

For Seniors Only . . .

Newsletter

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\$CHOLAR\$HIP NOTES. . .

To be eligible for scholarships at specific colleges/universities, students must have applied, been accepted and plan to attend the specific college/university to be eligible for those scholarships.

Scholarship information is provided as a public service of the CPHS Counseling Department. The listings are not all-inclusive. Inquiring about, and applying for scholarships is the responsibility of the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student. Mrs. McLaughlin is more than willing to help you with your scholarship search but in the end it is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent to seek and apply for scholarships by the due date.

\$CHOLAR\$HIP OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Clinton County Community Foundation Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to Clinton Prairie students by filling out the general scholarship application on cfcClinton.org. Bailey Trucking, Vern & Lillian Kaspar, William & Doris Mohr, Phyllis M. Widener Music Scholarship. The following scholarships have their own applications and are available on howardclintoncarrollscholars.com and communityforce.com. R.A.C.I., Mid-North Indiana Executive Committee for Christ and the Roy L. Crume. Deadline March 2, 2018

Check out fastweb.com for numerous scholarship listings.

American Legion Family, American Legion Legacy, American Legion Baseball, American Legion Americanism & Government Scholarships and several others. Go to www.legion.org/scholarships for more information on all of these scholarships. Deadlines vary.

Lebanon Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship - applications available online at <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm>. Deadline: 11/27/2017

Elks Legacy Scholarship: must be the child or grandchild of a living Elks member. Applications available online at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm> Deadline 2/3/2018

IU 21st Century Scholarship Covenant – for 21st Century Scholars – supplements the TFCS to cover unmet financial need for direct costs (room, board, books). To learn more go to <http://www.indiana.edu/~iub21cs>

The Farmers Bank is again offering the Andrew Laird Endowment Fund interest free \$500 loan. More information and the forms are available in the hanging file in the Counseling office. Deadline March 1, 2018

The Farmers Bank also announces the Irene Nondas Hodge Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship and is given to one Clinton County high school senior who plans to study agriculture at Purdue University. More information and the forms are available in the hanging file in the Counseling office. Deadline is March 1, 2018

IUPUI Honors College Scholarships: Competitive Scholarships include the Adam W. Herbert Presidential Scholars

Program, the Bepko Scholars and Fellows Program, Chancellor's Scholars Program and the Plater International Scholars Program. To access the Honors College Online Scholarship your admissions application is due November 15, 2017 Visit honorscollege.iupui.edu for more information on the IUPUI Honors College. See Mrs. McLaughlin for more details on the honors college and scholarships.

Indiana State University Networks Scholarships (full tuition, laptop + many other benefits) – for students majoring in Business with at least 3.50 GPA, have a 1070 SAT combined math and critical reading score & be ranked in the top 15% of your senior class. <http://www.indstate.edu/business/NFI/scholarship-info>. Deadline: 12/15/17.

United States Jaycees Scholarship (2018 seniors): This is an academic scholarship and is heavily weighted toward grade point average. The scholarship is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Applications available now at <http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/programs/scholarship>. Deadline: 1/5/18 Contact: Kyle Wright k-w-4@hotmail.com more information.

The Salon Professional Academy has several scholarships available for accepted students studying Cosmetology. For more information, go to www.kokomotspa.com.

PHP Scholarship Program (1 @ \$3,000, 1 @ \$2,000, 1 @ \$1,000) – Must be planning to pursue a career in a health-related field at a post-secondary college, university or technical school. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Also requires a 1000 word essay. Go to https://www.phpni.com/uploads/page/APPLICATION_and_Program_Sheet.pdf to find the application. Deadline for submission is February 23, 2018.

IUPUI Freshmen Admission-Based Scholarships - All freshmen are reviewed for eligibility. Some have a December 1 IUPUI application deadline. <http://scholarships.iupui.edu/freshman/general.html> for information.

Masonic Grand Lodge Scholarships – for children of Master Masons. Students must apply between February 1 and March 1. Information pamphlet in the hanging file in the Counseling office. Application must be obtained from a Mason.

