

Teaching-Based Scholarships

Student Advocates Conference

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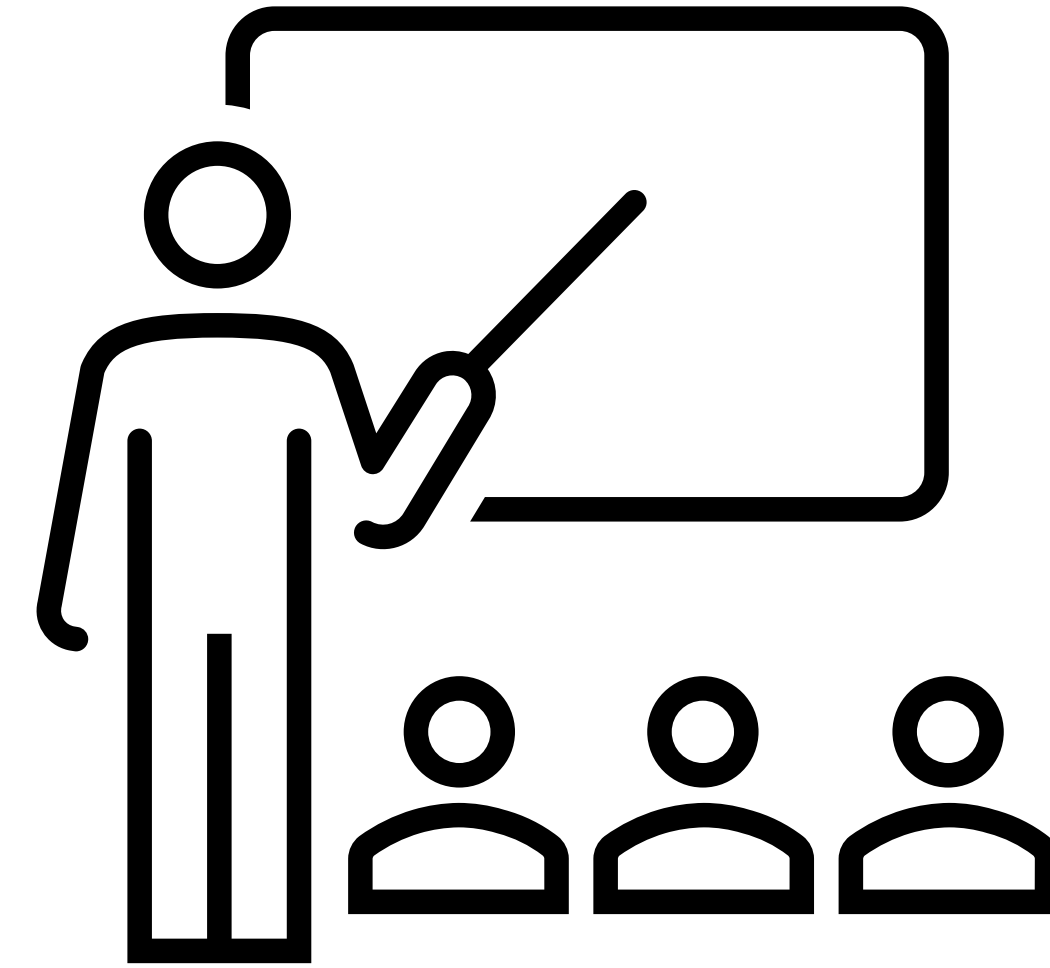
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THE NEED

- ▶ Indiana has a **teacher shortage**.
- ▶ There are currently **1416 open positions**.
- ▶ The **Commission** has various programs to help address this.
 - ▶ Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
 - ▶ Transition to Teaching Scholarship



NEXT GENERATION HOOSIER EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP



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OVERVIEW

- ▶ Established by **HEA 1002-2016**.
- ▶ Provides high-achieving high school and college students a renewable scholarship of up to **\$10,000 for 4 years**.
- ▶ Students agree to **teach for 5 years** in an eligible school after graduating.

#NextTeacher

"I knew that I wanted to be a teacher since I was a kid. I've always enjoyed helping others and some of the most influential people in my life have been the teachers I've had."

Shape Indiana's FUTURE
AND BE THE TEACHER WHO INSPIRES

Joseph Rodriguez
Music Teacher
Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Recipient
Eastern Greene High School
Bloomfield, Indiana

The **Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship** provides up to \$10,000 per year of college for up to four years (\$40,000) to students pursuing an undergraduate degree in education.

