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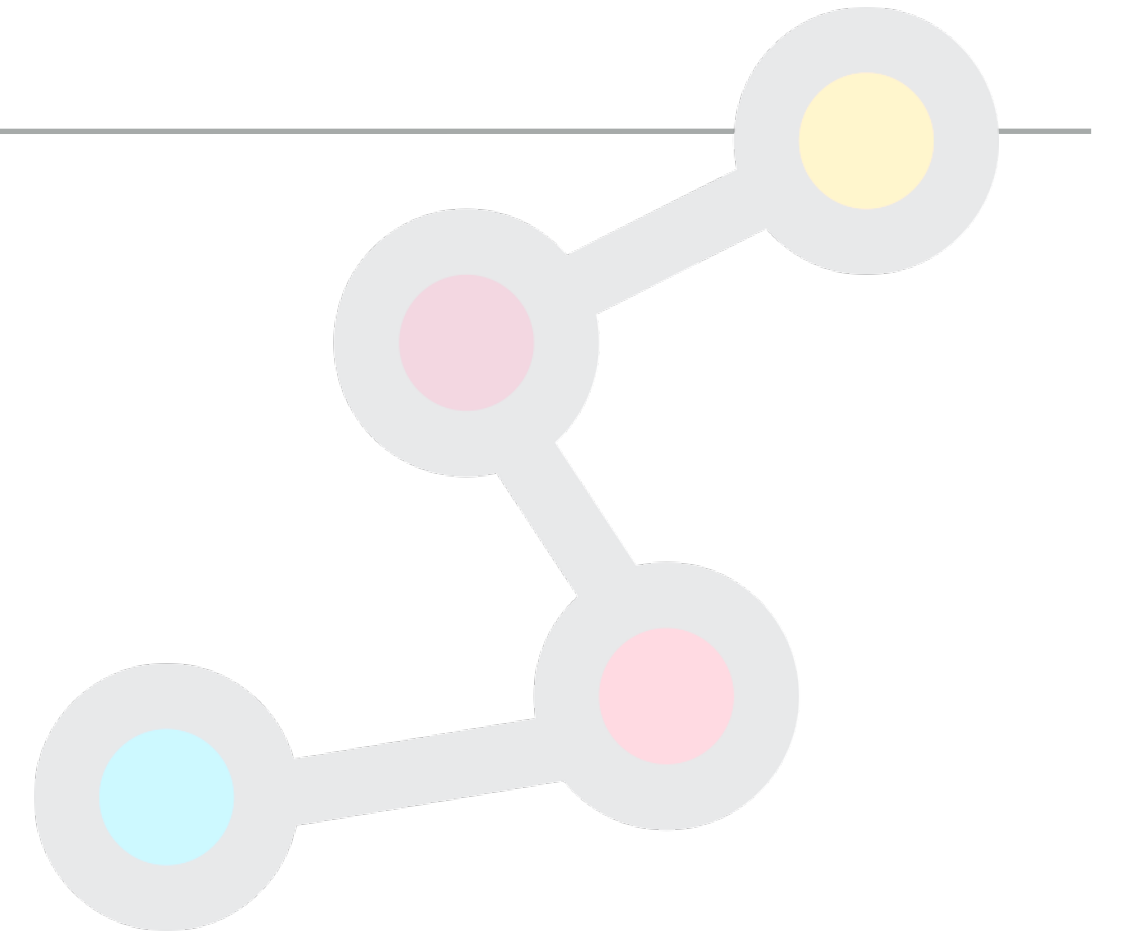
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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS



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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

- ▶ HEA 1449 required the Commission **to identify and enroll** eligible students into the 21st Century Scholars program.
- ▶ The Commission must notify families of their eligibility and parents/guardians may **opt their student out** of the program.
- ▶ Students are still required to meet all high school and college requirements.

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

- ▶ Automatic enrollment began with the class of 2027 in July.
- ▶ The Commission enrolled the class of 2028 in August and the class of 2029 will be enrolled in early October.
- ▶ In future years, automatic enrollment will start in October.
- ▶ Automatic enrollment has doubled the enrollment for the class of 2027 compared to the class of 2026.

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

- ▶ Scholars will be automatically enrolled on a quarterly basis.
- ▶ Automatically enrolled students are placed in “approved pending pledge” status.
- ▶ Students are not officially Scholars until they accept the Scholar Pledge.
- ▶ Commission staff is moving from enrollment to success.

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TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP



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TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ HEA 1528 expanded the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship to students enrolled in approved **transition to teaching programs**.
- ▶ The scholarship is a **one-time \$10,000** award with up to \$1M available.
- ▶ The recipient must still agree to teach at a qualifying school for at least 5 years after earning a teaching license.

TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ The Transition to Teaching Scholarship application will open Monday, September 18.
- ▶ There are 100 scholarships available with nearly 4,000 potentially eligible students.
- ▶ Applicants must submit a nomination form verifying they work or volunteer at a K-12 school.

