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Application for Indiana Teaching Scholarship Now Open

Students have until February 28 to apply for a renewable \$10,000 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 \$40,000 in financial aid to aspiring teachers.

“Many of us have a story about a great teacher who changed their lives for the better, and Indiana is eager to have more of these inspirational leaders in our classrooms,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship supports aspiring teachers by making college more affordable, so students can focus on their education and gain the knowledge and skills they need to make a lasting difference for Hoosier students.”

High-achieving high school and college students who plan to teach in Indiana for at least five years can receive up to \$10,000 per year of college (up to \$40,000 total) from the scholarship. Students must apply by February 28, 2026, via ScholarTrack.IN.gov.

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 **OR**
- Have a top 20th percentile score on the ACT (25) or SAT (1120) **OR**
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Now in its tenth year, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship aims to strengthen Indiana’s teacher pipeline. Nearly 90 percent of scholarship recipients from the inaugural cohort are still actively teaching in an Indiana classroom or continuing their education beyond a bachelor’s degree. Additionally, a record-breaking 1,091 students applied for the scholarship last year, a 15-percentage point increase from the previous year’s record-breaking number of 945 applicants.

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. Additionally, current college students who apply must be able to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.

The Commission will notify applicants of their scholarship status via email in April 2026. Visit [Learn More Indiana](#) for more information and follow #NextTeacher on social media to stay updated on scholarship announcements.

Questions can be directed to NextTeacher@che.in.gov.

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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 higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.