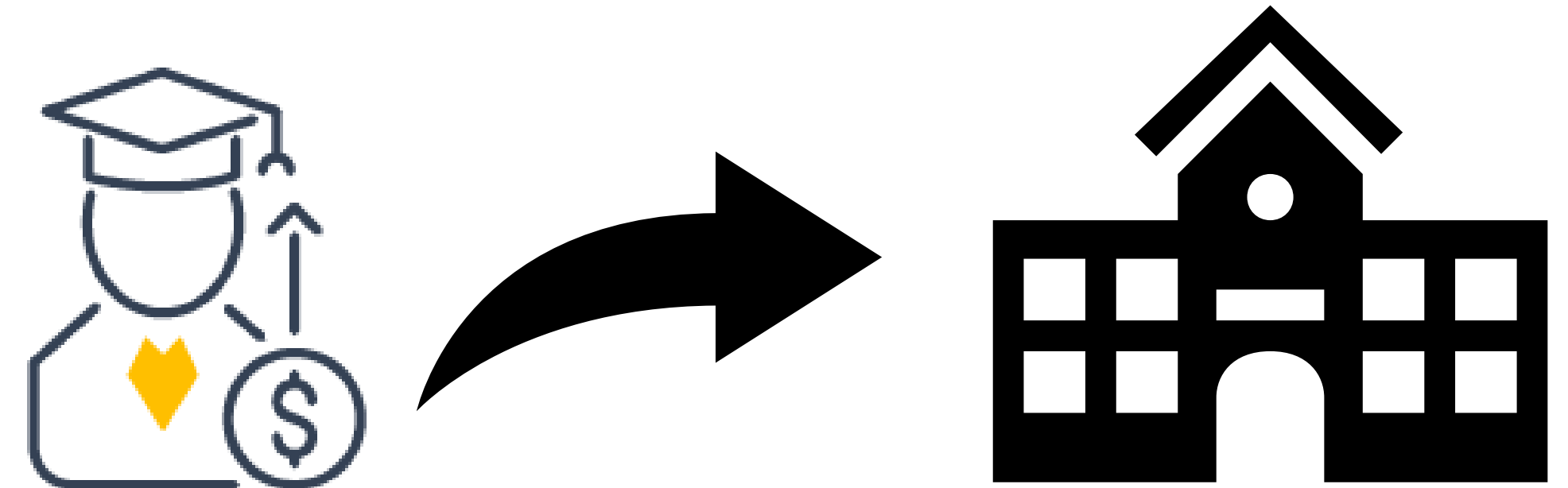
To qualify, students must rank in the top 20% of their high school graduating class, have a top 20% ACT or SAT score, or have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

\$10,000 per year of college

For more information and to apply, visit
LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher

