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Indiana's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Deadline is Two Weeks Away
The state's deadline is April 15

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana deadline for the [Federal Application for Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) is rapidly approaching. The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) encourages all students to apply for student aid by **April 15, 2025**.

According to the Commission's [FAFSA completion dashboard](#), nearly 43 percent of Indiana seniors have filed their FAFSA through April 2. The Commission has set a 60 percent completion goal for the class of 2025. Last year, 51 percent of Hoosier seniors completed the form, ranking Indiana 27th in the country.

With over \$400 million in state aid available to students each year, Indiana ranks third in the Midwest and ninth in the nation in awarding need-based financial aid.

"The FAFSA is key to unlocking postsecondary education for many Hoosier students," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. "The data show that education and training beyond high school lead to improved economic and social outcomes for individuals. Those who continue their education earn higher wages, have better health outcomes, and have a longer life expectancy. I encourage all students to take advantage of the many resources we offer and file their FAFSA as soon as possible."

Research shows there is a significant association between FAFSA completion and postsecondary enrollment. [According to a 2019 study](#), FAFSA filers from the lowest socioeconomic quintile were 127 percent more likely to enroll in college in the fall following high school graduation.

The Commission's Outreach Coordinators are available to assist students and families in the filing process. To send a direct message to your region's Outreach Coordinator, visit www.learnmoreindiana.org/contact.

Additional resources are available

- Hoosier families can also access free FAFSA help through INvestEd by email (outreach@investedindiana.org) or phone at 317-715-9007. ¿Necesitas ayuda en español? Llame 317-715-9007.
- The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through higher education. The Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) serves as the agency's strategic plan and mission through 2030, providing seven goals around enrollment, completion, and graduate retention efforts. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.