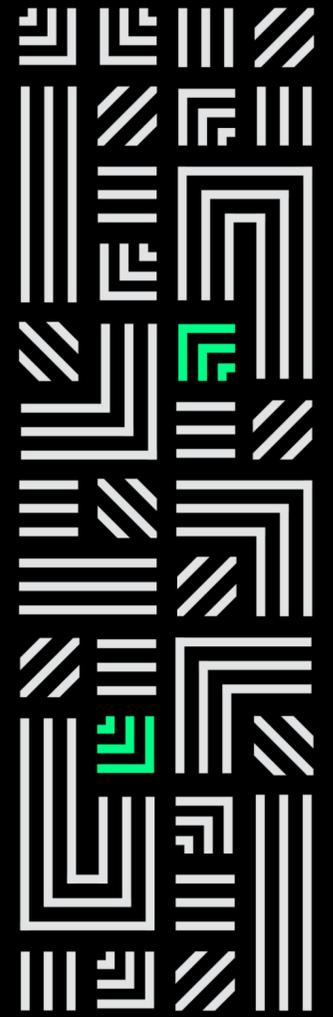


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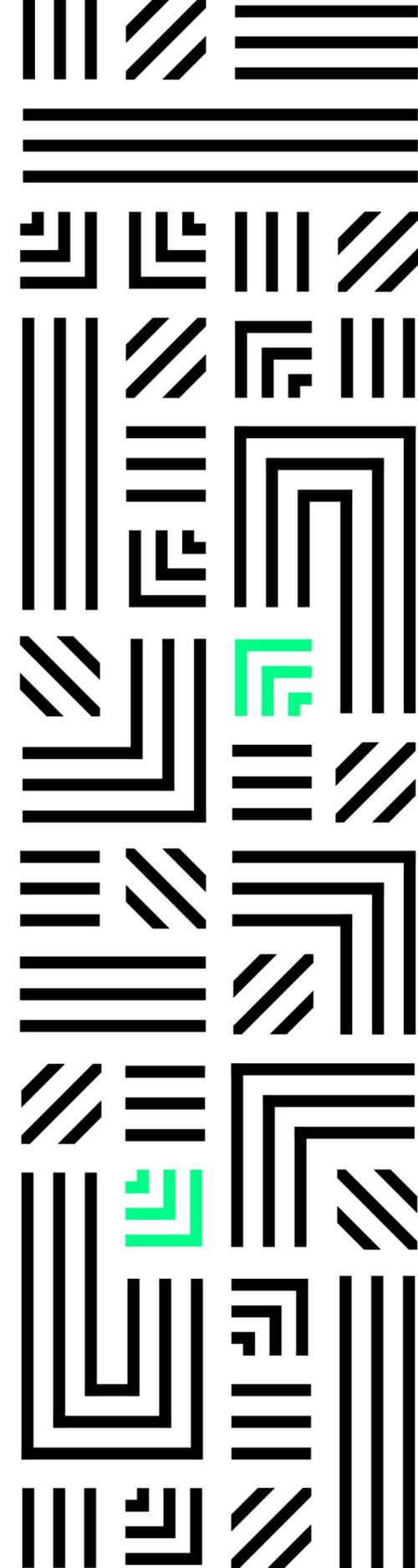
## **BBBSCI Big Futures Events – 2020/21 Year**

### **1. Fall 2020**

- 1. Teen Cooking Classes – Dates TBA**
- 2. Virtual Earlham College Visit – Date TBA (October)**
- 3. Virtual Ivy Tech College Visit – Date TBA (November)**
- 4. College Applications Live Event with Learn More Indiana – Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Facebook Live Event)**

### **2. Winter/Spring 2020-21**

- 1. Career Exploration Day 2020 with Ivy Tech – Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 1:00PM (tentative)**
- 2. Ball State College Visit – Date TBA**
- 3. Etiquette Dinner and Lesson – Date TBA**
- 4. Dress with Confidence Workshop with Nordstrom – Date TBA**
- 5. Graduation Event – Date TBA**



