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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](#) is extending the grant deadline for the 2021 School and Community Partnership Grant to February 19 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 to complete education and training beyond high school.

With approximately \$80,000 available, the [School and Community Partnership Grant](#) is designed to support collaborative efforts of the state's college and career readiness priorities, including:

- Completing 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](#).

"Our community partners are essential in helping increase the number of Hoosiers with quality education and training beyond high school," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "We hope that by extending the grant submission deadline more community organizations will take advantage of this opportunity."

Funding for the School and Community Partnership Grant is made possible through [Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs](#) (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 spring and summer programming. If the partnership directly supports an Indiana GEAR UP cohort high school, it increases the award amount to \$10,000. The winners will implement suggested programs and events from the end of February through July 19, 2021.

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/>.

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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.