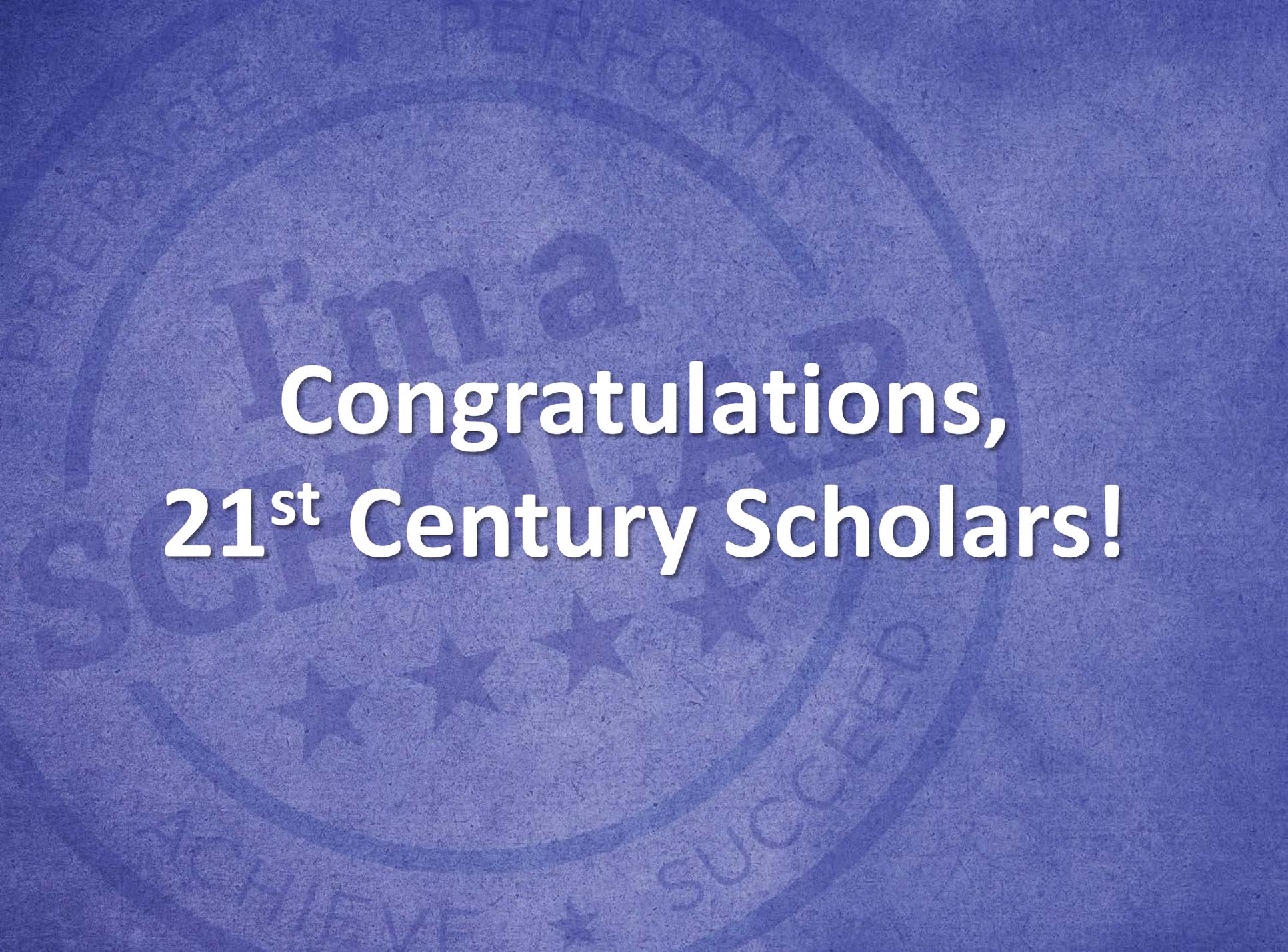




The 21st Century Scholars Program

SENIOR EXIT MEETING





**Congratulations,
21st Century Scholars!**

Overview

- ✓ Keeping the Pledge
 - Affirming Your Scholarship
- ✓ Senior Year Review
- ✓ Using Your Scholarship
- ✓ Preparing for College
- ✓ Applying for Financial Aid
- ✓ Processing Timeline
- ✓ Maintaining Your Scholarship