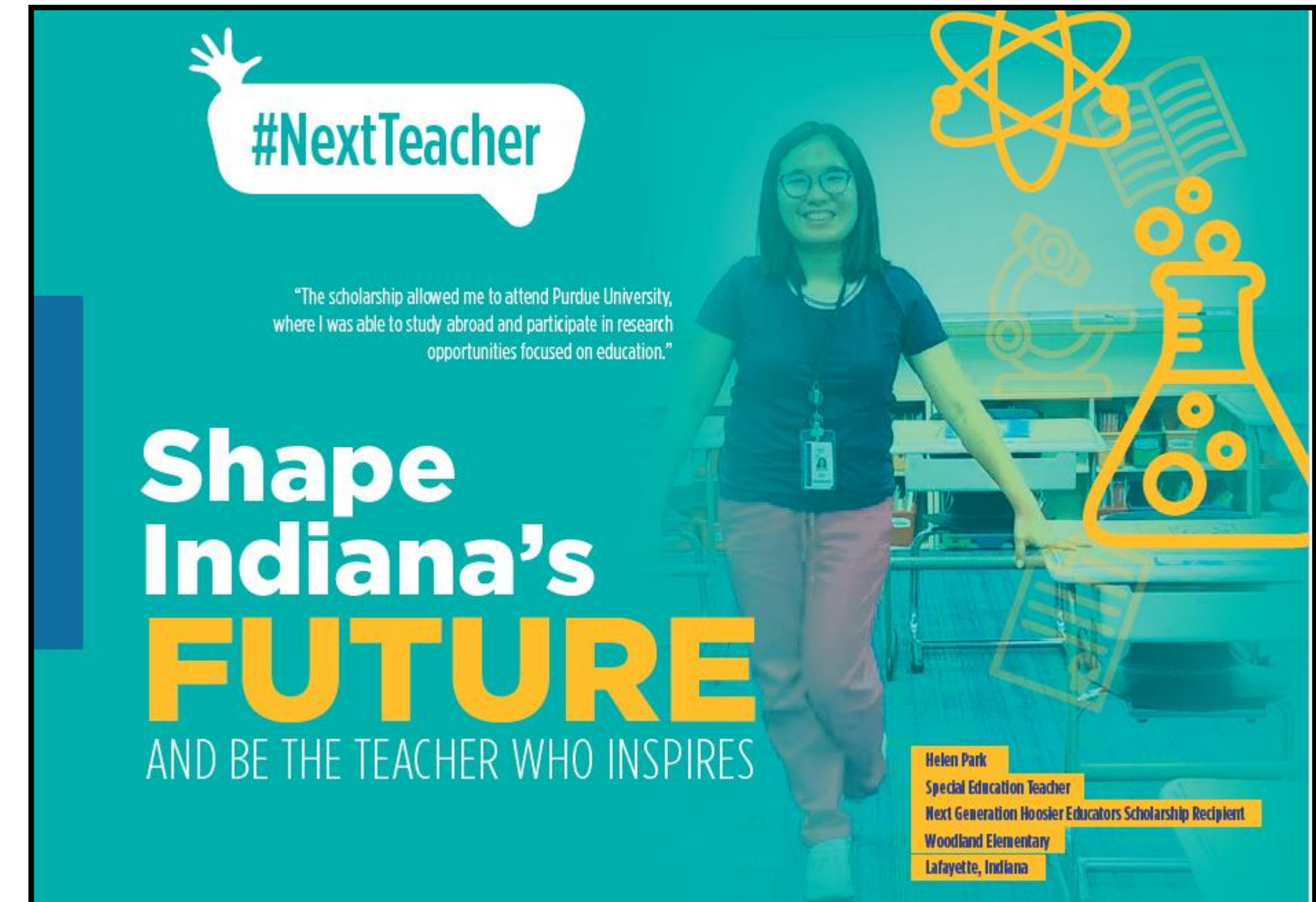
OVERVIEW

- ▶ The scholarship has supported 8 cohorts of recipients or **1454 students**.
- ▶ The program is highly successful.
- ▶ **88 percent** of recipients from the initial cohorts are teaching or pursuing additional education.




OVERVIEW

- ▶ Interest in the scholarship is growing.
- ▶ The 2024-25 application cycle was a **recording-breaking year**.
- ▶ **945 applications** received from residents of 89 counties.



CURRENT APPLICATION CYCLE

- ▶ The **2025-26 application cycle** opened October 1, 2024.
- ▶ It will close **January 31, 2025.**
- ▶ The application is accessed via **ScholarTrack.**
- ▶ Students must have a **Full Student Account** to apply.

 ScholarTrack

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About ScholarTrack

Welcome to ScholarTrack, Indiana's one-stop shop for all state financial aid information! With your user account, you can (some require a full user account to complete):

- Apply for state financial aid, such as the 21st Century Scholarship and the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
- Complete your Scholar Success Program activities (both high school and college)
- Check the status of your FAFSA, college credit completion, and more
- See what financial aid you are being offered from the state
- Submit and view appeals
- Access additional college and career success resources.

If you already have a ScholarTrack account, please login.

If you have not yet created an account, please click [here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Scholar Success Program?	▼
Who manages ScholarTrack?	▼
Why should I use ScholarTrack?	▼

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ **High school seniors and current college students** may apply.
- ▶ Students must meet **one** of the following:
 - ▶ Top 20th percent **rank** in high school class; or
 - ▶ Top 20th percentile score on the **ACT or SAT**; or
 - ▶ Have a cumulative **GPA** of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
- ▶ Students must annually file the **FAFSA**.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

2025-2026 Academic Requirements

Applicants must have graduated or will graduate from an Indiana accredited high school or non-accredited nonpublic high school by June 30, 2025. Applicants must meet one of the following three academic requirements to qualify for the scholarship.

1) Class Rank

An applicant currently in high school must list their current class rank at the time of application and be in the top twentieth (20th) percent of their high school graduating class. An applicant currently in college must have graduated in the top twentieth percent of their high school graduating class to qualify. If an applicant's high school does not offer class rank but is willing to verify an unpublished class rank, a school official may provide the unpublished class rank upon confirming the student in [ScholarTrack](#).