AXA Achievement Scholarships (\$2,500, \$10,000, and \$25,000) - students must be well-rounded, determined to succeed and are active in their community, led a project that benefits others or overcome a personal challenge. Go to www.axa-achievement.com to download the application. Deadline: 12/15/17.

Midwest Student Exchange Program – Indiana students planning to attend an out-of-state school should check to see if he/she can attend for instate tuition. Go to <http://msep.mhec.org> to see if the school you are looking at is part of the exchange.

ATTENTION FFA MEMBERS – Kick start an agricultural career. Numerous scholarships can be found at this link for FFA members. The scholarship application process begins on November 15, 2017 and closes on February 1, 2018. Apply at <https://www.ffa.org/Scholarships>.

Bethel College has a variety of scholarships available. www.bethelcollege.edu/scholarships. Deadlines vary.

Ronald McDonald House Charities - Visit www.rmhc.org for more information, or apply at <https://aim.applyISTS.net/RMHC> Deadline: 1/18/17.

Trine University will give a scholarship that covers room & board costs for any Lilly Scholarship recipient attending on their campus. They also have other scholarships available for freshmen including a \$2500/yr scholarship for high school valedictorians or salutatorians. www.trine.edu.

University of Dayton Leadership in Service Scholarship – (\$2,500/yr for 4 yrs) Must meet U of Dayton admission requirements and be planning to attend there.

The Christian Connector Inc. - \$2500 scholarship drawing for any student who logs on and requests information. This is a web site to look for scholarships if you plan to attend a Christian college or university.

2017 GE-Reagan FOUNDATION Scholarship Program – For students with Leadership • Drive • Integrity • Citizenship Recipients receive \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 per student. Approximately 20 given in the US. Apply online through <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships>. Deadline 1/4/2018

"Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students can visit this link www.fashion-schools.org and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page on the right and click on it. Deadline June 1, 2018

“Aspiring Animation Professional” Scholarship Program. This scholarship is for AnimationCareerReview.com. They are offering high school seniors the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship. This will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Go to <http://www.animationcareerreview.com>. The scholarship will be midway down the page. Deadline June 1, 2018

“Aspiring Business Professional” Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a business degree at any accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students can visit this link – <http://www.onlinembareport.com>. The scholarship will be midway down the page. Deadline June 1, 2018

University of Indianapolis Scholarships: <http://uindy.edu/financial-aid-for-new-students/grants-and-scholarships>. Deadline for most of the scholarships is February 1, 2017. Check the website if you plan to attend UIndy to be sure you meet their deadline.

Indiana Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing- Open to girls only! Go to www.ncwit.org/award to learn more. Deadline November 6th.

Marion-Kokomo Electricians Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee – The Marion-Kokomo JATC will be accepting applications at the IBEW Local 873 Union Hall located at 2739 N Co Rd 50 East. Application dates and times vary... For more information, call (765) 452-2270.

Hagan Scholarship Foundation – requirements are a 3.5 or better GPA, a 23 or higher on the ACT, must attend a four year college or university, must work at least 240 hours in the 12 months prior to the start of each academic year of college. EFC must be less than \$6500. Go to www.hsfmo.org for more information and the application. Deadline is November 15, 2017.

Wabash College Honor Scholarships (up to \$165,000 over 4 yrs) - students must apply for admission by 12/1/17 and attend Scarlet Honors weekend (December 1-2, 2017). Visit wabash.edu/promise for more information. Application deadline: 12/8/17

Wabash College Fine Arts Scholarships (up to \$60,000 over 4 yrs) - students must complete application for admission and submit the Fine Arts Scholarship application by 12/1/17. Visit wabash.edu/promise for more information.

WACE National Co-op Scholarship Program - students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and apply for the 2018-2019 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions. Requires a 1 page (200 words) essay. Visit <http://waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html> for more information. Deadline: 2/15/18

Advanced Internship in Manufacturing Program - Students must complete the Vincennes University application process, and complete the application form at vinu.edu/apply selecting Advanced Manufacturing Technology--Industrial Maintenance (major code 8481). Students interested in paid internships should apply to Vincennes University by 2/1/18 to continue in the selection process. Students also need to take the Accuplacer test by 2/15/18.

FINANCIAL AID...

