

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## FAFSA & Paying for College

This is a critical time to have discussions with your senior about how college expenses will be paid. Many schools are issuing financial aid estimates now to help families prepare for what their bill may be. There can be sticker shock! We are beginning to see more questions and concerns come out about college expenses and families may not be prepared. Begin having serious conversations about realistic goals based on your financial situation. There are options out there for everyone, but it is common that students cannot afford to attend their preferred college at least without taking on debt.

One thing that is critical in helping colleges determine financial aid estimates is the FAFSA. Once a FAFSA has been received, an EFC, or Expected Family Contribution, is calculated. This number states what the federal government expects your family to contribute towards your college education. Even if you may not qualify for great amounts of scholarships or

grants, this application is the only means of qualifying for student loans, work-study assistance, and many university awards. If a student is a 21st Century Scholar, they must complete a FAFSA to qualify for their scholarship. A FAFSA is also required for the Next Level Jobs program. Parents and students will use their **2019** taxes to fill out the FAFSA. This application is available now at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

If you feel like you need more help in understanding the financial aid process, do not worry. Feel free to call us with any questions.

Do not let potential aid pass you by. Unless a family has the full cost of attendance ready to pay for their child's education, completing this application is strongly recommended.

## Scholarship Application Tips

No one is perfect, but some scholarship application mistakes can be avoided.

**1. Consider creating a more professional email address.** Many students create an email address when they are younger and keep it for long periods of time. This is not necessarily a problem, but scholarship application reviewers are assessing every applicant from each piece of information on a scholarship application. An email address like "gothgirl02" is not ideal and could leave an unprofessional impression on application reviewers. If you don't want to create another email, use your Western Boone address.

**2. Plan out scholarship essays before writing them on an application.** Sometimes questions are asked to gain insight into the applicant that is not directly stated in the question. You want to make sure your answer is thorough.

**3. Make sure your essays are understandable.** It is tempting to use a thesaurus, but if a word is not a part of your regular speech, it is more likely the word will be used improperly. Do not make this common mistake.

**4. Submit materials on time.** Many scholarships post their deadlines as "received by" dates, which means they must be sent before the date posted in order to arrive on time. This is a common challenge I see every year. Make sure you submit scholarships before the posted date to ensure your application is reviewed.

**5. Use proper grammar.**

**6. Leave out personal details that are not descriptive of your personal character.** Personal details can be helpful for the scholarship committee to learn more about you; however, too much information could eliminate you from consideration.

**7. Make sure the introduction and conclusion are compelling.** Be passionate about what you are writing.

**8. If it can be typed, do so.** Handwriting can be hard to read. If you must handwrite it, use a black or blue pen!

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### Upcoming Events:

- 12/15/2020—FAFSA Deadline for Purdue,
- 1/15/2021—Purdue Decision Release Day
- 3/10/2021—IUPUI FAFSA Priority Deadline
- 3/24/2020—Academic Excellence Ceremony @ 6:30pm
- 3/29-4/2/2021—Spring Break
- 4/15/2021—FAFSA Deadline for IUB & IUK

REMEMBER, all materials must be received by this date including high school transcript and test scores (if required) FROM THE TEST PROVIDER!

### Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

**Please do not hesitate to contact your counselor with questions. We are happy to help!**

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# Scholarships

## Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship

December 5, 2020

Open to students ages 5-25 who have demonstrated an on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the USA within the last 12 months. Scholarship is valued at \$5,000. Applications are available at <http://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>

## ★ Make the U Scholarship

December 6, 2020

Open to students of Hispanic descent who have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applicants should have dedicated themselves to the community, showcased leadership, and performed well academically. Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000. Applications are available at <https://www.colgatepalmyra.edu/en-us/core-values/community-responsibility/make-the-u>

## Science Ambassador Scholarship

December 14, 2020

Open to senior females who will pursue a degree in a STEM field. Scholarship covers full tuition at a cost of up to \$40,000. Apply at <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/>

## Burger King Scholarship

December 15, 2020

Open to graduating seniors who are residents of the US, have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. Selection is based on GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service. Scholarship amounts vary. Visit <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/> for more information.

