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Indiana Makes Major Investment to Help More Aspiring Teachers Pay for College

Nearly 1,100 students applied for the competitive Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

(INDIANAPOLIS) — More than 300 scholarships have been awarded to the 10th class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators. Through a competitive, academic-based selection process, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides recipients a renewable scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total) to help pay for college. The grant is administered by the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) and requires scholarship recipients to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school, thus strengthening Indiana's homegrown teacher pipeline.

"Teachers play a key role in inspiring and preparing Indiana's youth for the future," said Governor Mike Braun. "Investments like the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provide a win-win for our state, helping aspiring teachers take an important step toward their future by reducing the cost of earning their degree, all while ensuring they stay right here in Indiana to build their career and educate the next generation of Hoosiers."

With nearly 1,100 applications submitted this year, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship continues to attract a strong and competitive pool of aspiring teachers from across the state. Applications were received from students representing 323 high schools in 90 of Indiana's 92 counties. Additionally, approximately 70 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remaining applicants being current college students.

"Having a high-quality teacher in every classroom is essential to improving student outcomes," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "By making higher education more affordable for some of our state's most promising future educators, this scholarship is an investment not only in our teachers, but in the future of our communities, our state, and most importantly, our Hoosier students."

To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20th percent of their high school class, earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.

"The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship gave me the financial support and accountability to pursue my goal of becoming a music teacher," said Madeline Seghers, former Indiana Wesleyan University student and Next Gen recipient. "I have experienced so much joy and growth through the past five years as an educator, and this scholarship paved the way for me to impact hundreds of lives through the beauty of music!"



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To renew the scholarship while in college, students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

View the [scholarship recipients](#) for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Learn more about the [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#).

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrated 35 years in 2025.