## BBBSCI Big Futures Events – 2020/21 Year

### 3. To Be Scheduled As Available

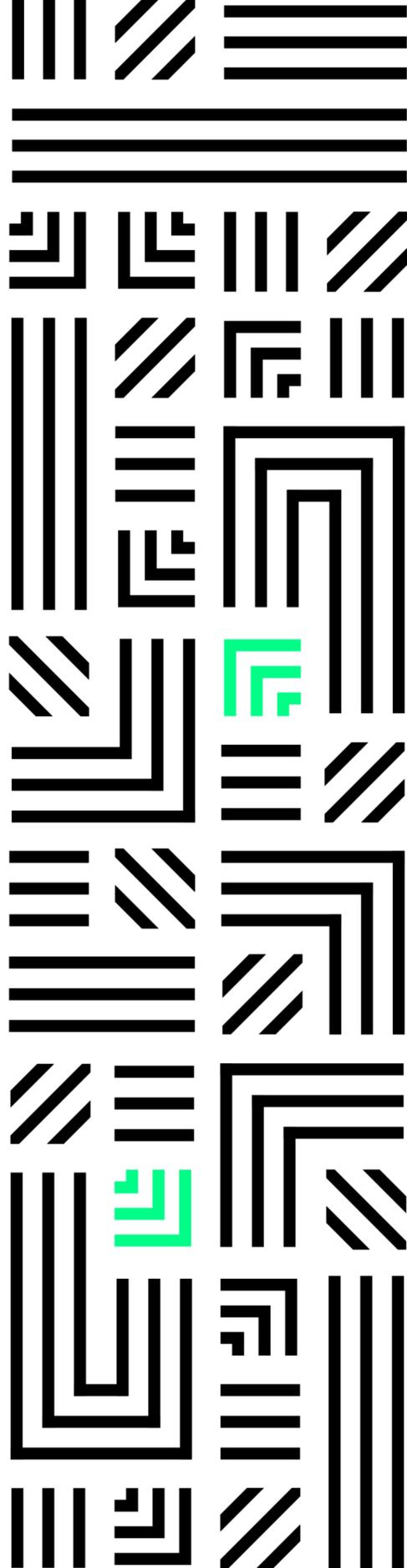
#### 1. Honda Plant Tour

2. **Road Trip Nation Documentary** – We encourage all graduating matches to watch this on their own. This film features 3 Indiana students starting their college careers by taking a road trip to explore career fields in Indiana.

- <https://www.stradaeducation.org/network/strada-solutions/roadtrip-nation/>

#### 3. **Open Conversations with Big Futures Committee Members**

- Topics can range from learning about credit cards, how to select a major, first year of college/job, etc.
- What topics would you all be most interested in learning about?