2A) ACT

Students must have a **Composite score of 25 or higher** to qualify. Students may use their best ACT Composite score at the time of application.

2B) SAT

For students who completed the SAT examination after March 2016:

Students must have a **Total score of 1110 or higher** (combined score of Evidence Based Reading and Writing + Math) to qualify. Students may use their best SAT Total score at the time of application.

For students who completed the SAT examination prior to March 2016:

Students who completed the SAT examination during the following administration dates must have the following **minimum scores in both Critical Reading and Math** to qualify:

Administration Dates	Critical Reading	Math
October 2010-June 2013*	600	620
October 2013-June 2015	600	630
October 2015-January 2016	600	620

*Indiana students who completed the SAT examination prior to October 2010 will be held to meeting the October 2010-June 2013 minimum scores in both Critical Reading and Math to qualify.

3) Cumulative GPA

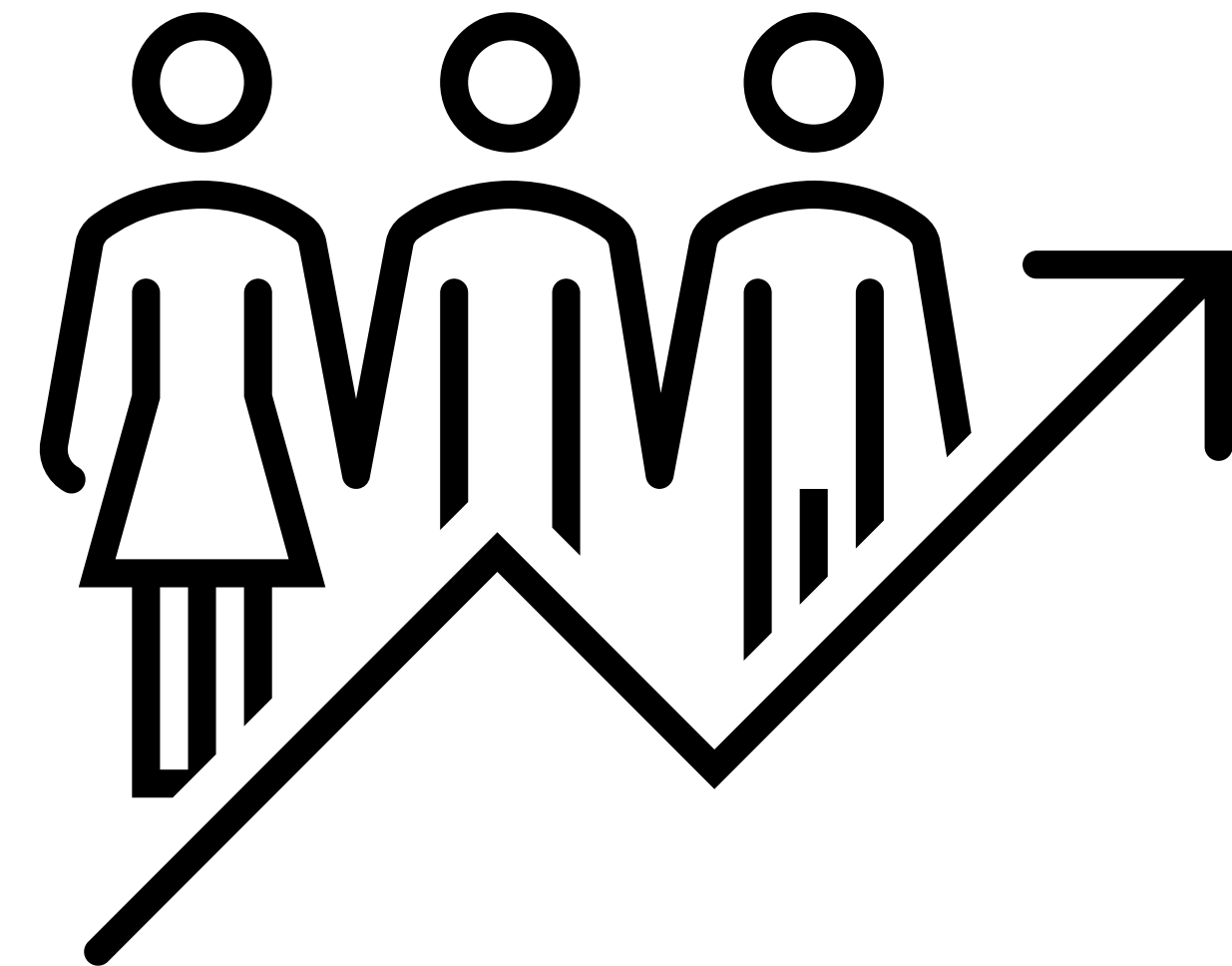
Students must have achieved a **Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale** for courses taken during high school. If an applicant's high school does not provide cumulative GPAs but is willing to verify an unpublished cumulative GPA, a school official may provide the unpublished cumulative GPA upon confirming the student in ScholarTrack.