**KEEPING THE PLEDGE:
AFFIRMING FOR YOUR
SCHOLARSHIP**

PLEDGE AFFIRMATION

- ✓ In order to receive the 21st Century Scholarship, you must affirm that you kept the Scholars Pledge you signed when applying to the program.
- ✓ The deadline to submit your completed Affirmation Form is March 10, 2016.

The Scholar Pledge

- ✓ I will graduate with an Indiana High School Diploma from a school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- ✓ I will achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit a crime or delinquent act.

The Scholar Pledge

- ✓ I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or proprietary institution as a high school senior.
- ✓ I will apply on time for state and federal student financial aid by March 10 of my senior year of high school.

PLEDGE AFFIRMATION

- ✓ 21st Century Scholars must graduate high school with a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ High School Counselors will report your GPA to the 21st Century Scholars Program.





SENIOR YEAR REVIEW

Your Senior Year

- ✓ Complete a Senior Affirmation by March 10, 2016
- ✓ File an on-time FAFSA by March 10, 2016 and make any corrections by May 15, 2016
- ✓ Meet the 2.5 GPA Requirement
- ✓ Apply to an eligible Indiana institution

Financial Means Test

- ✓ Students enrolled **AFTER June 30, 2011** must demonstrate financial need in their Senior Year
- ✓ Income threshold will be based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on Senior Year FAFSA
- ✓ Students who do NOT demonstrate need their Senior Year will be eligible for a one-time scholarship of up to \$2500

Financial Means Test

Students who enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars Program after **June 30, 2011** are subject to new income eligibility guidelines.

Where can I find my enrollment date?

1. Visit our website, www.Scholars.IN.gov and click on PARENTS.
Step 1: Select Update a Scholar's Information
Step 2: Select Scholar Status Website
(You will need first name, last name, DOB and SSN)