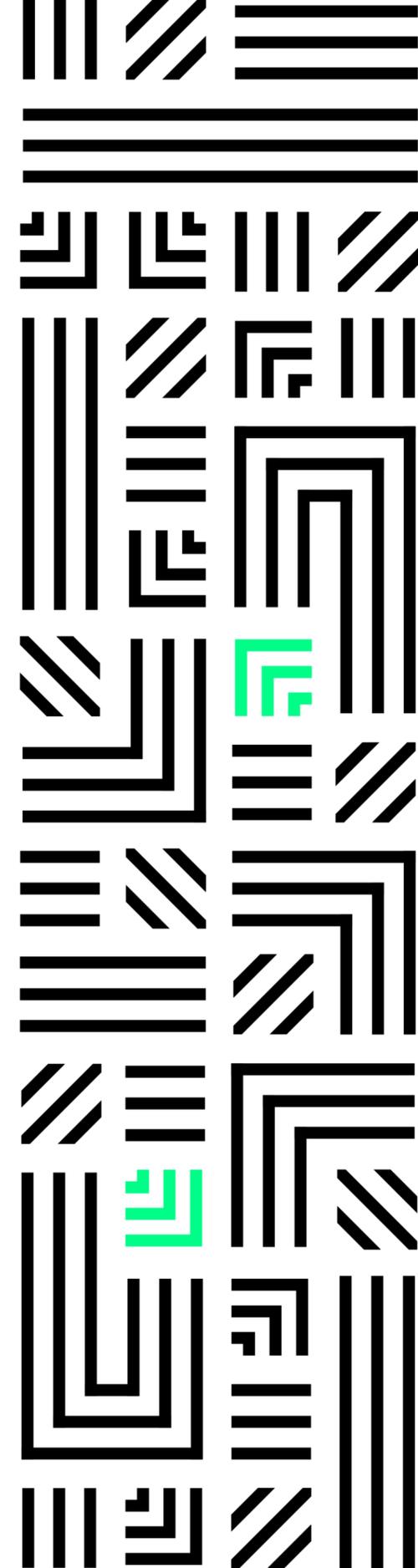
## Learn More Indiana Virtual Events

**View Full Schedule of Virtual College Tours & Info Sessions here:**

- <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/events/virtual/>

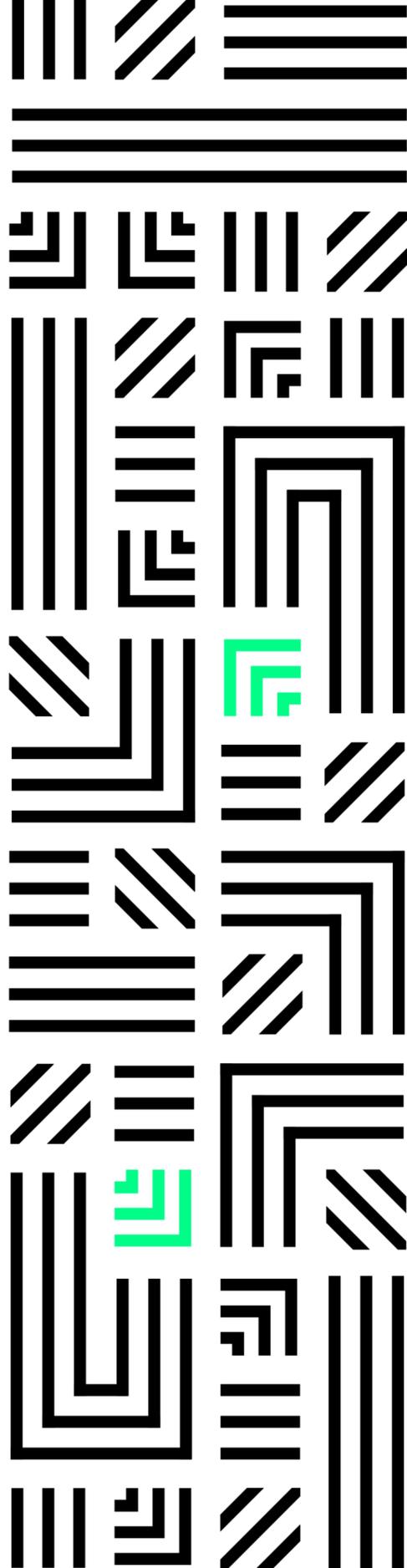
### **Upcoming Virtual Visits & Topics:**

- Purdue University
- Trine University
- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- University of Southern Indiana
- College Application FAQ Info Session
- SO MANY MORE!



## APPLYING TO COLLEGE – WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. **Step One** – Choose the colleges that you want to apply to.
2. **Step Two** – Get organized! Create a folder for each school you plan to apply to.
3. **Step Three** – Keep a calendar with application deadlines clearly marked.
4. **Step Four** – Make a checklist. Include application deadlines and to-dos for each college.
5. **Step Five** – Find out each school's application requirements – every school is different!
6. **Step Six** – Talk to your school counselor about fee waivers – some students may be eligible for reduced or waived application fees.
7. **Step Seven** – Proofread! It's important that your application materials are error-free.