Seniors and their parents are encouraged to go to www.fafsa.gov and get your FSA ID early. As March 10, 2018 gets closer it will take longer to receive your FSA ID. Get it now so you will be able to make the March 10 FAFSA filing date without stress. Each student needs their own FSA ID, but a parent only needs to have one FSA ID no matter the number of children you have in college. **NOTE: THE FSA ID HAS REPLACED THE OLD FAFSA PIN. IF YOUR PARENTS HAVE AN OLD FAFSA PIN THEY WILL STILL NEED TO GET A FSA ID.**

The State of Indiana is providing a new tool for families: The Indiana College Cost Estimator, located at www.indianacollegecosts.org provides the following helpful financial aid information for students and their families:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) estimates customized by individual and Indiana college campus.
- Side-by-side cost comparisons of Indiana colleges (up to three at one time).
- “What-If” functionality allowing users to run various scenarios affecting financial aid packages.
- “Ask the Expert” sessions on pertinent college prep and financial aid issues staffed by experts.
- User-friendly descriptions of how an individual’s EFC was calculated; how colleges use student data and EFCs to generate financial aid awards; and “key tips” on these processes, calculations and procedures.
- Data storage and retrieval capabilities of inputs and calculated estimates for users creating and maintaining an active profile on the system.
- Messaging capabilities allowing the state (via Learn More Indiana) to communicate relevant, timely and targeted reminders to users on an ongoing basis (for those who opt in).
- Information sheets and web resources on such topics as college selection, college admission, the financial aid application/FAFSA process, current student loan programs, tax-advantaged college savings investment strategies, etc.

FYI . . .

Purdue University and Ivy Tech - Lafayette have a program in Agriculture called Pathways. Students will be enrolled at both institutions, taking one course at Purdue and all others at Ivy Tech each semester. A major benefit of this program is that students will be able to access both Purdue and Ivy Tech services such as housing, recreational sports, libraries, computer labs, and student organizations. Students who successfully complete the program with a 2.5 GPA will be guaranteed admission into the Purdue College of Agriculture.

Ivy Tech Lafayette now has an Associate Accelerated Program which provides students with the opportunity to earn an associate degree in one year. Students must have financial need (Pell grant eligible). Please see Mrs. McLaughlin for more information. The cohort is limited to 25 students.

Ivy Tech is also offering the new American Honors program. Students who are interested in pursuing a four-year degree and have a strong grade point average but are interested in the cost savings of attending Ivy Tech prior to going on to a four year university are encouraged to ask Mrs. McLaughlin for more information.

Indiana University at Bloomington would like to introduce their Collins Living-Learning Center. It offers a small-college experience in a Big Ten University. Collins is a close-knit community of about 500 students living in the smallest residence hall on campus. Visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~llc/> for more information.

University of Southern Indiana is offering a new software for students to apply for USI Foundation scholarships. AwardSpring is the new scholarship management software accessible through MyUSI. Students can complete a single application after clicking on the AwardSpring icon. The software will automatically match potential recipients to scholarships based on the information provided on the application. This is only available to students after they have been admitted to USI.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Navigating the Process

A frequent misconception about scholarships is that they are only available to the highest ranking academically. The average and above average student often don’t apply because they don’t think they will qualify. While academic ranking and grades are important, that is only one part of your student’s credentials.

Most students and parents are not fully informed about scholarship opportunities available to them. There are many sources for scholarships. Some examples are:

All universities that the student is considering attending

County Community Foundations

Veteran’s Organizations

Clubs

Associations related to field of study

Scholarships generally have a variety of criteria that have to be met by the recipient. *Criteria* is what the donor (may be a person, group, company or organization) determines are important points regarding the student(s) they want to assist. Universities and organizations are interested in finding the applicant(s) who best fit the criteria for a scholarship award.

