

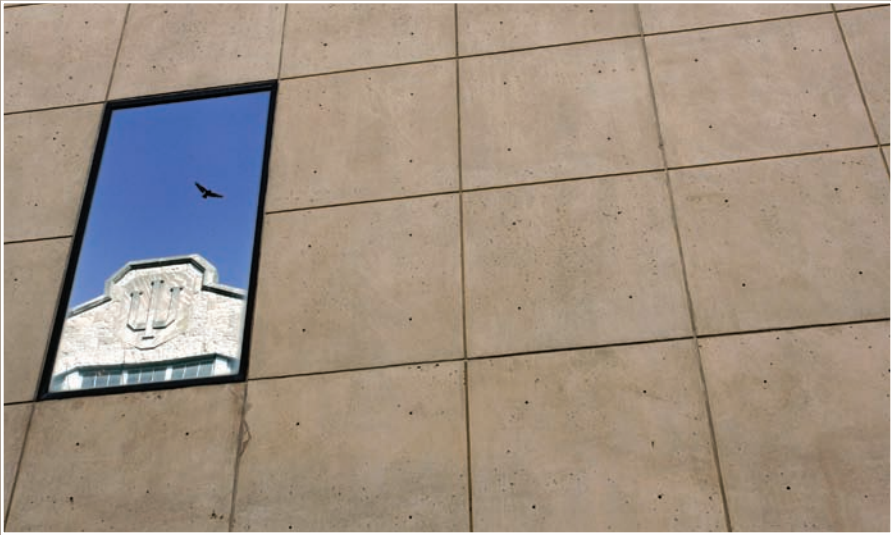
**A powerful promise**



# The 21st Century Scholarship Covenant



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
**BLOOMINGTON**



Keep your eye on the prize.  
We'll help you reach your **goal**.

“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your **riches**, but to reveal to him his own.”

– Benjamin Disraeli

## **Program closes the gap between debt and a degree**

Indiana University’s mission is to make a college education accessible to every state resident, and our **21st Century Scholarship Covenant** is a key part of that effort. The Indiana legislature created the 21st Century Scholars Program as a way to help deserving students earn college degrees, regardless of family income. The program **provides grants** to ensure that qualified students can pay tuition and required fees at state-supported institutions. However, tuition and fees represent less than half of the total cost of a college education because they exclude such costs as room, board and books. That’s why IU Bloomington created the 21st Century Scholarship Covenant — to meet this remaining need, based on the family’s expected contribution, and close the financial gap that prevents students from enrolling. The Covenant is our **promise** to provide 21st Century Scholars with enough additional financial aid to meet the full cost of attending IU. The program is a unique partnership that enables almost 1,000 students per year to pursue their dream of a college degree.



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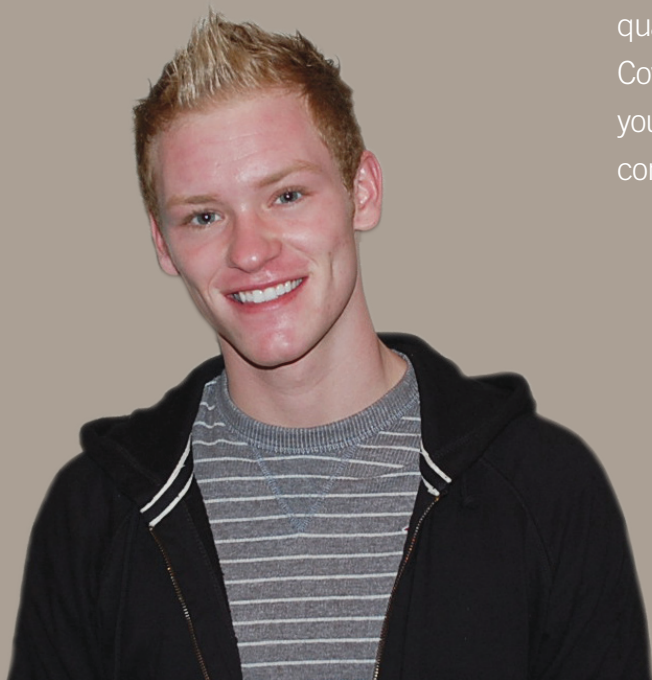


## 21st Century Scholars Pledge

- **I will** graduate with an Indiana high school diploma from a charter, freeway, or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- **I will** achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- **I will not** use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit a crime.
- **I will** apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college or proprietary school as a high school senior.
- **I will** apply on time for state and federal financial aid.

“I am very grateful for the **opportunities and resources** which the 21st Century Scholars Program has provided me.”

– **Brandon Michael Garr**  
**21st Century Scholar**  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Apparel Merchandizing major



## **Background**

As a 21st Century Scholar, you were identified in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade as eligible. You or your parent(s) signed you up. You agreed to the **program pledge**, fulfilled the program’s academic and citizenship requirements throughout your high school years, and reaffirmed your commitment to the pledge as a high school senior.

Thanks to your hard work, you became a 21st Century Scholar. Because of that, the State of Indiana will pay your tuition and mandatory fees. A 21st Century Scholarship covers all four years of an undergraduate degree, providing you meet all of the program requirements.

Again, the Scholarship covers only tuition and fees. But here at IU, you also may qualify for the 21st Century Scholarship Covenant, which may cover the rest of your cost of attendance, based on family contribution.