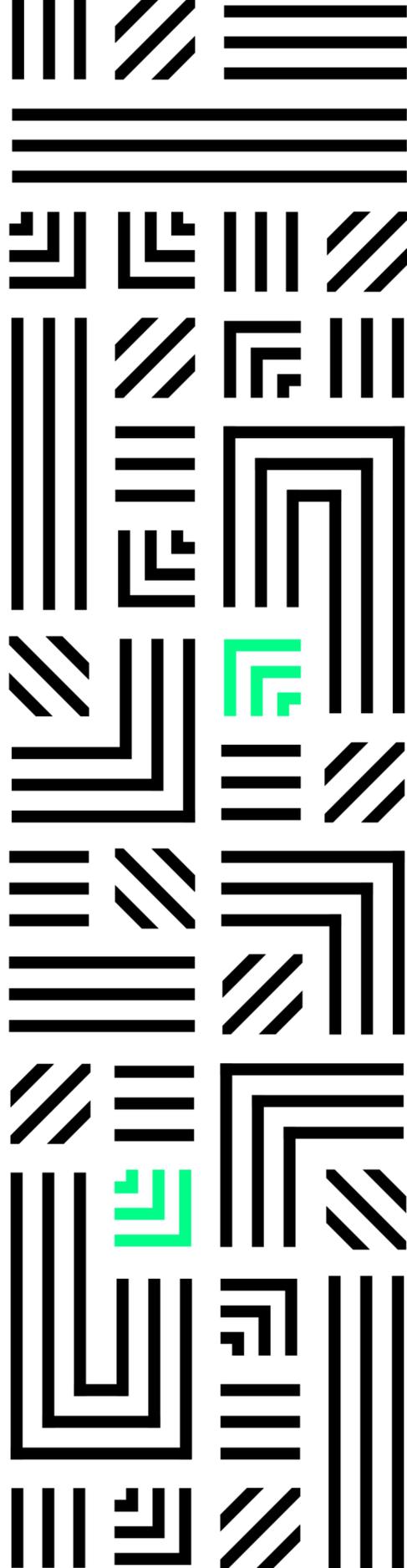
## FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) QUICK GUIDE

### What is FAFSA?

- 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.

### What do I need to apply for FAFSA?

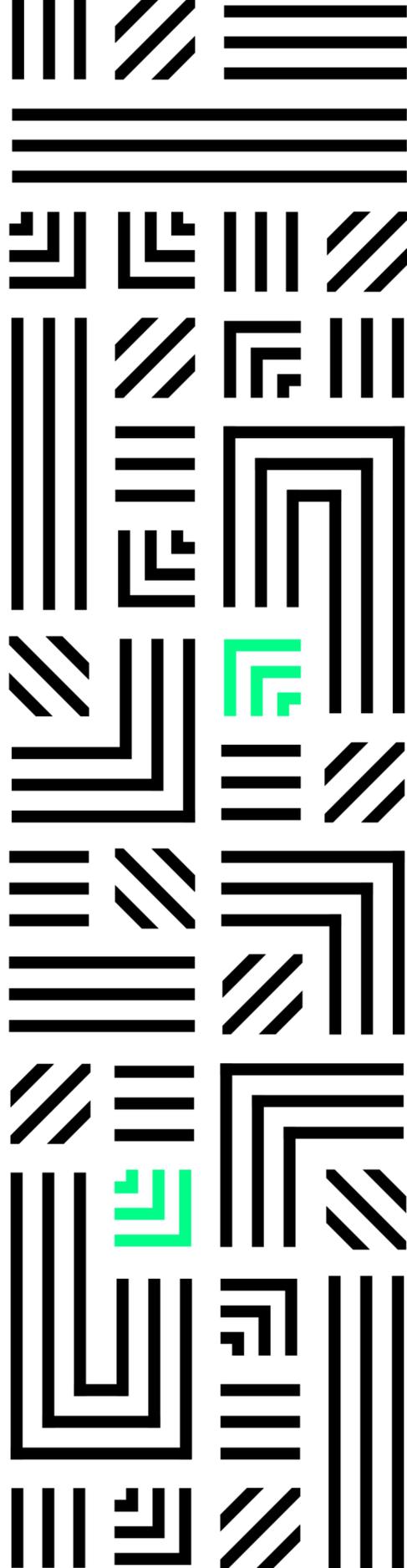
- Social Security Numbers for students and parents, or alien registration numbers for non-U.S. Citizens
- Driver's license or other eligible government ID
- Tax returns for students and/or parents
- Asset records such as bank statements and investments
- Records of untaxed income, such as child support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



# FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) QUICK GUIDE

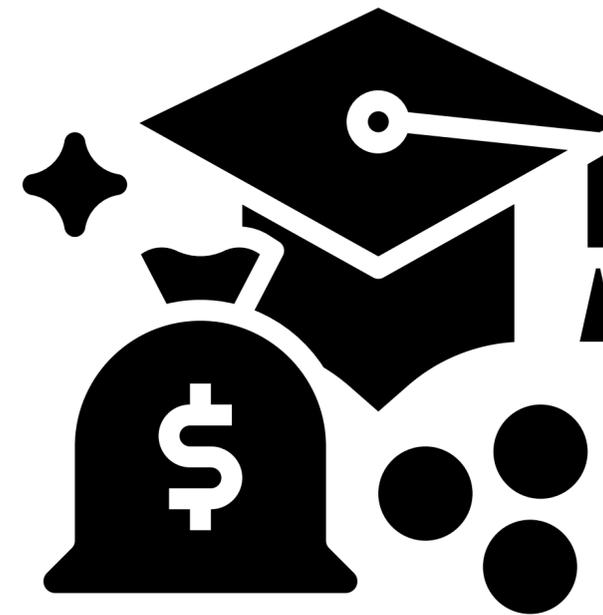
## How to Apply?

- <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.



## SCHOLARSHIP TIPS & TRICKS

- Apply for local scholarships
- Apply for scholarships with smaller awards
- Apply for as many scholarships as you can
- Apply for a variety of scholarships.
- See if you are eligible for the scholarships offered by the college you choose to attend.
- More work=fewer applicants=better chances



# ACTSIX PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

- 16-23 Indianapolis students win each year
- Every winner is guaranteed a tuition-free education regardless of family income
- Eligible for graduating high school class of 2021
- Apply at [www.actsix.org/apply](http://www.actsix.org/apply)

## ActSix

### Community Partners,

We are excited to announce the opening of this year's application for the ActSix program. The ActSix scholarship is a program that selects 16 – 23 urban leaders from Indianapolis each year and provides them with a full need scholarship. Full need means every student is guaranteed a tuition-free education regardless of family income. We then look at income to determine how much aid to provide a student with towards room & board, up to the full ride.

ActSix targets urban, low-income, minority, and first generation students who are typically under-represented in higher education. After receiving the scholarship we also provide 21 weeks of college readiness training to ensure an easier transition. Students are eligible if they are part of the graduating high school class of 2021 or graduated in '20 or '19 and are not currently enrolled in another four-year school. In addition:

- No GPA requirements
- No SAT requirements
- No Citizenship Requirements
- No Income Requirements



