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State Awards Over \$428,000 to Support Recent High School Graduates

Learning Support Grant aims to prepare class of 2021 as they transition to college

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://www.in.gov/che/), in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education, utilized federal CARES Act funding to award \$428,973 to 20 college, university and community partners to support the high school graduating class of 2021 as they transition to college.

The Summer/Fall 2021 Learning Support Grant aims to help recent graduates who may have experienced learning loss due to school closures and the transition to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will support collaborative efforts that focus on preparing students to be successful in college, especially those who are most vulnerable to learning loss.

“After a challenging year for learners, it’s critical for recent high school graduates to have innovative support programs in place to set them up for success as they transition to postsecondary education,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Low-income, and Black and Hispanic students are less likely to meet early college success benchmarks, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated these achievement gaps.”

The grants support opportunities for:

- **Tutoring**
 - Following the model of the Tennessee Tutoring Corps, stipends will be allocated for current college-aged students to tutor graduating high school seniors.
- **College boot camp**
 - Happening either virtually or in-person, “boot camp” activities will help students catch up and prepare for college-level coursework.
- **Transitional programming**
 - Transitional programming is geared toward easing the transition from high school to college.

Summer/Fall 2021 Learning Support Grant recipients:

- Ball State University – \$18,339
- EDGE 21 – \$24,999
- Employ Indy – \$15,800
- Goshen College – \$24,623.25
- Holy Cross College – \$15,100
- Huntington University – \$24,999
- Indiana Latino Institute – \$24,999
- Indiana Wesleyan University – \$24,999
- Indiana University Kokomo – \$21,688
- Indiana University Northwest – \$24,998
- Indiana University Southeast – \$24,680
- Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) – \$21,688
- Marian University – \$22,598
- Shakamak High School – \$8,004.93
- STARTedUP – \$24,999
- Taylor University – \$24,999
- Trine University – \$24,999
- University of Evansville – \$9,600
- University of Indianapolis – \$23,230
- Valparaiso University – \$23,631

For a list of program summaries the grants are supporting, click [here](#).

The Commission has compiled a list of the state's public, private and proprietary institution webpages, as well as guidance on COVID-19 and more at www.in.gov/che.

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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 celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's [Reaching Higher in a State of Change](#) strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.