Common university and organization scholarship criteria may include any or a combination of:

Resident area (state, city, county, portion of county, School Corporation)

Grade point average (GPA) (may be as much as a 3.5 or a minimum of 2.0 that must be maintained at all times)

Class Ranking

College Student status – Full time or Part time (typical full time is 12 credit hours or more, part time is 6-11 credit hours)

Major of study

Family affiliation with or membership in an organization

Leadership qualities

Talent in an area related to major

Financial need

DO:

Research

- Newspapers: clip information on scholarships distributed within the community that your student meets the qualifications for.
- Online: university websites (ex: vinu.edu) many websites have information about the scholarships they offer.
- Online: FREE websites: scholarships.com, fastweb.com, getreadyforcollege.org and many others offer tips and resources for scholarship searches.
- School guidance office/Senior Counselor(s): one of the best resources for local scholarships.
- Pay attention to deadlines and application requirements.

To successfully qualify for scholarships, students need to begin working right away on “setting themselves apart” from the other applicants.

DO:

Improve grades and study habits.

Track extra-curricular activities (community, school, church, athletics, and job) Consider leadership positions if the student is able to do so without adversely affecting grades. Make note of awards received, offices held, responsibilities, etc.

Request letters of recommendation from those who are directly related to the activities.

Start building the student’s “résumé”.

Take the SAT or ACT more than once if needed, to improve scores.

READY TO APPLY?

Once your student has determined what college(s) he or she wants to consider attending, identify the policies of the scholarship office for each university. Do they require a separate application for each scholarship? Does one application work for all of the scholarships they have available?

Each university may have different requirements. At Vincennes University, we have one general application that covers all but a very few scholarships. Our office selects the recipients that best meet the criteria of each particular scholarship. This academic year, VU will process approximately 750 awards for a total of nearly \$ 1.5 million.

DO:

Apply for any/all scholarships to every university that you are considering. They want you to apply – scholarships are also an incentive that universities utilize to entice students to enroll.

Complete each application fully and legibly, including any requested items. You may be able to use copies of recommendation letters and other information for more than one application.

Keep a copy of all applications. Keep the original of all letters of recommendation and other documents. Scan them into your computer and keep a master file if possible.

Plan to turn all applications in no later than one week before the deadline. Sooner if possible. Thousands of scholarship dollars are forfeited because of late applications. Most students apply to universities and for scholarships the first semester of the senior year.

File the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 10 of the calendar year your student will start college. Use estimated information or previous year’s tax information if necessary. File it every year.

*Even if you don’t think you will qualify for free financial aid (grants), **FILE ANYWAY**, you may be surprised. Middle income families will often qualify for some assistance and the laws regarding financial aid change often. Many scholarships require filing of the FAFSA to determine financial status of applicants.*

Follow Up – the student needs to follow up with the scholarship office to make sure the application was received and inquire when notification of awards will be made.

If three weeks have passed after when notification was indicated – inquire again. Email is usually the preferred method of communication.

Many students determine where they will attend college based on the “scholarship package” they are offered.

At Vincennes University, a scholarship award is not an agreement to enroll. If you receive a scholarship offer(s), make sure you understand the *Criteria* of the scholarship before accepting it. However, it’s ok to go ahead and **accept it** – even if you are not certain you will attend VU. Be sure to accept it **by the deadline given**, or you will lose the opportunity. If you decide not to enroll, notify the scholarship office that you will not be attending. It will be awarded to another student. Make sure you understand the policies of the university before accepting an award.

If you receive an award, don’t assume that it is a renewable scholarship and that you will receive it every year. Most scholarships are not automatically renewable. A new application must be submitted each academic year.

PARENTS DON’T:

Allow or encourage your students to be involved in so many activities for the purpose of résumé building that their grades suffer or that they have no free time. While preparing them for their future is important, high school is still supposed to be an enjoyable time in a young person’s life.

Don’t rely solely on your student’s high school guidance counselor. Your student is your top priority. They have many students in need of attention.

Do not fill out the application for them or take on the responsibility of applying for the scholarships on their behalf. It is the student’s responsibility. Help them prepare, help research opportunities, encourage their progress, proof-read – but don’t do it for them. An application not prepared by a student is very obvious.

Don’t be a “Helicopter” (don’t hover, don’t swoop in).... If you have need to contact the university, do so professionally, courteously and only when absolutely necessary. Many parents do not make a favorable impression on behalf of their student. We need and want to work with your student and that is part of the process of helping them be successful in college.

Nona Baker, Scholarship Coordinator - Vincennes University Foundation - 9/2011