

# 21st Century Scholars Program

## Program Policy and Legislative Changes

During the 2011 Indiana Legislative Session, the following changes were passed by the Indiana General Assembly that affect the 21st Century Scholars Program.

In addition to or superseding prior law, the following changes take place now, starting July 1, 2011 (those enrolling in the upcoming enrollment year 2012 or later):

### Enrollment Changes

- Enrollment is limited to 7th and 8th graders only (6th graders can no longer enroll).
- Scholars will be informed that they must participate in an academic success program.
- Scholars entering high school during the fall of 2011 and later (class of 2015 and beyond) must graduate with a high school cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
- To enroll, a student must be a member of a household with an annual income of not more than the amount required for the student to qualify for [federal] free or reduced price lunches, as determined by the immediately preceding tax year for the household.
- Scholars must use the scholarship within one year instead of two.

### Scholarship (post-HS) Changes

- Scholars will have to participate in an academic success program while in college. There will be a one year grace period for implementing this part of the legislation.
- College freshmen will be required to meet "satisfactory academic progress" as defined by their college. Sophomores will be required to maintain at least a 2.25 GPA and college juniors and seniors must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA beginning Fall 2012.

### Delayed Changes

- Those enrolling in the Scholars program during enrollment year 2012 and beyond who do not qualify for any state need-based aid (e.g., Frank O'Bannon Grant) when entering college will receive a one-time amount of \$2,500 or less, as necessary for SSACI to meet the state's 21st Century Scholarship budget appropriation.
- If the Scholar is eligible for state need-based aid, the 21st Century Scholarship amount may be reduced from full public college tuition or the private or proprietary cap as necessary for SSACI to meet the state's 21st Century Scholarship budget appropriation.

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOLARS HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONS

### **1Q.) WHAT IF MY HOUSEHOLD INCOME CHANGES BETWEEN THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION?**

Once enrolled, an increase in household income will NOT affect a student's eligibility to participate in the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program.

### **2Q.) WHAT IF I AM NOT PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE DURING HIGH SCHOOL OR IF I SKIP A GRADE?**

If you are not promoted to the next grade level or if you skip a grade level, this change must be reported to the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program. These changes must be reported by the guidance counselor or other approved school personnel from the school the student attends. Provided all other requirements are met, the student may continue in the program.

### **3Q.) AS A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLAR, MUST I ACHIEVE A CERTAIN GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) IN HIGH SCHOOL?**

Yes, Twenty-first Century Scholar students must earn a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

### **4Q.) IF I FAIL A COURSE IN HIGH SCHOOL, CAUSING MY GPA TO FALL BELOW 2.0 FOR A SEMESTER WILL I LOSE THE SCHOLARSHIP?**

No. The program requires that the overall high school GPA of students be 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Therefore, a student will remain eligible with the program if they graduate high school with a diploma and an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; even if their high school GPA has fallen below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale sometime during their high school career.

### **5Q.) CAN I USE THE SCHOLARSHIP IF I GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL EARLY?**

Yes. You must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Pledge Affirmation Form before the March deadline of your junior year in high school in order to activate the award early. You should also inform the Scholars program of your plans by contacting the enrollment center at 888-528-4719.

### **6Q.) ARE THERE ANY EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES I AM REQUIRED TO ATTEND AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM?**

Although the various activities and events offered to high school students enrolled in the program are strongly encouraged, none are mandatory.

### **7Q.) I BELIEVE I MAY HAVE BROKEN THE SCHOLAR PLEDGE, IS IT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT THIS POTENTIAL PLEDGE VIOLATION TO THE PROGRAM?**

Yes. It is the responsibility of a Scholar student and/or his/her parent to report potential pledge violations to the program.

### **8Q.) HOW DO I REPORT A POTENTIAL PLEDGE VIOLATION?**

Potential pledge violations should be reported to: Twenty-first Century Scholars Appeals, 402 W. Washington St. Rm W462, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Reports should include the full name of the Scholar, a thorough description of the potential violation and an original signature of the person making the report.

