

Guidance News

Scholarships

November 2024

Scholarship: financial aid awarded to a student from a college or private source. Scholarship scams are very common. Six signs of a scam: 1. "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." 2. "You can't get this information anywhere else." 3. "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship." 4. "We'll do all the work." 5. "The scholarship will cost some money." 6. "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.

You should not have to pay to receive scholarship information. All information can be received from the guidance office, the financial aid office of the college you plan to attend, or by visiting reputable internet sites. Good sites to visit for scholarship information and to learn about scholarship scams:

www.salliemae.com/college-planning/
www.collegeboard.com <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
www.scholarship.com www.fastweb.com
www.studentaid.gov www.learnmoreindiana.org
www.investedindiana.org/
www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/



PARENTS: Please encourage your seniors to turn in college applications soon. Some schools are getting close to the application and scholarship deadline. **Remember to check out the college website for available scholarships.**



Every senior participating in the graduation ceremony must order a cap and gown.

2025-26 FAFSAs will not be available until December. A parent/guardian and the student will need a **FSAI ID to submit the FAFSA. You **SHOULD** go ahead and get one- <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>**

Remember: Don't forget to take advantage of your college visit day. Each senior can receive two field trip days to use for college visits. Make sure you bring back a signed letter or excuse from the college confirming you were there.



Eat **TONS** and take a nap.

Check out Learn More Indiana www.learnmoreindiana.org for answers to questions about careers, colleges, and financial aid/scholarships

Need help planning for college? Check out the College Planning Toolbox:

<https://invested.inviteeducation.com/>



Dates to Remember- November

Nov 1- IU Early action admission deadline- to be considered for academic scholarships
Nov 2- USI Medical Careers Showcase
Nov 8- PreVU Day
Nov 11- Veteran's Day Program
Nov 12- USI High School Business Day
Nov 16- USI Open House
Nov 27-29- No School



-YEARBOOK INFO-

Senior Picture due date
DECEMBER 7th

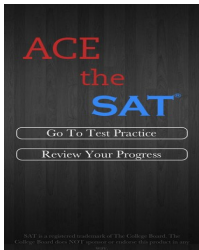
Yearbooks can be ordered online
www.jostensyearbooks.com



Healthy Choices

Healthy Choices are critical during this time of your life. The whole world is yours, you are free to choose what you want to do with the rest of your life. Most of us sell ourselves short. Fear of the unknown keeps us frozen in place. What if I can't make it in college? What if I don't find a job? What if I pick the wrong career? There is no one in the senior class who doesn't have what it takes to be successful. Not all of you are meant for a four year college, but there is not one of you who doesn't need some type of training after high school to help secure your future. Take advantage of the campus visit days, ask us to help arrange a job shadowing experience or take a weekend trip to a city. Do something to get some type of idea of what is outside of French Lick. We can always come home again, but get out and experience some place else for awhile.

Check out the SAT/ACT prep apps for your smartphone.



is a great tool for researching colleges. Put in your criteria and it will tell you what schools match your wish list. <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Would you like to take a virtual tour of some of Indiana's private colleges? You can- visit www.eCampusTours.com. This is a 360 degree view of some of Indiana's finest schools.

4 ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

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| 1. Location | 3. Cost |
| 2. Environment- size, campus culture | 4. Degree possibilities (majors) |

* Never chose a school because your friends attend or because it is where your parent went to school. Most students leave school because they don't pick the school that is best for them. Location, environment, cost, and majors must be right for you to succeed at any school. College is exciting and fun but you first have to be happy about your choice of schools.



Visit <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch> for a virtual college visit.



CAREER CORNER

Graphic Designers create designs using print, electronic, and film media.

Average Wage and Salary

Indiana- Average Salary \$38,300

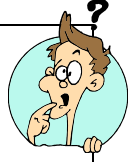
Nationally- Average Salary \$48,600

Job Opportunities- Job opportunities are expected to grow through 2008. In the next 6 years there will be an estimated 1,476 job openings.

Where can I get a graphic art degree? Indiana Schools please check with the individual school to find out exactly what license and degree is offered or visit <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?s=IN&l=3+5&ct=1> for schools offering this major.

top 10 Student resources

for college financial aid & admissions



1. Action Plan for High School Seniors
www.scholarships.com/APS
2. 5 Things to consider before choosing your major
www.scholarships.com/FTH
3. 10 ways to jumpstart college planning
www.scholarships.com/TWJ
4. 20 questions to ask your guidance counselor
www.scholarships.com/TQA
5. College Search
www.scholarships.com/CFA
6. Commonly Asked Financial Aid Questions
www.scholarships.com/CFA
7. Scholarship FAQ
www.scholarships.com/FAQ
8. ACT Overview
www.scholarships.com/ACT
9. SAT Overview
www.scholarships.com/SAT
10. Why go to college
www.scholarships.com/WGC

If you have any desire to go to college make sure you take the SAT or ACT soon

All rankings from Scholarships.com

No School— November 27-29

CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE FOR FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

QUESTIONS?

Q: When will I hear from the college I applied to?

A: All schools are different. You must check with the schools bulletin or call the admission office to see how long it takes to get a response

