



**7th and 8th Grade Parents:
Your children may be eligible for a college scholarship**

Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. In middle and high school, Scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them **plan, prepare, and pay** for college. Once in college, Scholars receive support to complete their college degrees and connect to career opportunities. 7th and 8th grade Indiana students whose families meet income eligibility guidelines can apply to become a 21st Century Scholar. **Applications must be received by June 30 of the student’s 8th grade year.**

In return for keeping the Scholars Pledge and meeting the expectations of the Scholar Success Program throughout high school and college, the Commission for Higher Education commits to providing Scholars with up to four years of undergraduate tuition assistance at an eligible Indiana college or university, dependent on financial need.

As a Scholar, you pledge to:

- ✓ Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school to help you plan, prepare and pay for college.
- ✓ Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ Not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.
- ✓ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until you graduate from college.
- ✓ Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by my college.
- ✓ Complete 30 credit hours each year you are in college to stay on track toward earning your degree on time.

Apply online at Scholars.IN.gov and provide:

- Student’s Social Security Number, date of birth, and address.
- Parent or guardian’s Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, if applicable.
- 2014 gross income amounts for **all members** of the household. If applying after December 31, 2015, use 2015 gross income.
- A valid email address (free email accounts are available at Yahoo.com, Gmail.com, Hotmail.com, and Live.com).

**21st Century Scholars Program
Income Guidelines (2015-2016)**

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$29,471
3	\$37,167
4	\$44,863
5	\$52,559
6	\$60,255
For each additional person in the household at \$7,696	

Questions?

Call us at 1-888-528-4719 or send an email to Scholars@che.in.gov.