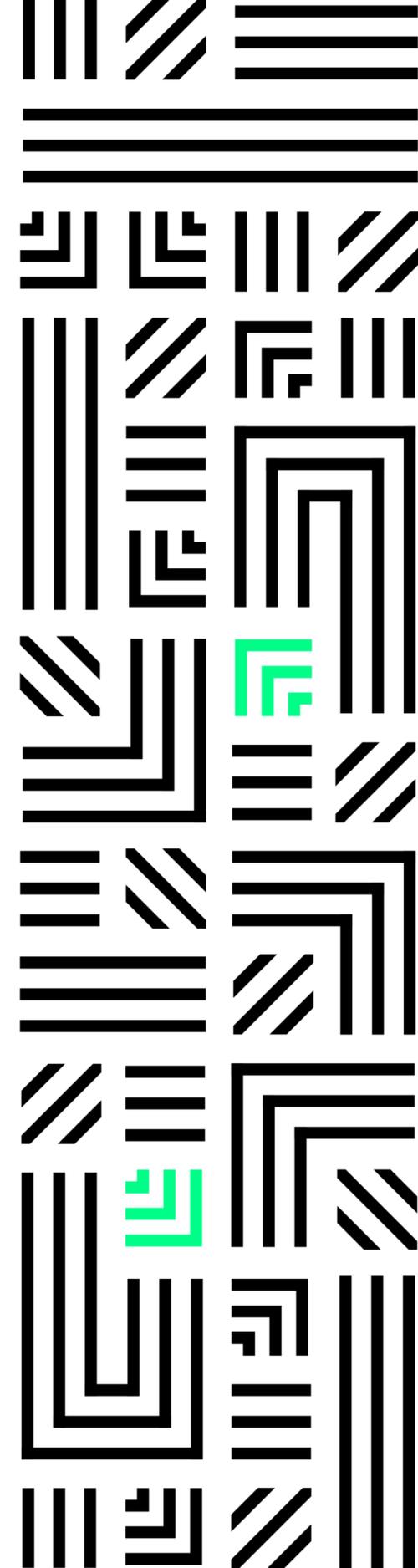
Students can visit [www.actsix.org/apply](http://www.actsix.org/apply) to get started on their application. Parents/Families can also schedule a virtual meeting by visiting [www.calendly.com/actsix](http://www.calendly.com/actsix) if they wish to ask more questions!



## APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

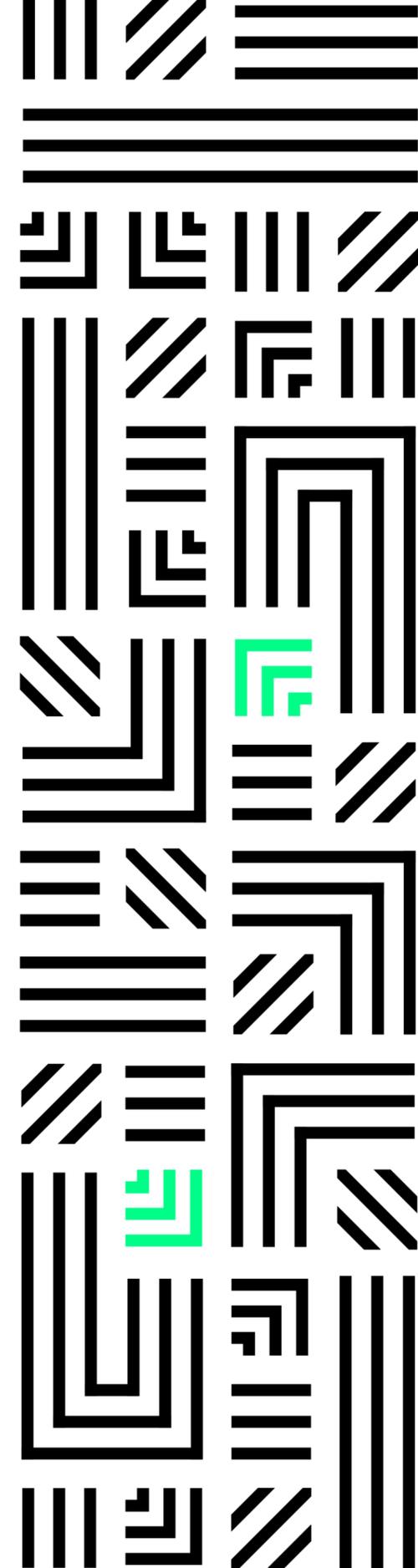
There are multiple apprenticeship programs you can take advantage of to learn a trade skill that will allow you to succeed in high-demand careers:

- **Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC)**
  - ABC offers a wide variety of training options from formal apprenticeship programs to specific task training modules of study.
  - <http://www.abcindianakentucky.org/education/craft-training-apprenticeship/>



