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# 21st Century Scholars Virtual Enrollment Assistance for Hoosier Families June 25

(INDIANAPOLIS) – To assist students and families in enrolling in the state's <u>21st Century Scholars</u> program, the <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is hosting virtual enrollment events on June 25 and June 29 ahead of the June 30 enrollment deadline.

Students and families can access help through the Commission's Learn More Indiana social media platforms, which will be staffed by Commission employees during the live events. Staff will be answering questions related to enrollment and program requirements. The deadline to enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program is June 30 of a student's eighth grade year.

WHAT: 21st Century Scholars Enrollment Event

**WHO:** Indiana Commission for Higher Education Outreach staff

WHEN: Thursday, June 25, 2020

2-3 p.m. (ET)

WHERE: Online: Live on Learn More Indiana's Facebook page (facebook.com/LearnMoreIN), but available on all

social media accounts: Instagram (<u>@LearnMoreIndiana</u>) and Twitter (<u>@LearnMoreIN</u>)

By text and phone: To best serve the state, the Commission has split the state into eight regions. A full

list of counties and associated numbers is available at www.learnmoreindiana.org.

¿Necesitas ayuda en español? Llame al 317-232-1072 o 317-617-0318.

**Note**: Please do not share your private information over social media. Please be patient during the event. If you cannot get ahold of someone by phone, leave a voicemail and they will return your call when they are available.

Students and families can contact the Commission's Outreach staff at any time, even after the virtual event concludes.

## Can't make it on June 25?

Commission staff will be hosting two additional events related to 21st Century Scholar enrollment and Scholar Success Program (SSP) completion:

# **21st Century Scholars SSP Activity Assistance**

Friday, June 26, 2020 12-1 p.m. (ET) Online: **Live** on Learn More Indiana's Facebook page (<u>facebook.com/LearnMoreIN</u>), but available on all social media accounts: Instagram (@LearnMoreIndiana) and Twitter (@LearnMoreIN)

#### 21st Century Scholars Enrollment Assistance

Monday, June 29, 2020

6-7 p.m. (ET)

Online: **Live** on Learn More Indiana's Facebook page (<u>facebook.com/LearnMoreIN</u>), but available on all social media accounts: Instagram (<u>@LearnMoreIndiana</u>) and Twitter (<u>@LearnMoreIN</u>)

## **Application and Enrollment**

- To enroll, students must apply by June 30 during their seventh and eighth grade year, but must apply no later than June 30 of their eighth grade year.
- The application can be accessed by visiting <u>Scholars.IN.gov/enroll</u>
- Most students who qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch guidelines will qualify for the 21st Century Scholars program.
- Students can use the scholarship at participating Indiana public, private and proprietary institutions, but can only receive full tuition at public colleges.
- To apply successfully, families must have:
  - o Student's Social Security Number, date of birth, and address
  - o A Parent's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
  - o 2019 gross income amounts for all members of the household
  - A valid email address

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## **About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <a href="https://example.com/21st Century Scholars">21st Century Scholars</a> early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at <a href="https://example.com/www.in.gov/che">www.in.gov/che</a>.

#### **About 21st Century Scholars**

Indiana's <u>21st Century Scholars</u> program is an early college promise program designed to help ensure that every Hoosier student can afford the opportunity provided by a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential. Income-eligible students who maintain the Scholar Pledge through excellence in school and life can receive a scholarship for up to 100 percent of tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university upon graduation from high school. The program was created in 1990 and celebrates <u>30 years of success</u> in 2020.