## INDOT Engineering Scholarship

December 31, 2020

Open to seniors who will attend a civil engineering program at an Indiana school. The scholarship is valued at \$3,125 per semester, paid internships during the summers, and guaranteed employment upon graduation. To learn more and apply, visit [www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov](http://www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov)

## ★ Knight Essay Scholarship

December 31, 2020

Open to students in grades 9-12. Applicants must submit an application and 800-1200 word essay on the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the US Constitution. Scholarship amounts are \$5,000, \$2500, and \$1000 based upon top 3 submissions. The application and more information is available at <https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>

## GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

January 5, 2021

Open to students seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and will attend a 4 year college or university to earn a baccalaureate degree. Applicants must display leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Applications are available at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/> Scholarships are valued at \$10,000.

## ★ FFA Scholarships

January 14, 2021

Open to graduating seniors who plan on studying an ag-related field. Applicants must have two farmers endorse their application. FFA membership is not required. Applications can be found at [ffa.org/scholarships](http://ffa.org/scholarships) Scholarships values are varied.

## ★ America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship

January 14, 2021

Open to graduating seniors who plan on studying an ag-related field. Applicants must have two farmers endorse their application. FFA membership is not required. Applications can be found at <https://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-ag-leaders/> Scholarships are valued at \$1,500

## John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

January 15, 2021

Open to students in grades 9-12 who write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917. Visit <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx> for more information.

## ★ Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

January 15, 2021

Open to graduating seniors who plan on a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. Scholarships are valued between \$500-5,000. Applications can be found at <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

## ★ Knights of Pythias Educational Assistance Scholarships

January 25, 2021

Open to graduating seniors who have a 3.0 GPA. The application must include a transcript with SAT/ACT scores. Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each. No part of this application can be handwritten! The application is available online at <http://knightsofpythiasofnewcastle.com/forms.html> These cannot be completed online, but can be copy and pasted into a Word document for editing. Applications must include a short typed essay about goals after college and an additional essay regarding the need for financial help.

## ★ Indiana and Boone County 4H Scholarships

January 25, 2021

Open to high school sophomores and up who participate in 4H. Scholarships amount vary. Application is available at <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/boone/article/7328>

## ★ International Union of Operating Engineers Local #841 Apprenticeship Program

January 29, 2021

Open to students who will be 18 by June 1, 2021, have a diploma, and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants will take aptitude assessments. All applications must be picked up in person at an IUOE office. Those closest one to WEBO is at 2034 W. 1800 South, Clinton, IN 47842. There is a location on E. 21st St. in Indianapolis that allows for application pickup M-F. Call them at 317-353-1308 if interested for more information about an apprenticeship with that local union #103.

## ★ Indiana Next Generation Education Scholarship

January 31, 2021

Open to seniors who are in the top 20% of their graduating class or have SAT or ACT scores in the top 20%. Students must earn a teaching license and teach at least 5 years in Indiana after immediately after graduating. Scholarship is valued at \$7,500 per year for four years. Application information can be found at <http://in.gov/che/4680.htm>

# Scholarships

## Community Foundation of Boone County Scholarships (will open December 7th)

February 8, 2021

Open to Boone County students. Multiple scholarships are available! Scholarships have various requirements so each Western Boone student should visit the site to see which scholarships are available to them based on their college and career interest and academic background. Western Boone students typically win almost half of all scholarship money available, so check it out! Application information is available at <http://www.communityfoundationbc.org/scholarships/cfbc-scholarships/western-boone-high-school/>

**Bobby Hysong Memorial—Agriculture-related majors with a 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Boone County Agriculture—Agriculture-related major with a 2.5 minimum high school GPA**

**Buren Scholarship Endowment—Male student with 2.5 minimum high school GPA and financial need**

**Carl H. Witt Scholarship Endowment—Agriculture or business-related major with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Charlotte Carr Tyre Scholarship—Agriculture degree from Purdue and a 3.0 minimum high school GPA and 4-H member**

**Darrell Portell 4-H Scholarship—Boone County resident/available through 4H scholarship application**

**Eugene O. & Mabel Higgins Scholarship—Boone County resident, Indiana college or university, 2.5GPA or higher**

**Family Music Studio Scholarship—Boone County resident, preferably a FMS student**

**Florence Gruver Memorial Scholarship—Education major attending a 4 year college with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Harold and Evelyn Rice Scholarship—Ministry/Christian Service major**

**Heather Cline Healthcare Scholarship—Nursing or Healthcare, preference will be given to nursing majors with minimum 3.0 GPA**