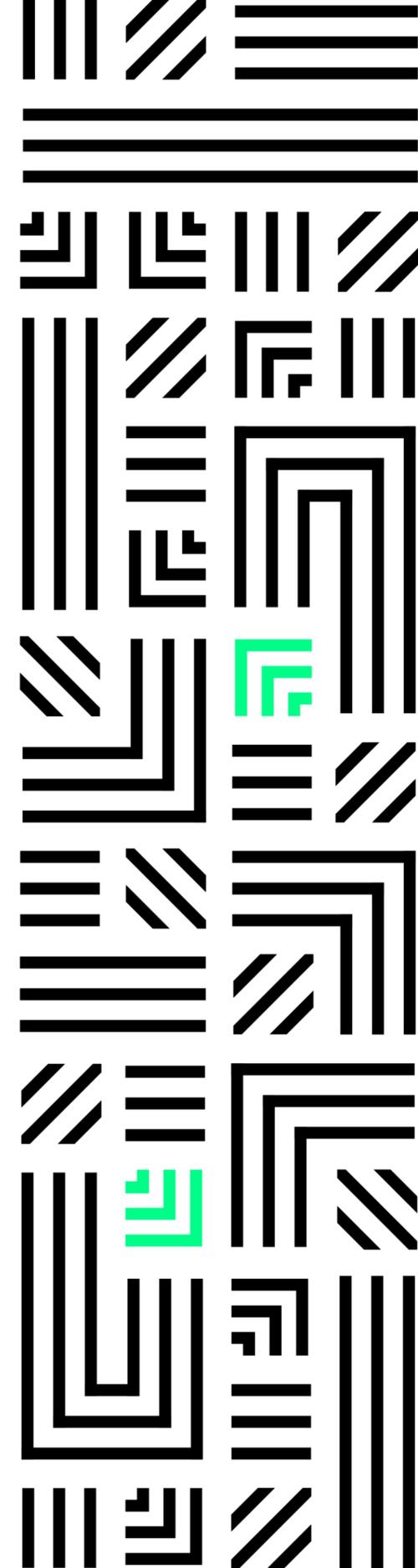
# APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

- **Central Indiana Electrical Apprenticeship Program**
  - The program is designed to provide the apprentice with the necessary theory and practical training to earn the status of electrician.
  - <http://iec-indy.org/apprenticeship/>
- **Indiana Association of Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors**
  - The apprenticeship program is a four-year program with classroom learning and on the job training.
  - <https://www.iaphcc.com/apprentice-schools>



# MILITARY ACCESS PROGRAMS

- **Military Eligibility**
  - <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/join-the-military-basic-eligibility.html?comp=7000023452387&rank=1>
- **Contact a Military Recruiter**
  - <https://secure.military.com/Recruiting/first>
- **Jobs the Military Offers**
  - <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/compare-military-jobs.html?comp=7000023458746&rank=1>