“I am grateful to the 21st Century Scholars Program as I know I am a **step ahead** of my peers and will achieve unprecedented success in the future.”

– **Axelle Mayode Atchade**  
21st Century Scholar  
Muncie, Indiana  
Biology major



## Examples of family contributions

(Your family may be expected to contribute more or less than is shown in these examples. It all depends on the outcome of your FAFSA.)

1. Sophie is a 21st Century Scholar whose mother earns \$18,000 per year. Her FAFSA determines that her family's expected contribution to Sophie's college expenses is zero. The state covers the cost of Sophie's tuition and mandatory fees, and Indiana University's Covenant program covers the remaining costs.
2. Richard's parents earn a total of \$25,000 per year. According to his completed FAFSA, Richard's family contribution is \$1,300 each year. His 21st Century Scholarship then covers his tuition and fees, with IU Bloomington's 21st Century Scholarship Covenant making up the difference.

## Details about the Covenant

You must complete the following steps to participate in IU's 21st Century Scholars Covenant Program.

- **Apply** to IU early in the fall of your senior year of high school and be accepted for admission to a bachelor's degree program at IU Bloomington.
- **Sign and mail** your 21st Century Scholars pledge affirmation on time.
- **File** for state and federal financial aid by completing and submitting the FAFSA on or before March 1.



“The **future** belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

- **Enroll** as a full-time bachelor’s degree student at IU Bloomington.

## Important reminders

- All required forms must be filled out correctly and filed on time.
- You must be enrolled full-time.
- The most important form is the FAFSA, which you must file every year. It will determine how much (if any) money your family will be expected to contribute **before** either scholarship is awarded.
- The federal government oversees the FAFSA process. Colleges and universities do not determine a student’s expected family contribution.

## Requirements

To be eligible for the 21st Century Scholars Program, you must:

- Be an Indiana resident as an applicant and award recipient (determined by residency of parent/legal guardian).
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at a charter, freeway, or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- Complete and return the 21st Century Scholars application by June 30 of your 6th, 7th, or 8th grade year.

- Meet income requirements as defined on the 21st Century Scholars application, be a ward of the court/county, or be in foster care.
- Make a commitment to fulfill the program’s pledge at the time of application and reaffirm the pledge as a high school senior.
- Apply on time for state and federal student financial aid.

## And remember

### Admission to IU Bloomington is selective.

It is important to take the SAT and/or ACT no later than the spring of your junior year and retake the exam(s) early in the fall semester of your senior year. Completion of Core 40 is required. The minimum requirements for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 are:

- 28 semesters of college-prep coursework.
- Above-average grades in academic coursework (English, math, social science, and foreign language).
- Competitive SAT and/or ACT scores (the writing section is required).
- A class rank well within the top half of your class (if rankings are provided).

There will be new admission standards for current 8th graders applying for fall 2011. View these at [www.admit.indiana.edu/freshmen/as\\_standards.shtml](http://www.admit.indiana.edu/freshmen/as_standards.shtml).

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“The time is always **right** to do what is right.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## Helping you succeed

Indiana University provides a wide variety of free support services to help you achieve your goal of a college degree.

Bloomington campus telephone information  
**(812) 855-4848**

Office of Student Financial Assistance  
**(812) 855-0321 [www.indiana.edu/~sfa/](http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa/)**

**21st Century Scholars Office** has responsibility for all Bloomington 21st Century Scholars and helps them stay engaged by informing them of deadlines, financial aid, and other services. **(812) 856-1591 [www.indiana.edu/~iub21cs](http://www.indiana.edu/~iub21cs)**

**Academic Support Centers** are located in several residence halls to provide tutoring, advising, workshops, and review sessions.  
**[www.indiana.edu/~acadsupp/ACSHome.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~acadsupp/ACSHome.shtml)**

**Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, Academic Support and Diversity** strives to be an effective advocate for students, faculty, and staff of color.  
**(812) 856-1934 [www.indiana.edu/~asd](http://www.indiana.edu/~asd)**

### Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development

works with faculty, staff, and students to design personalized mentoring support to improve the undergraduate experience.  
**(812) 855-3540 [www.indiana.edu/~omsl/](http://www.indiana.edu/~omsl/)**

**Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center** includes a library and offers a variety of programs and resources that promote a sense of community among all African Americans on campus.  
**(812) 855-9271 [www.indiana.edu/~nmbcc](http://www.indiana.edu/~nmbcc)**

**La Casa Latino Cultural Center** promotes a deeper awareness of Latino culture through educational and social programs. It also provides a place where members of the Latino community can go and feel a sense of belonging.  
**(812) 855-0174 [www.indiana.edu/~lacasa/](http://www.indiana.edu/~lacasa/)**

**Asian Cultural Center** supports unity among Asian and Asian American students, helping them recognize their common interests and heritage and acting as a voice for their concerns.  
**(812) 856-5361 [www.indiana.edu/~acc](http://www.indiana.edu/~acc)**

**African American Arts Institute** preserves African American culture through performances by the African American Dance Company, the African American Choral Ensemble, and the IU Soul Revue.  
**(812) 855-9501 [www.indiana.edu/~aaai/](http://www.indiana.edu/~aaai/)**