PROMISSORY NOTE

- ▶ Students selected for the scholarship must sign a **promissory note**.
- ▶ Recipients are required to **teach for 5 years** in an eligible school.
- ▶ Recipients who do not meet the service requirement **must pay back** the corresponding prorated amount of scholarship, plus interest.

RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

- ▶ **HEA 1637-2023** made several changes to the scholarship.
 - ▶ The annual award increased from \$7,500 to **\$10,000**.
 - ▶ The 200-recipient **cap was lifted**, increasing access.
 - ▶ The cumulative GPA to apply for the award was lowered from 3.5 to **3.0** on a 4.0 scale.



TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

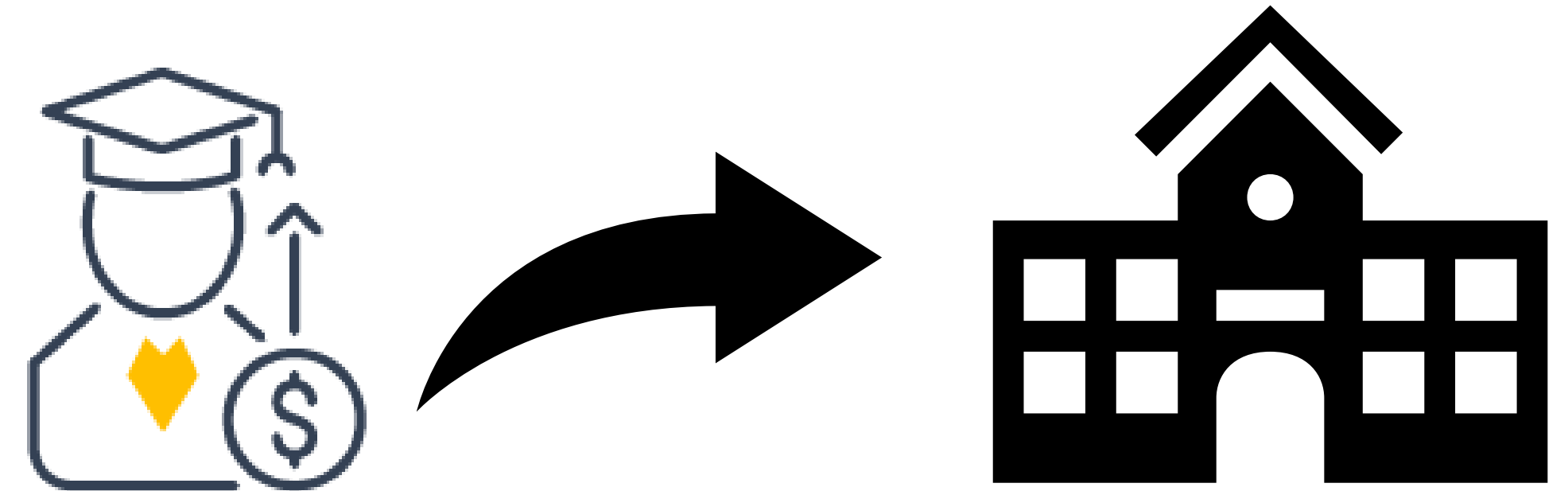


OVERVIEW

- ▶ Established by **HEA 1528-2023**.
- ▶ Provides post-baccalaureate students a one-time, non-renewable scholarship of up to **\$10,000**.
- ▶ Students agree to **teach for 5 years** in an eligible school after graduating.

OVERVIEW

- ▶ The scholarship has supported 2 cohorts of recipients or **384 students**.
- ▶ The program has received significant interest.



CURRENT APPLICATION CYCLE

- ▶ The **2024-25 application cycle** reopened September 30, 2024.
 - ▶ **166** applicants have been selected.
 - ▶ **129** applicants have been awarded.
- ▶ The application will remain open.
 - ▶ Additional selections may be made in February 2025.
- ▶ The application is accessed via **Alchemer**.
- ▶ Students must have a **completed Nomination Form** to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ Students must:
 - ▶ Possess a **baccalaureate degree** from an accredited postsecondary four-year institution;
 - ▶ Be **enrolled** in an approved Transition to Teaching program; and
 - ▶ Be **employed or volunteer** at a K-12 school in the state of Indiana.

