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## **Applications are Open for Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship**

*Students have until January 31, 2022 to apply for renewable \$7,500 scholarship*

(INDIANAPOLIS) – High-achieving high school and college students who are planning to teach in the State of Indiana for at least five years can apply for a \$7,500 scholarship per year of college (up to \$30,000 total) through the [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#) program.

The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) is encouraging students to act quickly, as there are only 200 scholarships available and the deadline to apply is January 31, 2022. Interested students should apply at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](#).

“Everyone has a story about a great teacher who changed their lives for the better. We need more of these change agents in Indiana’s classrooms,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is elevating the importance of this lifelong impact with a meaningful scholarship to help support Indiana’s best and brightest as they pursue a career in education.”

This scholarship is making a difference at building Indiana’s teacher pipeline. Nearly 90 percent of scholarship recipients from the inaugural 2017 cohort are either continuing their education or have already become licensed teachers actively making an impact for Hoosier students.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have either graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class, or earned a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT (1190) or ACT (26) or have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid each year, earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year. Current college students who apply must be able to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.



Maylee Barriger

“The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship not only assists future educators in funding their higher education, but it helps keep those who become licensed teaching in Indiana,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We look forward to the positive impact these educators will have on their students and on Indiana’s teacher pipeline.”

The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 18, 2022.

A total of 438 students applied for the 2021-22 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, with applications from 229 high schools in 84 of Indiana’s 92 counties. Nearly three-quarters of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

Maylee Barriger, a recent graduate from Hauser Jr.-Sr. High School in Hope, Indiana, is one of the 2020-21 scholarship recipients. Barriger is currently attending Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus where she's pursuing a major in elementary education with an endorsement for middle school math. Upon graduation, she wants to teach at either her former Jr.-Sr. high school or Hope Elementary.

"I was super nervous to go to college because I was not sure I could afford it," said Barriger. "I'm really thankful for this scholarship because it's given me the opportunity to stay at home and be close to my family, work to save money and be involved in my community in new ways I was not able to in high school."

Visit [www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher](http://www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher) for more information on how to apply and follow #NextTeacher on social media. Questions may be directed to [NextTeacher@che.in.gov](mailto:NextTeacher@che.in.gov).

For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by phone at 888-528-4719 or via email at [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov).

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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](http://www.in.gov/che).