## **THE SENIOR YEAR**

### **1Q.) CAN I RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP IF I EARN A GED OR COMPLETE A HOME SCHOOLING PROGRAM?**

No. If you earn a GED or complete a home schooling program you are NOT eligible to receive the award. You must graduate with a diploma from a high school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education (as agreed to in the Scholar Pledge).

### **2Q.) ARE THERE ANY FORMS I NEED TO COMPLETE AS A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR?**

Yes. As a senior in high school, you need to complete a Pledge Affirmation Form and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Both the Affirmation Form and the FAFSA must be completed and submitted by the state deadline (received on or before March 10th).

### **3Q.) ARE THERE ANY ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS THAT I AM REQUIRED TO ATTEND AS A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ENROLLED IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM?**

Although the various activities and events offered to high school seniors enrolled in the program are strongly encouraged none are mandatory. The Senior Exit Interview has proven to be especially beneficial to senior students.

### **4Q.) WHAT IS A SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEW?**

The senior exit interview is a presentation offered to high school seniors and their parents. Required forms, deadlines, college selection process, financial aid, etc. are all covered during Senior Exit Interviews. Senior Exit Interviews are facilitated by the Twenty-first Century Scholars Regional Support Sites. Seniors should expect invitations to Senior Exit Interviews in their area during the fall or winter of their senior year in high school.

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# Twenty-first Century Scholars Eligible Indiana Colleges

Eligible institutions for Twenty-first Century Scholars Program	
Title IV Code	College
001784	<a href="#">Ancilla College</a>
001785	<a href="#">Anderson University</a>
E01224	<a href="#">Art Institute of Indianapolis, The</a>
031763	<a href="#">Aviation Institute of Maintenance</a>
001786	<a href="#">Ball State University</a>
001787	<a href="#">Bethel College</a>
E01445	<a href="#">Brown Mackie College-Ft. Wayne</a>
E01389	<a href="#">Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis</a>
014607	<a href="#">Brown Mackie College-Merrillville</a>
E01412	<a href="#">Brown Mackie College-Michigan City</a>
004583	<a href="#">Brown Mackie College-South Bend</a>
001788	<a href="#">Butler University</a>
001834	<a href="#">Calumet College of Saint Joseph</a>
034567	<a href="#">Crossroads Bible College</a>
001792	<a href="#">DePauw University</a>
001793	<a href="#">Earlham College</a>
001798	<a href="#">Franklin College</a>
001799	<a href="#">Goshen College</a>
001800	<a href="#">Grace College</a>
001801	<a href="#">Hanover College</a>
015227	<a href="#">Harrison College-Anderson</a>
015226	<a href="#">Harrison College-Columbus</a>
E01294	<a href="#">Harrison College-Elkhart</a>
E00778	<a href="#">Harrison College-Evansville</a>
E00931	<a href="#">Harrison College-Fort Wayne</a>
015218	<a href="#">Harrison College-Indianapolis</a>
E00777	<a href="#">Harrison College-- Indpls East</a>
015224	<a href="#">Harrison College-Lafayette</a>
015223	<a href="#">Harrison College-Marion</a>
015222	<a href="#">Harrison College-Muncie</a>
E01209	<a href="#">Harrison College-Indpls Northwest</a>
015220	<a href="#">Harrison College-Terre Haute</a>
007263	<a href="#">Holy Cross College</a>
001803	<a href="#">Huntington University</a>
001805	<a href="#">Indiana Institute of Technology (Fort Wayne/Indianapolis/South Bend)</a>
001807	<a href="#">Indiana State University</a>
001809	<a href="#">Indiana University-Bloomington</a>
E01033	<a href="#">Indiana University/Purdue University-Columbus (IUPUC)</a>
001811	<a href="#">Indiana University-East</a>
001828	<a href="#">Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne (IPFW)</a>
001813	<a href="#">Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI)</a>
001814	<a href="#">Indiana University-Kokomo</a>
001815	<a href="#">Indiana University-Northwest</a>
001816	<a href="#">Indiana University-South Bend</a>