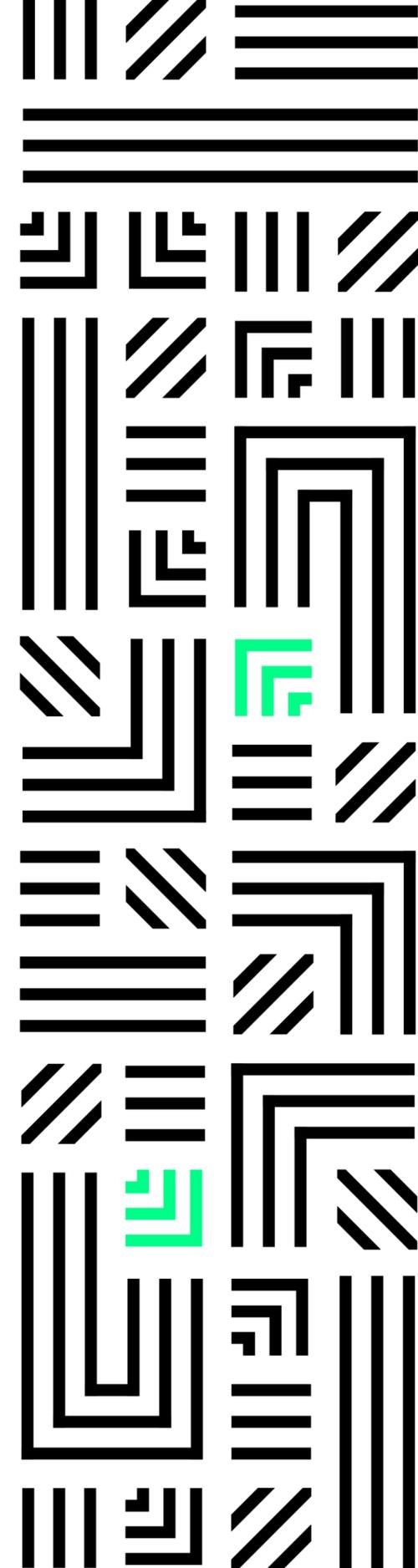
# MILITARY ACCESS PROGRAMS

## Tips to Prepare for Meeting a Recruiter

- Check out jobs that interest you.
- Choose at least two branches to visit.
- Go with someone
- Prepare some basic questions to ask the recruiter.
- Arrange an appointment with a recruiter
- Do NOT sign any obligatory documents!  
You do not have to at this stage!
- TAKE NOTES. Take them home for review.

## Questions to Ask the Recruiter

- Please explain the recruiting process
- Which option is best for me?
- When do I take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Batter? (ASVAB)
- How soon will I leave for Basic Training?
- What really goes on in Basic Training?
- What are the physical standards candidates must meet?
- When will I get my job assigned?
- What documents do I need to start the recruiting process?
- Do you need my complete medical and legal history?



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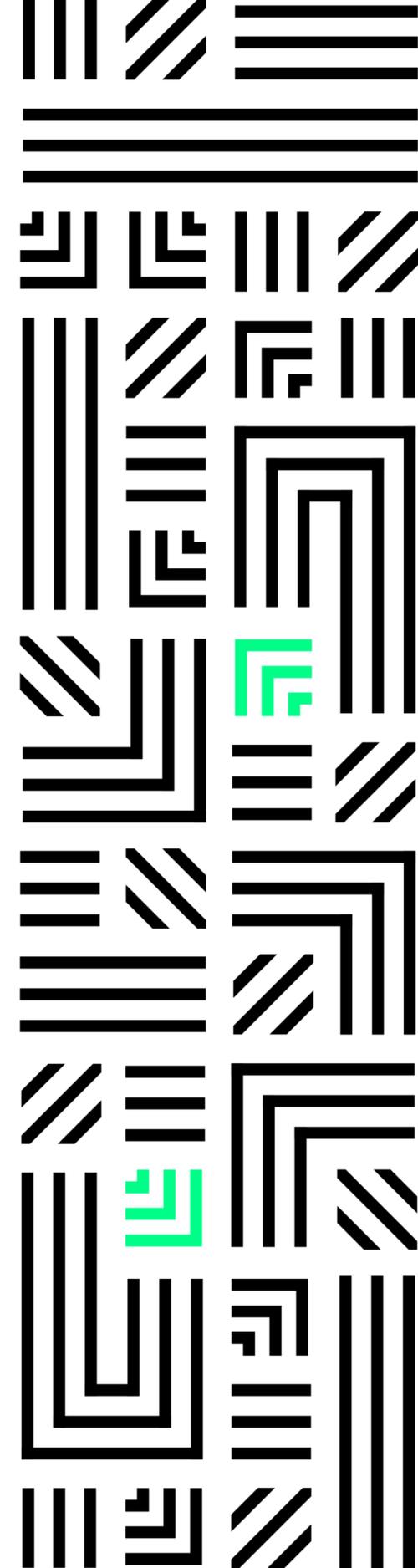


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