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Indiana Participates in National College Application Week, Sept. 26-30

High school seniors can apply to some Hoosier colleges for free

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Six Indiana colleges will waive college application fees during Indiana's College Application Week, Sept. 26-30, according to the <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u>. Another 33 colleges have reported free applications year-round.

College Application Week is part of <u>Learn More Indiana's</u> annual College GO! initiative that takes place each August through November with information and resources designed to help Hoosier K-12 students explore and plan for education beyond high school. The official kick-off to College GO! is the last full week in September (Sept. 26-30), coinciding with College Application Week. Friday, Sept. 16, is #WhyApply Day which is a social media campaign encouraging the public to share why it's important to apply to college.

"College GO! is an opportunity for students of all ages – from kindergarten to high school seniors – to learn the value of education and training beyond high school, explore career pathways and discover the variety of Indiana postsecondary options," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "We are excited to see the significant number of Indiana institutions participating in College Application week. We hope all high school seniors will utilize this opportunity to apply for free to their preferred colleges."

Students can apply to the following colleges and universities for free between Sept. 26 and 30:

Participating in College Application Week (waiving fee)	Reported free applications year-round
Indiana State University	Anderson University
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) <i>Use code INCOLLGO</i>	Bethel University
Martin University	Calumet College of St. Joseph
Purdue University Fort Wayne Use code COLLEGEGO2022	DePauw University
Purdue University Northwest	Earlham College
University of Southern Indiana Use code collegego22	Franklin College
	Goshen College
	Grace College
	Hanover College
	Holy Cross College
	Huntington University
	Indiana Tech
	Indiana University East
	Indiana University Kokomo

Indiana University Northwest
Indiana University South Bend
Indiana University Southeast
Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus
(IUPUC)
Indiana Wesleyan University
Ivy Tech Community College (All campuses)
Manchester University
Marian University
Oakland City University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Taylor University
Trine University
University of Evansville
University of Indianapolis
University of Saint Francis
Valparaiso University
Vincennes University
Wabash College

Colleges not indicated above may offer financial assistance for students who demonstrate financial need. Talk to your college for more information about college application fee waivers.

You can view the list of participating colleges online.

College Application Week is sponsored in partnership by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the <u>American</u> <u>College Application Campaign</u> (ACAC) to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue education beyond high school.

#WhyApply Day

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

Join us in telling students and peers why it's important to apply to college, whether it's a certificate program, two-year or four-year degree, by writing a reason for applying on this <u>printout</u> and taking a selfie with it. #WhyApply Day celebrates the college application season by sharing supportive and motivating messages on social media about the importance of applying to college – a critical and necessary step on the journey to postsecondary education.

For more information, visit <u>https://learnmoreindiana.org/collegego</u>.

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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 <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's <u>Reaching Higher in a State of Change</u> strategic plan at <u>www.in.gov/che</u>.

About the American College Application Campaign

The American College Application Campaign[®] (ACAC) is a national initiative designed to increase the number of firstgeneration college students and students from low-income families who pursue a postsecondary degree. The purpose is to assist high school seniors as they navigate the college application and admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.