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Applications are Open for Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

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

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) is currently accepting applications for the [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#), which provides up to \$30,000 in financial aid to aspiring teachers.

Top-performing high school and college students who are planning to teach in the State of Indiana for at least five years can receive up to \$7,500 per year of college (up to \$30,000 total) from the scholarship. Interested students are encouraged to act quickly as there are only 200 scholarships available.

Students should apply by Jan. 31, 2023, at ScholarTrack.IN.gov.

“Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipients and applicants are some of Indiana’s best and brightest aspiring teachers,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “Students thrive with motivated, high-quality educators in the classroom who instill the importance of learning. This scholarship is not only designed to attract future educators with those attributes but also retain valuable talent within our state.”



Romelia Neace

Entering its seventh year, the scholarship is making a difference in building Indiana’s teacher pipeline. Nearly 90 percent of Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipients from the inaugural 2017 cohort are either continuing their education or are already in the classroom actively making an impact on Hoosier students.

Romeila Neace, a recent graduate and [21st Century Scholar](#) from Scottsburg Senior High School, in Scottsburg, Indiana, is one of the 2022-23 scholarship recipients. Neace is currently attending Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where she’s pursuing a major in elementary education with a concentration in math.

“The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship made it possible for me to pursue my dreams of becoming an educator without financial burden, allowing me to genuinely enjoy obtaining an education,” said Neace. “In simple terms, I am an educator, but in other terms, I am a lifelong learner who wants to bring joy back into learning and show kids that they can do anything they put their minds to.”

To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet one of the following academic requirements:

- Rank in the top 20% of their high school graduating class
- Have a top 20th percentile score on the ACT (26) or SAT (1130)
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

To continue earning the scholarship while in college, students must annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year. Additionally, current college students who apply must be able to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.

The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 24, 2023.

Last year, a total of 627 students applied, with applications from 304 high schools in 88 of Indiana's 92 counties. Over three-quarters of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

Visit 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.

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.

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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.