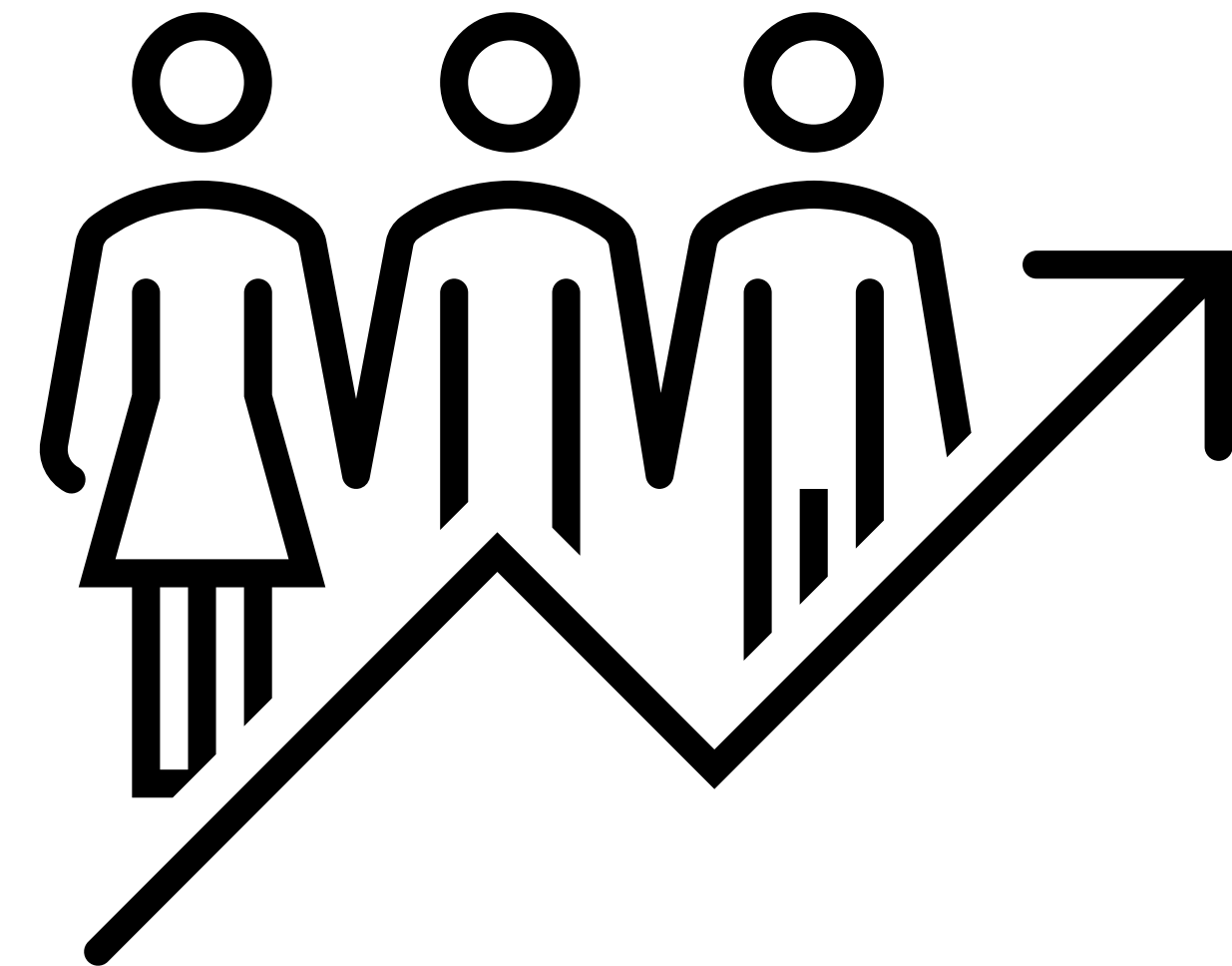


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RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

- ▶ **HEA 1042-2024** made several changes to the scholarship.
 - ▶ The selection process prioritizes applicants with a household income of **\$100,000 or less**.
 - ▶ Allows remaining Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship funding to be used for additional **Transition to Teaching Scholarships**.



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Questions?

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