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NEXT GENERATION EXPANSION



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NEXT GENERATION EXPANSION

- ▶ HEA 1637 increased the annual Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship from **\$7,500 to \$10,000** and removed the 200-recipient annual cap.
- ▶ It also created a parallel Next Generation Hoosier Minority Educators Scholarship.
- ▶ These changes took effect this academic year.

NEXT GENERATION EXPANSION

- ▶ The Commission awarded an additional 175 students the scholarship for a total of 375 students awarded for the 23-24 cohort.
- ▶ Minority applicants who were not awarded the traditional Next Generation Scholarship were awarded the Next Generation Minority Hoosier Educator Scholarship.
- ▶ There will be a joint application for both scholarships opening on October 15.

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FAFSA REQUIREMENT



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FAFSA REQUIREMENT

- ▶ SEA 167 made **FAFSA completion** the default option for high school seniors beginning with the **class of 2024**.
- ▶ Includes opt-out provisions:
 - Parents or emancipated students can opt-out of filing.
 - A high school can waive the requirement after April 15 if school has made two reasonable attempts to contact the parent.

FAFSA REQUIREMENT

- ▶ The FAFSA requirement waiver will be released in **early October** along with guidance for high schools.
- ▶ Schools will be able to opt out students who did not file in ScholarTrack after **April 15, 2024**.
- ▶ The Commission **will track** and report by school the percentage of students who file, are opted out by a parent or are opted out by the school.

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CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS



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CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

- ▶ HEA 1002 created Career Scholarship Accounts (CSA) to provide students with funds to cover the costs of:
 - ▶ Postsecondary education and training;
 - ▶ Transportation and equipment;
 - ▶ Certification and credentialing examinations; and
 - ▶ Career coaching and navigation
- ▶ Students receive \$5,000 annually with \$5M allocated in FY24 and \$10M allocated in FY25.

HEA 1002: CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

- ▶ The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) approves which programs are CSA eligible.
- ▶ The Commission approves which providers are eligible to receive CSA funds.
- ▶ The Treasurer's Offices administers the funds.
- ▶ By 2025, the CSA funds may only be used at a program aligned with a student's graduation plan.

HEA 1002: CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

For the 2023-2024 school year, IDOE approved the following for CSA funding:

- ▶ Next Level Programs of Study that are aligned to a Next Level Job and culminate in a credential;
- ▶ Modern Youth Apprenticeships, as defined in IC 20-51.4-2-9.5, that are aligned to a Next Level Program of Study;
- ▶ U.S. Department of Labor-Registered Apprenticeship Programs, as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.3; and
- ▶ The Indiana College Core and Level 2 or above Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences.

HEA 1002: CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

- ▶ During this first year of implementation, the Commission will approve a limited number of providers. The following may apply to be CSA providers:
 - ▶ Employers that provide a joint program of Career and Technical Education (CTE);
 - ▶ Organizations serving as intermediaries for modern youth apprenticeships; and
 - ▶ Institutions that award the Indiana College Core.
- ▶ To participate in the CSA opportunity during year one, school corporations, CTE centers and individual schools may partner with an approved provider.
- ▶ CHE intends to expand the number of approved providers for the 2024-2025 school year.

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30-MINUTE MEETINGS



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30-MINUTE MEETINGS

- ▶ HEA 1002 required the Commission to create a list of approved colleges/universities, intermediaries, employers and labor organizations to conduct 30-minute meetings with:
 - High school juniors and seniors;
 - 21st Century Scholars or Frank O'Bannon Grant recipients; and
 - Offenders exiting the Department of Corrections.
- ▶ The meetings will be used to discuss current and future career opportunities and the education levels needed for various careers.

30-MINUTE MEETINGS

- ▶ Colleges/universities, intermediaries, employers and labor organizations will follow all school background check processes.
- ▶ Students will log the completion of their meetings in ScholarTrack with the last 5-minutes reserved for reporting
- ▶ Guidance for schools will be issued on October 8.

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CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS



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CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

- ▶ HEA 1002 also required the Commission to develop a grant process to award 20 intermediaries a one-time award of up to \$250,000.
- ▶ The funds will assist the intermediaries in building capacity to conduct the 30-minute meetings, offer CSA opportunities and provide career coaching and navigation.
- ▶ An intermediary is defined as “an organization that connects individuals with companies looking for new workers.”

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

- ▶ The Capacity Building Grant RFP will open no later than October 1 and close on November 3.
- ▶ Applications will be evaluated by the Commission, IDOE and Governor's office staff with recipients being announced before Thanksgiving.

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OTHER LEGISLATION



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- ▶ National Guard Supplemental Grant Expansion
- ▶ CVO Expansion
- ▶ Purple Star Designation
- ▶ Martin University Grant
- ▶ College Success Grants
- ▶ Anderson Scholar House
- ▶ Academic Performance Grants
- ▶ Teacher Higher Education and Industry Collaboration Grant Program



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