

**Indiana Commission for Higher
Education**

21st Century Scholars Program

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Nominations**





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In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the 21st Century Scholars program, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) is launching the inaugural 21st Century Scholar Awards.

Since its inception, the 21st Century Scholars program has mobilized hundreds of outstanding 21st Century Scholars Alumni, local community leaders, and school and community-based partners all striving to improve the lives of Hoosier students across Indiana. The Commission has the privilege of honoring the best and brightest partners through the inaugural 21st Century Scholars Awards.

Applications are due May 1, 2015, and we encourage you to consider nominating an outstanding 21st Century Scholars Alumni, local community leader, or school and community-based partner for this great honor and recognition.

All nominees will be invited to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Reception in July 2015.

Outstanding Partner Award (Organization)

The Outstanding Partner Award recognizes an outstanding school (K-12 or postsecondary), local community leader or community-based partner organization for its impact and contributions on the 21st Century Scholars Program. This award is designed to help increase the public awareness of and support for 21st Century Scholars programs and services. Any school, non-profit, business, foundation or government agency is encouraged to submit a nomination.

Distinguished Alumni Award (Individual)

The Distinguished 21st Century Scholars Alumni Award recognizes an outstanding Alumni for his or her professional achievements, contributions to society and continued support to the 21st Century Scholars Program. Nominations will be open to any 21st Century Scholar Alumnus who has successfully earned a postsecondary credential.

Champion Award (Individual)

The 21st Century Scholars Champion Award recognizes individuals who have made essential contributions to the success of the 21st Century Scholars Program and the students it serves. Nominations will be open to any individual who has distinguished him or herself by advancing the 21st Century Scholars Program mission of college and career readiness and student success. Champions can be parents, family members, mentors, school administrators, school counselors, peer mentors, current Scholars and Scholar Alumni.



NOMINATION PROCESS

The Outstanding Partner Award recognizes an outstanding school (K-12 or postsecondary), local community leader or community-based partner organization for its impact and contributions on the 21st Century Scholars Program. This award is designed to help increase the public awareness of and support for 21st Century Scholars support programs and services. Any school, non-profit, business, foundation or governmental agencies are encouraged to submit a nomination.

Each nomination packet should include the following:

- ✓ Application Cover Sheet, with completed background information
- ✓ A nomination essay (500 words or less) which outlines the following:
 - How has your organization partnered with the 21st Century Scholars Program?
 - Describe the impact and results of your partnership using measurable data when possible.
- ✓ Two letters of support from executive staff, Scholar student or other staff member
- ✓ All award nominees will be asked to submit a high resolution, print quality copy of their organization's logo for publicity.

All nominees will be invited to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Reception in July 2015. Please submit all materials in one PDF file to Scholars@che.in.gov with 2015 Outstanding Partner Award in the subject line. Faxes and hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

For questions, please contact Emily Sellers at ESellers@che.in.gov.

NOMINATION TIMELINE

March 20, 2015	Award nominations available
May 1, 2015	Award nomination packets due by 5 pm EDT to Scholars@che.in.gov
May 29, 2015	Award winner notification
July 2015	Award Reception

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Outstanding Partner Award Nomination Cover Sheet

Partner Organization:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	Fax:
Website:	Social Media:
Contact Name:	
Title:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Letter of Support (organization):	
Name:	Title:
Phone:	E-mail:
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I hereby nominate _____ for the 21st Century Scholars 2015 Outstanding Partner Award.

I understand that, as an Outstanding Partner Award nominee, our organization will be encouraged to attend the award ceremony held in July 2015 in Indianapolis, IN.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____