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## **Nearly 400 Hoosiers Receive Teaching Scholarships**

### *State Higher Ed Commission Awards Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship*

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) has awarded nearly 400 scholarships to the seventh class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators. The number of scholarships expanded significantly this year due to recent legislation authored by Representative Robert “Bob” Behning with bipartisan support from the 2023 Indiana General Assembly.

“What I have learned is that being a teacher goes beyond the classroom where each day they are tasked to be not only a teacher but a mentor, counselor, role model, etc.,” said Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipient Emma Seits. “This scholarship confirmed the gut feeling I recently had on becoming a teacher. I look forward to the relationships and impact I will make on my future students.”

Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors, recipients will receive \$10,000 annually (up to \$40,000 total) for committing to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college.

A total of 598 students applied for the 2023-24 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship. Applications were received from students representing 263 high schools in 88 of Indiana’s 92 counties. Additionally, 75 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.



*Emma Seits*

To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

“We are encouraged by the overwhelming support from our legislative partners to grow Indiana’s teaching pipeline by further leveraging the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “Recipients of this scholarship are driven, passionate and committed to making a positive impact in Hoosier classrooms and communities.”

To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

Students who received the scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year are listed by county [here](#).

Learn more about the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship [here](#).

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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).