If application year is 2010-2011 (or BEFORE) → NO

If application year is 2011-2012 (or AFTER) → YES

2. Still need assistance? Email us at scholars@che.in.gov. Provide full name and date of birth.



USING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Using Your Scholarship

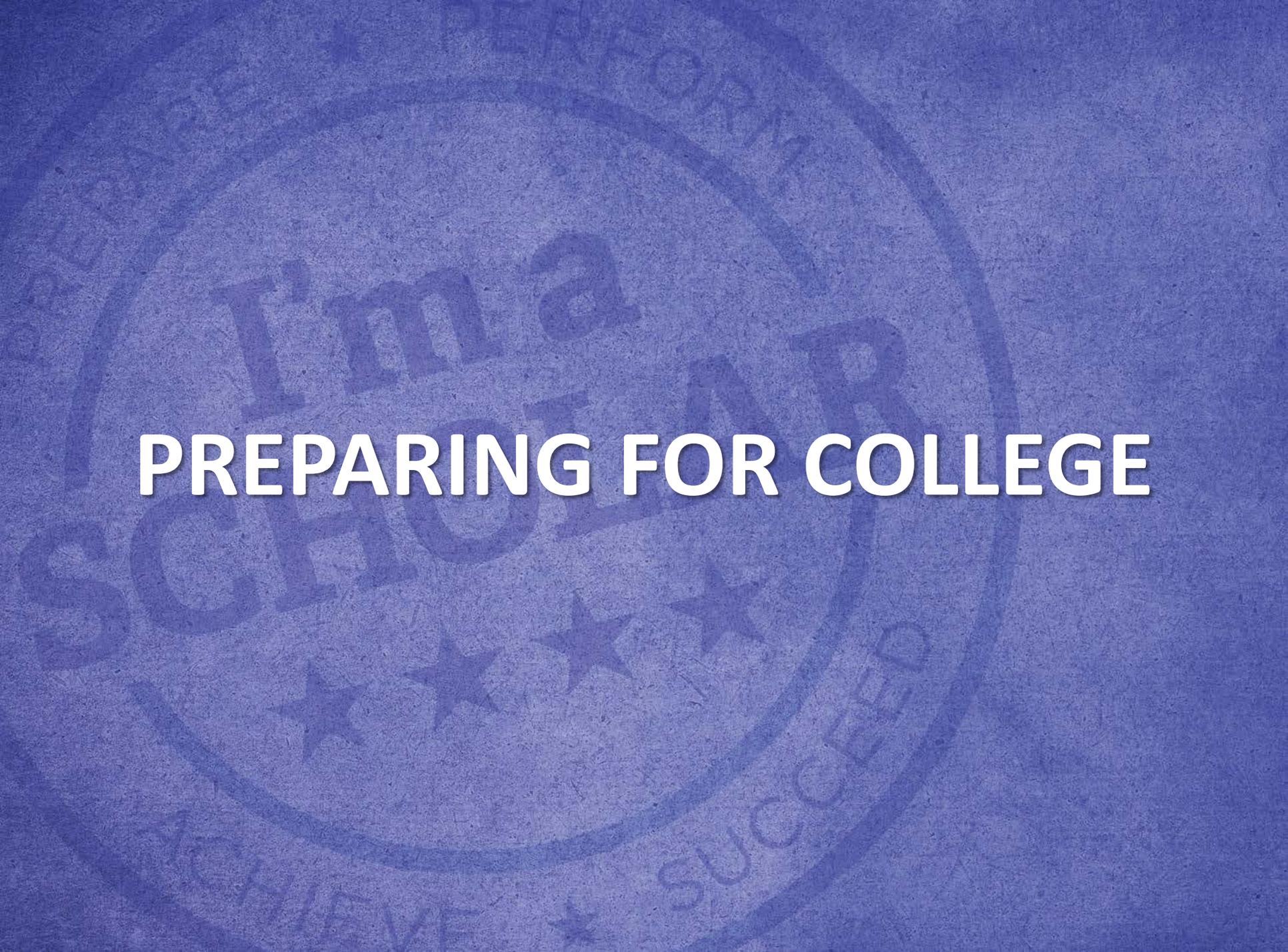
- ✓ File your FAFSA by March 10th and make corrections by the May 15th deadline every subsequent year
- ✓ Apply for admission and institutional financial aid at the Indiana college you will attend by the deadline for that college
- ✓ Enroll as a full-time student within one year of graduating from high school
- ✓ Maintain your Indiana residency

Using Your Scholarship

- ✓ Pays up to 100% tuition at Indiana two- and four-year public institutions
- ✓ Pays partial tuition at approved private or proprietary colleges
- ✓ Pays towards tuition and regularly-assessed fees
 - ✓ *Room and board, books, etc. are NOT included*
- ✓ Provides up to 4 years of tuition assistance toward an undergraduate degree
- ✓ Access within 1 year of graduating from high school.

Using Your Scholarship

- ✓ Remember, your 21st Century Scholarship covers up to the cost of full tuition at an eligible public college or university and partial tuition at eligible private colleges and proprietary schools equivalent to that of Ivy Tech Community College.
- ✓ In addition to the 21st Century Scholarship, a number of schools offer additional incentives of which Scholars can take advantage, such as application fee waivers.
- ✓ Visit www.scholars.in.gov review the list of incentives offered by participating schools and colleges.



PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

Preparing for College

Deadlines Matter!

