

College Application & Scholarship Guide for Indiana

There are a lot of steps to complete when getting ready to go to college, and it can often feel quite overwhelming when it is your first time doing it. This document contains helpful information to answer some of these questions you might have as you are getting ready to begin the process of applying to college! In this document you can find:

- Application deadlines for Indiana universities
- 21st Century Scholars FAQ and helpful information
- FAFSA deadlines and information
- College application checklist

Application Deadlines for Indiana Schools

- **Regular Decision Application:** In general, regular decision deadlines land around January 1st-15th. Students who apply regular decision will generally hear back from schools around March or April.
 - To know the exact deadline of particular schools, you will have to look them up individually as some may vary.
- **Early Action Applications:** In general, early action deadlines lands around Nov. 1st – 15th. Students who apply early action will generally hear back from the school by December.
- **Indiana University:**
 - **Regular Decision Deadline:** February 1st
- **Notre Dame:**
 - **Regular Decision Deadline:** Jan. 1st
- **Ivy Tech:**
 - Complete the online application and students should hear back within 7-10 days
 - **General Admission Online Application:**
[https://apply.ivytech.edu/general_admission/personal_info/?](https://apply.ivytech.edu/general_admission/personal_info/)
- **Ball State:**
 - **Dec. 1:** Priority application date for spring enrollment
 - **March 1:** Priority application date for fall enrollment
 - **April 1:** Priority application date for summer enrollment
 - **Early April:** Confirmed students receive invitations to attend Orientation
- **Purdue University:**
 - **January 15:** Regular Decision application deadline
 - **March 31st:** Regular decision applicants are notified of acceptance

- **IUPUI:**
 - **Early Action Deadline:** November 1st
 - **Regular Decision Deadline:** May 1st
- **Marian University:**
 - **Spring Term Deadline:** December 30, 2020
 - **Fall Term Deadline:** August 1, 2021
- **Butler University:**
 - **Early Action:** November 1
 - **Regular Decision:** February 1

21st Century Scholars FAQ and Helpful Information

- **What do students have to do in high school to ensure their college scholarship?**
 - Graduate with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma from a state-accredited Indiana high school.
 - Complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and in college that helps me stay on track for college and career success.
 - Achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
 - Not use illegal drugs or alcohol or commit a crime or delinquent act.
 - I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college my senior year and apply on time for student financial aid. As a college student I will complete at least 30 credit hours each year to stay on track toward earning my degree on time. I aim to succeed.
- **Can I receive a fee waiver for the SAT/ACT?**
 - Both the ACT and SAT cost about \$50 at the time of registration, but as a 21st Century Scholar, you may qualify for a fee waiver to cover the cost. Before you register, talk to your school counselor about requesting a fee waiver. *Note: Fee waivers will not reimburse you, so request a fee waiver from your counselor prior to registering*
- **What if the college listed as the first choice on my FAFSA is not the school I decide to attend?**
 - Your scholarship eligibility will be sent to any college/university in the state of Indiana that you have listed on the FAFSA. If you choose to attend a college/university that is not listed in your FAFSA, you will need to go back into your FAFSA and update your school choices so that it is represented. This can be done at any time.
- **Must I enroll at college immediately after graduating high school?**
 - No. You have up to one year after high school graduation to use your scholarship. Remember that you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the April 15 deadline of your senior year of high school, even if you plan to take a year off.

- **What colleges can I use the Scholarship at?**
 - The 21st Century Scholarship can be used at eligible public, private and most proprietary two- and four-year institutions. A full list of eligible colleges can be found at: scholars.IN.gov/eligible-colleges.

- **What is ScholarTrack and should I be using it?**
 - Yes! ScholarTrack is Indiana's one-stop-shop for all state financial aid information. Through ScholarTrack you can:
 - Apply for state financial aid, such as the 21st Century Scholarship and the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
 - Complete your Scholar Success Program activities (both high school and college)
 - Check the status of your FAFSA, college credit completion, and more
 - See what financial aid you are being offered from the state
 - Submit and view appeals
 - Access additional college and career success resources.
 - <https://scholartrack.che.in.gov/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f#/>

- **FAFSA**
 - Students MUST complete and submit their FAFSA by April 15 for each year they plan to receive the scholarship.

- **Are you assisting your Little step-by-step through the college application process?**
 - Check out this link here for super helpful step-by-step process on how to successfully apply to colleges: <https://learnmoreindiana.org/college/applying-to-schools/>

FAFSA Information

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

Before Applying gather the following important documents:

1. Social Security Numbers for students and parents, or alien registration numbers for non-U.S. Citizens
2. Driver's license or other eligible government ID
3. Tax returns for students and/or parents
4. Asset records such as bank statements and investments
5. Records of untaxed income, such as child support
6. Federal school codes for the schools you will apply to. Available at ed.gov

Apply for your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID on the FAFSA website. You will need this to log in. Your parent/guardian will need a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID as well. This will be your log in **every time** you apply to FAFSA.

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- You can submit the FAFSA on the web from October 1 until June 30.
- After you submit your FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). This will give you some basic information about your aid eligibility.
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges' financial aid offers.
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment, and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification/deposit by May 1, but this may vary.

College Application Checklist

Application Checklist	
Get the application	
Make a note of the regular application deadline	
Make a note of the early application deadline	
Request high school transcript sent	
Request midyear grade report sent	
Find out if an admission test is required	
Take/Send scores to colleges (e.g., SAT Subject Tests, AP Exams, IB exams)	
Request recommendation letters	
Send thank-you notes to recommendation writers	
Draft initial essay	
Proofread essay for spelling and grammar	
Have two people read your essay	
Revise your essay	
Proofread your revision	
Submit FAFSA	
Make a note of the priority financial aid deadline	
Make a note of the regular financial aid deadline	
Complete college application (Apply to 3-6 colleges/universities)	
Make copies of all application materials	
Pay application fee	
Sign and send application	
Confirm receipt of application materials	
Send additional material, if needed	
Receive letter from office of admission	
Meet deadline to accept admission/send deposits if required	
Accept financial aid offer to the college you choose to attend	