<b>001822</b>	<a href="#">Indiana Wesleyan University</a>
<b>014207</b>	<a href="#">International Business College-Fort Wayne</a>
<b>E00664</b>	<a href="#">International Business College-Indianapolis</a>
<b>008329</b>	<a href="#">ITT Technical Institute-Fort Wayne</a>
<b>007329</b>	<a href="#">ITT Technical Institute-Indianapolis</a>
<b>007327</b>	<a href="#">ITT Technical Institute-Newburgh</a>
<b>035213</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Bloomington</a>
<b>010038</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Columbus</a>
<b>009925</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Evansville/Tell City</a>
<b>009926</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Fort Wayne</a>
<b>010040</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Gary/Valparaiso/East Chicago/Michigan City</a>
<b>009917</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Indianapolis</a>
<b>010041</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Kokomo/Logansport/Wabash</a>
<b>010039</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Lafayette/Crawfordsville</a>
<b>009923</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Madison/Lawrenceburg/Batesville</a>
<b>009924</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Muncie/Anderson/Marion</a>
<b>010037</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Richmond/Connersville</a>
<b>010109</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Sellersburg</a>
<b>008423</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-South Bend/Warsaw/Elkhart</a>
<b>008547</b>	<a href="#">Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Terre Haute/Greencastle</a>
<b>E01100</b>	<a href="#">Kaplan College-Hammond (formerly Sawyer College-Hammond)</a>
<b>015564</b>	<a href="#">Kaplan College-Merrillville (formerly Sawyer College-Merrillville)</a>
<b>007938</b>	<a href="#">Lincoln College of Technology</a>
<b>001820</b>	<a href="#">Manchester College</a>
<b>001821</b>	<a href="#">Marian University</a>
<b>014975</b>	<a href="#">Martin University</a>
<b>E01506</b>	<a href="#">MedTech College-Ft. Wayne</a>
<b>E01386</b>	<a href="#">MedTech College-Greenwood</a>
<b>007362</b>	<a href="#">MedTech College-Indianapolis</a>
<b>001824</b>	<a href="#">Oakland City University</a>
<b>001827</b>	<a href="#">Purdue University-Calumet</a>
<b>001826</b>	<a href="#">Purdue University-North Central</a>
<b>001825</b>	<a href="#">Purdue University-West Lafayette</a>
<b>001830</b>	<a href="#">Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology</a>
<b>006257</b>	<a href="#">Saint Elizabeth's School of Nursing</a>
<b>001833</b>	<a href="#">Saint Joseph's College</a>
<b>001835</b>	<a href="#">Saint Mary-of-The-Woods College</a>
<b>001836</b>	<a href="#">Saint Mary's College</a>
<b>001838</b>	<a href="#">Taylor University-Upland</a>
<b>001839</b>	<a href="#">Trine University-Angola/Fort Wayne/South Bend</a>
<b>001795</b>	<a href="#">University of Evansville</a>
<b>001804</b>	<a href="#">University of Indianapolis</a>
<b>001840</b>	<a href="#">University of Notre Dame</a>
<b>001832</b>	<a href="#">University of Saint Francis</a>
<b>001808</b>	<a href="#">University of Southern Indiana</a>
<b>001842</b>	<a href="#">Valparaiso University</a>
<b>001843</b>	<a href="#">Vincennes University</a>
<b>001844</b>	<a href="#">Wabash College</a>

## Seniors: Forms and Deadlines

For students graduating high school in 2012, complete the following steps to collect your Twenty-first Century Scholars Scholarship:

1. Participate in a Senior Exit Interview. You may attend a Senior Exit Interview in-person between September 2011 and February 2012 or complete the process online.
2. Complete and submit a Twenty-first Century Scholars pledge Affirmation Form on time. To be considered on time, the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program must receive your completed form on or before March 10, 2012. This form will be available during the Senior Exit Interview process.
3. File for state and federal financial aid by completing and submitting a 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on time. To be considered on time, the federal processor must receive your completed FAFSA on or before March 10, 2012. The 2012-2013 FAFSA can be accessed at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.
4. Make all necessary corrections to your 2012-2013 FAFSA on or before May 2012. Check the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars website for the exact date.
5. Apply for admission and institutional financial aid at the Indiana college you will attend by the deadline for each college.

Enroll as a full-time college student and maintain Indiana residency.

Please continue to check the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars website for updated information.