

College and Scholarship Information

FAFSA Announcement

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now OPEN! If you are college bound completing this application is a **MUST**. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to get started. If you have questions about how to complete the FAFSA please see Cassie Scrapper.

College Spotlight:



Established in 1865, Indiana State University is home to the Sycamores. ISU is located in Terre Haute, Indiana which is about 2 hours from Oakland City. ISU is a public, 4 year college that offers over 100 majors to its students. ISU had an enrollment of 13,584 students in the fall of 2015 on its 435 acre campus. ISU proudly awarded almost \$18 million in scholarships to its student in 2014. The Sycamores offer a wide range of athletic opportunities for both men and women. ISU participates in Division I Missouri Valley Conference events. If you are interested in checking out what the Sycamores have to offer plan to attend one of their preview days. The next one is coming up on November 5th. If you are interested in a health or human services profession, check out the College of Health and Human Services Preview Day on November 12th.

ISU has a fantastic list of competitive and guaranteed freshman scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year.

For more information or to schedule a campus visit check out: www.indstate.edu



Tips to Writing a Stellar College Essay

1. Get started by brainstorming.
2. Let your first draft flow. Don't worry about getting it perfect, just get it on the paper.
3. Develop three essay parts. Introduction, body, and conclusion.
4. Be specific. Give your essay focus.
5. Find a creative angle. Show what makes you a great candidate.
6. Be honest. Let your true personality shine.
7. Get feedback. Ask teachers, family, and friends to read your essay.
8. Proofread and make corrections.

Events:

Most of these events require registering online. Visit the school's website for the event you are interested in to find out more information.

Butler: Health Science weekly visits offered year round. Daily visits for other programs offered as well.

Indiana Wesleyan: November 18th Spotlight on Health and Human Performance and Math and Computer Information Science

ISU: November 11th—Criminology Preview Day, November 12th—College of Health and Human Services Preview Day, November 16th—Teachers of Tomorrow

IU: Discover IU Days M-F in November (except Thanksgiving break)

IUPUI: JAGDays—interactive, personalized opportunity to meet with academic unit of choice. November 14th—School of Informatics and Computing. November 16th—Business. November 28th—School of Art and Design

PU: Fall Preview Day November 11th

University of Evansville: November 14th—Purple Visit Day

USI: Open House November 12th

Wood Memorial policy allows students two excused absences to be used for college visits.

Planning to take the SAT or ACT? Here are the upcoming registration and test dates:

SAT: Test date January 21st—Register by December 21st at www.collegeboard.org

ACT: Test date February 11th—Register by January 13th at www.act.org



Campus Information

Many colleges and universities offer individual campus visits daily. Visit your school's website to schedule a visit with the admissions office.

Virtual Campus Tours

Think you are interested in a college or university but don't want to make the drive to visit yet? Check to see if your college or university offers a virtual campus tour! Most of these tours are available directly on the admissions page.

If you have questions please see your College Connection Coach, Cassie Scaper, on Friday's at WM or send an email with your question to cscaper1@ivytech.edu

Scholarship Information:

Right to Life Oratory and Art Scholarship: Oratory Scholarship is for grades 11-12, Art Scholarship is for grades 9-12. 1st place: \$1,000 2nd place: \$500. Visit www.rtlswin.org for more information and to apply. **The deadline to apply is February 23, 2017.**

Jostens #FORWHATISTAND: Take an Instagram picture showing what you stand for. Write about how you plan to focus on your passion to reach your goal this year. Post the picture and words on Instagram with #FORWHATISTAND. Follow @jostensinc and tag @jostensinc in your post. Visit <http://www.jostensforwhatistand.com/> for more information. **The deadline is December 31st.**

Hagan Scholarship: High School Senior with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, at least a 23 on ACT, must work 240 hours prior to the start of college, each year of college, and have a FAFSA EFC of \$7500 or less. Visit <https://haganscholarships.org/> to apply. **The deadline is November 15th.**

Aspirations in Computing: High school aged women who are interested in computing are eligible to apply at <https://www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school>. **The deadline to apply is November 7th.**

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship: Eligible seniors who meet academic requirements are eligible for up to \$7500 each year of college who commit to teaching in Indiana for 5 years after graduation. Visit <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/nextteacher> to apply. **The deadline is December 31st.**

WIN Energy REMC Scholarships: Available to high school seniors whose parents are WIN Energy customers/members. For a full list of requirements visit <http://www.winenergyremc.com/content/scholarship-program>. The 2016-2017 application will be available soon!

Duke Energy Scholarships: 30 scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded per year. Duke Energy recognizes outstanding academic excellence by awarding scholarships to dependent children of qualified employees who plan to continue their education in university, technical or vocational school programs. Have your parents check with the HR Office. For a full list of requirements visit <https://www.duke-energy.com/community/education/duke-energy-scholars.asp>.

The Gibson County Community Foundation: The GCCF has many great scholarship opportunities available. Deadlines vary for each scholarship. Watch the website for applications to be available soon: <https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/gibson/scholarships/opportunities/>

East Gibson Dollars for Scholars: Keep working on your DFS applications at www.scholarshipamerica.org. **Deadline will be April 2017.**