**Heather Cline Football Scholarship—High School football player with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**James Holman Carr & Pauline Neel Carr Scholarship—resident & graduate of Boone County High School, attend Purdue, 3.0 GPA**

**Jay Martin Vocational/Trade School Scholarship—Any vocational school with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Joseph K. and Charlotte Carr Tyre—Boone County resident attending Wabash with a 3.0 GPA**

**Marjorie Stonehill English, Journalism, and Creative Arts Scholarship—English, Journalism, Creative Arts major with 3.0 minimum high school GPA and be in top 30% of the class**

**Norma and Ed Castetter Memorial Scholarship—Minimum 2.5 GPA, the principal will nominate one applicant from their school**

**Pliny and Mildred Randall Memorial Scholarship—2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Robert Stonehill Pre Medical Scholarship—PreMedical major with a 3.5 minimum freshman college GPA**

**Zionsville Fire Department/Larry K. Rust Memorial Scholarship—Boone County resident majoring in public safety or engineering**

## National Charity League (NCL) Scholarship

February 21, 2021

Open to female graduating seniors who has shown consistent involvement in community service and leadership. More information and application is available beginning December 1st at <https://www.nationalcharityleague.org/chapter/crossroads/>

## Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 26, 2021

Open to graduating seniors who have been accepted and intend to enroll at Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the "General Scholarship Application" available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section or pick up a copy in the guidance office. Scholarship is approximately \$1,000 but varies each year. Attach a statement describing your future goals.

## Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

February 26, 2021

Open to seniors who plan on studying law enforcement after graduation. Applications are available in the guidance office or students can use the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website. Attach a statement including any current involvement in law enforcement related activities and what your goals are for a future in law enforcement. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

## College Board Opportunity Scholarship Program

February 28, 2021

Open to seniors who complete various tasks throughout the year like practicing for the SAT and completing the FAFSA. Steps are completed through the student's College Board Account. Scholarship amounts vary. [cb.org/opportunity](http://cb.org/opportunity)

## Tri Kappa Scholarships

March 1, 2021

Open to seniors who have at least a "C" average and have been accepted into a 2 or 4-year program. Scholarship amounts vary. Applications are available in the guidance office and online through the Western Boone guidance website under the "How can I pay for college" section. Applications require 2 recommendation letters, goal statement, and an autobiography.

# Scholarships

## Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

**March 30, 2021**

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Some career options could be, but not limited to, metal working, culinary arts, auto/diesel repair and collision, HVAC technology, cosmetology, computer graphics, LPN nursing, medical/dental assistant, medical technology, fire science, paramedic, law enforcement, and office administration. Applicants must earn a degree or certificate in two years or less. Ivy Tech and Vincennes University are considered acceptable in this group in addition to other vocational or trade programs. Students must complete the application and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states their program of study, future goals, and why they are deserving of this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each. The application is available on the school website under the guidance section. Then click on "How can I pay for college". The application is also available in the guidance office.



## Knights of Pythias Visual Arts Contest

**March 30, 2021**

Open to students in high school. Applicants must create an original piece of artwork that meets the listed parameters on the topic of "Go Green, Help Save the Earth". Scholarship amounts vary. A brochure listing the requirements can be found in the guidance office. All pieces of artwork must be received by the local chairperson by the date above so complete the project earlier than this date.



## PB & J Scholarship

**May 31, 2021**

Open to seniors planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college. Applicants must have overcome a challenge while in high school such as a medical issue, peer issues, or family challenges. GPA is not a requirement for this scholarship. Scholarship amounts range between \$500-\$1,000. Visit [bit.ly/pbjscholarship2021](http://bit.ly/pbjscholarship2021) to apply.

## InvestEd Giveaway Scholarship

**June 15, 2021**

Open to students who will attend college within two years after graduating from high school in May 2018. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000. To apply, visit <https://www.investedindiana.org/literacy/1000-invested-scholarship-giveaway/>

**Review scholarships through popular national search engines!**

<b>FastWeb</b>	<b>www.fastweb.com</b>
<b>Scholarships.Com</b>	<b>www.scholarships.com</b>
<b>College Board Scholarship Search</b>	<b><a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search</a></b>
<b>U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search</b>	<b><a href="http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/">http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/</a></b>
<b>Scholarship America</b>	<b><a href="http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php">http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php</a></b>

**We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.**