

FAFSA and FSA ID

The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one. Please visit <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create an ID. FAFSA will open **December 1, 2023**.

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024–25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

The launch date will apply only for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

The changes to the FAFSA form for the 2024–25 aid year include

- expanded eligibility for federal student aid and
- a more streamlined application process.

During the 2023 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed [Senate Enrolled Act \(SEA\) 167-2023](#) which requires high school seniors to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or affirmatively opt out of filing by April 15. Completing the FAFSA is an important step in a postsecondary education. Students pursuing short-term certificate training, associate/bachelor's degrees and even some apprenticeships may receive financial aid by completing the FAFSA.

Students/Parents who do not wish to file the FAFSA may opt out by submitting a FAFSA Waiver Form certifying the student understands what the FAFSA is and declines to complete it. The waiver may be found at <https://www.in.gov/che/state-financial-aid/state-financial-aid-by-program/>. and can be submitted to Mr. Wilson by April 15.

Indiana Graduation Pathways

If you have not yet submitted your Graduation Pathways Employability Skills documentation (and there are several of you who have not) please submit this to Mrs. Davison or Mr. Wilson as soon as possible. The form can be found here:

https://caschools.us/assets/uploads/sites/711/2020/08/Graduation_Pathways_Requirements.pdf

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board has a scholarship program that awards scholarship opportunities to students planning to attend college in the fall of 2024. The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program helps guide students through the college planning process with a chance to earn scholarships for each step they complete. Please sign up for the program and complete the first scholarship by adding at least six schools to your college list on BigFuture™.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships/official-rules-class-2024#>

Boston University Trustee Scholarship

Every year, Boston University welcomes approximately 20 outstanding students to the Trustee Scholars Program. Trustee Scholars rank at the top of their classes and demonstrate exceptional leadership in their schools and communities. The Trustee Scholarship covers full undergraduate tuition plus orientation and mandatory undergraduate student fees for four years. To be considered, applications for

admission must be submitted with one Trustee Scholarship Essay by **December 1, 2023**. Visit [Trustee Scholarship](#) for more information.

Anderson University Scholarships

Anderson University is offering a \$4,000 scholarship for visiting their campus! Any student who schedules an official on-campus visit with an admissions counselor and then enrolls as a full-time student will receive \$1000 per year in scholarships. If you have questions, please email info@anderson.edu.

The School of Theology and Christian Ministries scholarship is a \$20,000 award available to students who major in Christian Ministries, Youth Ministries, or Worship Arts. Your application for admission in these areas will automatically give you consideration for this scholarship.

A full list of scholarship opportunities and a merit scholarship calculator are available at <https://anderson.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/> Students must apply by **December 1, 2023** for priority scholarship consideration.

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

The Jackie Robinson Foundations offers grants of up to \$35,000 over 4 years to college bound, minority students. In additions, recipients receive extensive support services, including career guidance and internship placement, and attend JRF's annual multi-day "Mentoring and Leadership Conference" in New York City and other regional events throughout the year. JRF Staff will be hosting a Q&A session on **Tuesday, November 28** from 7:00 -8:00 pm to answer any questions you have about the application process at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84198906040?utm_campaign=network&utm_medium=email&utm_source=programs&utm_term=FY24#success . Applications are due **January 10, 2024**.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is accepting applications for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, which provides up to \$40,000 of financial aid to aspiring teachers. To qualify, students must rank in the top 20% of their high school class or have a top 20th percentile score on ACT or SAT or have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applications are due by **January 31, 2024** and are available at <https://scholartrack.che.in.gov/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f#/>

Encourage App

The Encourage app combines goal setting and milestone tracking with resources for exploration, career planning and paying for college. The app provides support, tools and advice to help students define their goals, outline their journey, set milestones and help prepare for success. Learn more at encourageme.com

Learn More Indiana

Learn More Indiana offers opportunities for students to look into all colleges and universities in the state of Indiana. See a complete list of all Indiana 2 and 4 year colleges, including a map, or narrow your search to fit size requirements, location or major. www.learnmoreindiana.org/preadmit

CLEP Exams

CLEP Exams are a great way to earn college credit at a fraction of the cost of a college course. You can earn credit for up to 8 college courses by taking free online courses at <https://modernstates.org/>

To learn more about CLEP exams, visit

https://clep.collegeboard.org/?SFMC_cid=EM203001-&rid=47087716

Test Preparation for College Admission Tests

ACT Academy is a free personalized online learning tool and test practice program. It allows learners to develop a study plan based on previous test scores or platform diagnostics. To use this test prep tool, visit www.act.org/academy

Get personalized practice recommendations for the skills you'll need for the SAT, plus eight official practice exams from College Board. Visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

College admissions testing

College entrance exams provide feedback on academic strengths and college preparedness to Colleges and Universities around the country. Results of one or both tests may be required for admission to most institutions of higher learning. Students are encouraged to take entrance exams at least twice. The following are scheduled national dates of testing for each as well as registration deadlines:

SAT - www.collegeboard.org

Test date December 2, 2023

Register by November 2, 2023

Test date March 9, 2024

Register by February 23, 2024

Test date May 4, 2024

Register by April 19, 2024

Test date June 1, 2024

Register by May 16, 2024

ACT – www.actstudent.org

Test date December 9, 2023

Register by November 3, 2023

Test date February 10, 2024

Register by January 5, 2024

Test date April 13, 2024

Register by March 8, 2024

Test date June 8, 2024

Register by May 3, 2024

Test date July 13, 2024

Register by June 7, 2024