



The **21st Century Scholars** program is Indiana's premier college readiness and early-promise scholarship for income-eligible Hoosier students. Students who fulfill the Scholar Pledge receive up to four years of college tuition and support services that help them graduate high school and complete college.



## TAKE THE PLEDGE

When students enroll as Scholars in 7th or 8th grade, they pledge to:

- ✓ Graduate from high school with at least a Core 40 diploma.
- ✓ Achieve at least a 2.5 cumulative high school Grade Point Average (GPA).
- ✓ Complete the **Scholar Success Program** that helps them **plan, prepare** and **pay** for college success.
- ✓ Not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit a crime or delinquent act.
- ✓ Apply for college admission and financial aid on time as a high school senior.

Students must meet family income guidelines and apply by **June 30** of their 8th-grade year. Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars).



## SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Scholars understand that they have to work hard to succeed in school. By participating in the **Scholar Success Program**, Scholars learn how to **plan** their path to high school graduation, **prepare** with the skills needed to be college- and career-ready, and **pay** for college by earning scholarships and meeting financial aid requirements.



## COMPLETE COLLEGE

Scholars continue to receive support in college as they make a **plan** to graduate on time, **prepare** for their career and **pay** for college with minimal debt. Scholar upperclassmen and alumni can also give back to the program and help other Scholars be successful by becoming **Scholar Ambassadors** or joining the **Scholar Alumni Network**.



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Expected of all **21st Century Scholars** as part of the Scholar Pledge, the Scholar Success Program requirements take effect beginning with Scholars who start high school in 2013. Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars).

<b>SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>PERFORM academically</b>			
<b>Core 40 Diploma and 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA)</b>			
Scholars must graduate from high school with at least a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Scholars are encouraged to pursue a Core 40 diploma with Academic Honors or Technical Honors in order to increase their academic preparation and to provide them with an even wider range of college and career options after high school graduation.			
<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>PLAN for College</b>	<b>PREPARE for college</b>	<b>PAY for college</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Graduation Plan</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular or Service Activity</b>	<b>Paying for College 101</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Career Interest Assessment</b>	<b>Workplace Experience</b>	<b>College Costs Estimator</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>College Visit</b>	<b>College Entrance Exam</b>	<b>Scholarship Search</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>College Application</b>	<b>College Success 101</b>	<b>FAFSA Filing</b>

**Graduation Plan** should be updated annually to keep student on track for high school graduation and college admission.  
**Career Interest Assessment** can be completed online via the Indiana Career Explorer at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Careers](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Careers).  
**Workplace Experience** includes job-shadowing, internship, part-time employment or related career-focused experience.  
**College Entrance Exam** includes the ACT and/or SAT.  
**College Costs Estimator** can be completed online via the Indiana College Costs Estimator at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs).  
**Scholarship Search** can include any additional scholarship opportunity beyond the 21st Century Scholarship for which student is eligible.  
**FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be submitted by March 10th of the student’s senior year of high school.  
**College Success 101** and **Paying for College 101** learning modules can be completed online at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars) (beginning fall 2013).

