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## **State Higher Ed Commission Extends Grant Deadline**

*School and Community Partnership Grant supports college and career readiness for students*

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://che.in.gov) is extending the grant deadline for the 2020 School and Community Partnership Grant to February 12 at 5 p.m. EST. These grants are designed to bring together K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community organizations to plan and implement supportive efforts for students of all ages completing education and training beyond high school.

The [School and Community Partnership Grant](http://che.in.gov) is designed to support collaborative efforts of the state’s college and career readiness priorities, including:

- Completion of the 21st Century Scholars’ Scholar Success Program and maintaining academic eligibility with at least a 2.5 grade point average;
- Family engagement programming, including enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars program and promotion of the state’s Next Level Jobs program; and
- Pre-college and postsecondary professional development, focused on Indiana’s [college achievement gap](http://che.in.gov).

“Our community partners play an integral role in increasing the number of Hoosiers with some form of postsecondary education and training beyond high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “These grants will help develop the programs being implemented as we collectively work toward meeting Indiana’s education and workforce needs.”

Funding for the School and Community Partnership Grant is made possible through [Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs](http://che.in.gov) (GEAR UP). Led by a team of staff from Purdue University and the Commission, one of the primary goals of Indiana GEAR UP is to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 for their spring and summer programming. If the partnership directly supports an Indiana GEAR UP cohort high school, that increases the award amount up to \$10,000. The winners will implement their suggested programs and events from the end of February through July 22, 2020.

### **Indiana GEAR UP Cohort High Schools**

Arsenal Technical High School  
Charlestown High School  
Crawford County High School  
Jefferson High School  
Jeffersonville High School  
Kokomo High School

Maconaquah High School  
Muncie Central High School  
Purdue Polytechnic High School (Downtown)  
Warren Central High School  
West Side Leadership Academy

For more information about the School and Community Partnership Grant, visit <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/alumni-partners/>.

**Deadline for student teaching stipend is January 31, 2020**

Additionally, time is running out for student teachers to apply for the [Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities](#) and the [Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields](#). The stipends provide student teachers up to \$4,000 per stipend, or \$8,000 if awarded both. The application deadline is January 31, 2020. For instructions on how to apply, visit [learnmoreindiana.org/futureteacher](https://learnmoreindiana.org/futureteacher).

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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 [21st Century Scholars](#) 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 [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).