b><u>COLLEGE NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME/PERIOD</u></b>
BALL STATE	TBD	TBD
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERISTY	Thursday, October 23rd	2nd/ 8:45
BUTLER UNIVERSITY	Thursday, October 9th	3rd/ 9:45
DEFIANCE COLLEGE	Monday, October 6th	2nd/ 8:45
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	Friday, October 3rd	6th/ 1:00
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE	Monday, September 29th	5th/ 12:15
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON	Wednesday, October 1st	2nd/9:45 (delay)
INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDY (IUI)	Friday, October 17th	5th/ 12:15
INDIANA TECH	Tuesday, October 21st	6th/ 1:15
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY	Friday, October 10th	5th/ 12:15
MARIAN UNIVERSITY	Friday, September 26th	3rd/ 9:45
NOTRE DAME NIGHT	Tuesday, September 30th	7:00 pm in the Library
PFW	Friday, October 3rd	2nd/ 8:45
PURDUE WEST LAYFAYETTE	Wednesday, September 24th	1st/ 9:00 (delay)
TRINE UNIVERISTY	Thursday, October 2nd	5th/ 12:15
UNIVERISTY OF CINCINNATI	Monday, September 22nd	2nd/8:45
UNIVERISTY OF SAINT FRANCIS	Monday, October 13th	3rd/9:45
WABASH COLLEGE	Tuesday, October 28th	3rd/ 9:20 (mass)
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	Wednesday, October 15th	6th/ 1:33 (delay)

### **COLLEGE EVENTS**

**Ivy Tech** is hosting a Skilled Trades Career Exploration Day on Friday, October 3 from 9:00-2:00. The event will take place at Technology Center | 3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. For more information and to register to attend, visit <https://ivytech-csm.symplicity.com/events/skilledtrades25/overview>.

The **University of Dayton** is hosting preview days on campus on October 5, October 19, and November 2. For more information, visit [go.udayton.edu/previewday](http://go.udayton.edu/previewday).

**PFW** is hosting a fall campus visit day on Sunday, October 5 from 11:00-3:30. For more information and to register to attend, visit <https://apply.pfw.edu/register/?id=1c11cbcd-108f-42c7-9112-11cf14854ec5>.