- ✓ Remember the key deadlines that exist for almost every aspect of planning for college.
- ✓ Admissions, Scholarships, Financial Aid, Housing, etc.
- ✓ Make sure to allow enough time for recommendation letters and for the submission of transcripts.

Preparing for College

Take the SAT or ACT

- ✓ You can register online at:
 - SAT: www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT: www.act.org
- ✓ Test fees for the SAT may be waived once as a junior and once as a senior.
- ✓ Consider retaking the SAT or ACT if not satisfied with scores.



APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Applying for Financial Aid

There are four main sources of financial aid:

- ✓ Federal Financial Aid
- ✓ State Financial Aid
- ✓ Institutional Financial Aid
- ✓ Scholarships from Private Entities

Applying for Financial Aid

- ✓ Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the college or state deadline, whichever is first.
 - ✓ FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before **March 10, 2016** in order to be eligible for Indiana state aid.
- ✓ To ensure maximum consideration for federal, state, and college aid, check information from each school to determine:
 - ✓ Required application materials
 - ✓ Application deadlines

Applying for Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- ✓ Collects family's personal and financial information, which is used to calculate the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- ✓ Available in English and Spanish
- ✓ File electronically via FAFSA on the web at fafsa.gov

Applying for Financial Aid

Registering a FSA ID

- ✓ To file your FAFSA electronically, an FSA ID is needed
- ✓ Serves as your electronic signature
- ✓ Who needs an FSA ID?
 - Student
 - Parent(s) of Dependent Students
- ✓ Website: fsaid.ed.gov
- ✓ Can create FSA ID anytime prior to filing the FAFSA
- ✓ Will be used by students and parent(s) throughout the aid process, including subsequent school years

Applying for Financial Aid

Registering for an FSA ID

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

* Required

[Log in to STUDENTAID.GOV](#)

Create An FSA ID

[Edit My FSA ID](#)

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Username *

Password *

Numbers Uppercase Letters Lowercase Letters Special Characters 8-30 Characters Show Text

Confirm Password *

Are you 13 years of age or older? *

- I am 13 years of age or older.
 I am 12 years of age or younger.

- [Log in to STUDENTAID.GOV](#)
- [Edit My FSA ID](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

CONTINUE >

Applying for Financial Aid

eStudent is the State's self-service website for students who have filed a FAFSA as residents of Indiana: in.gov/cbe/estudent

Remember -
All FAFSA Edits
Must Be Cleared by

May 15, 2016

The screenshot shows the IN.gov website header with the logo and the text "INDIANA COMMISSION for HIGHER EDUCATION". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Division of Student Financial Aid Home", "Questions about Financial Aid Awards", "Contact Us", and "Demo". The main content area is titled "Access Your eStudent Account Online" and includes a welcome message and a list of actions users can take. To the right, there are two boxes: "I Need to Establish an eStudent account" with a "Register Now" link, and "I Already Have an eStudent account" with a "Login" link. Below the main content area, there is a section titled "Problem Accessing eStudent? (FAQs)" with a traffic light icon and four numbered questions with links to answers.

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Access Your eStudent Account Online

Welcome to eStudent, a place where you can learn about:

- View any outstanding issues/problems that could prevent you from qualifying for state aid and action you should take, if applicable, to resolve them.
- Change your first-choice college and have your new state grant eligibility immediately calculated for that school.
- View/learn about your eligibility for state financial aid and print a copy of your state grant award.
- View the history of grants, awards, and scholarships that you've received from the state of Indiana.
- Calculate the estimated award amount you would be eligible to receive at any Division of Student Financial Aid-eligible school.
- Update your address and phone number.

Problem Accessing eStudent? (FAQs)

1. [How do I create or access my account in eStudent?](#)
2. [What information do I need to complete the eStudent Login process?](#)
3. [Why am I getting the error that my Social Security Number does not exist in eStudent?](#)
4. [What are acceptable password formats I should be aware of when creating my password, what if I forgot my password, or am I able to change my password?](#)

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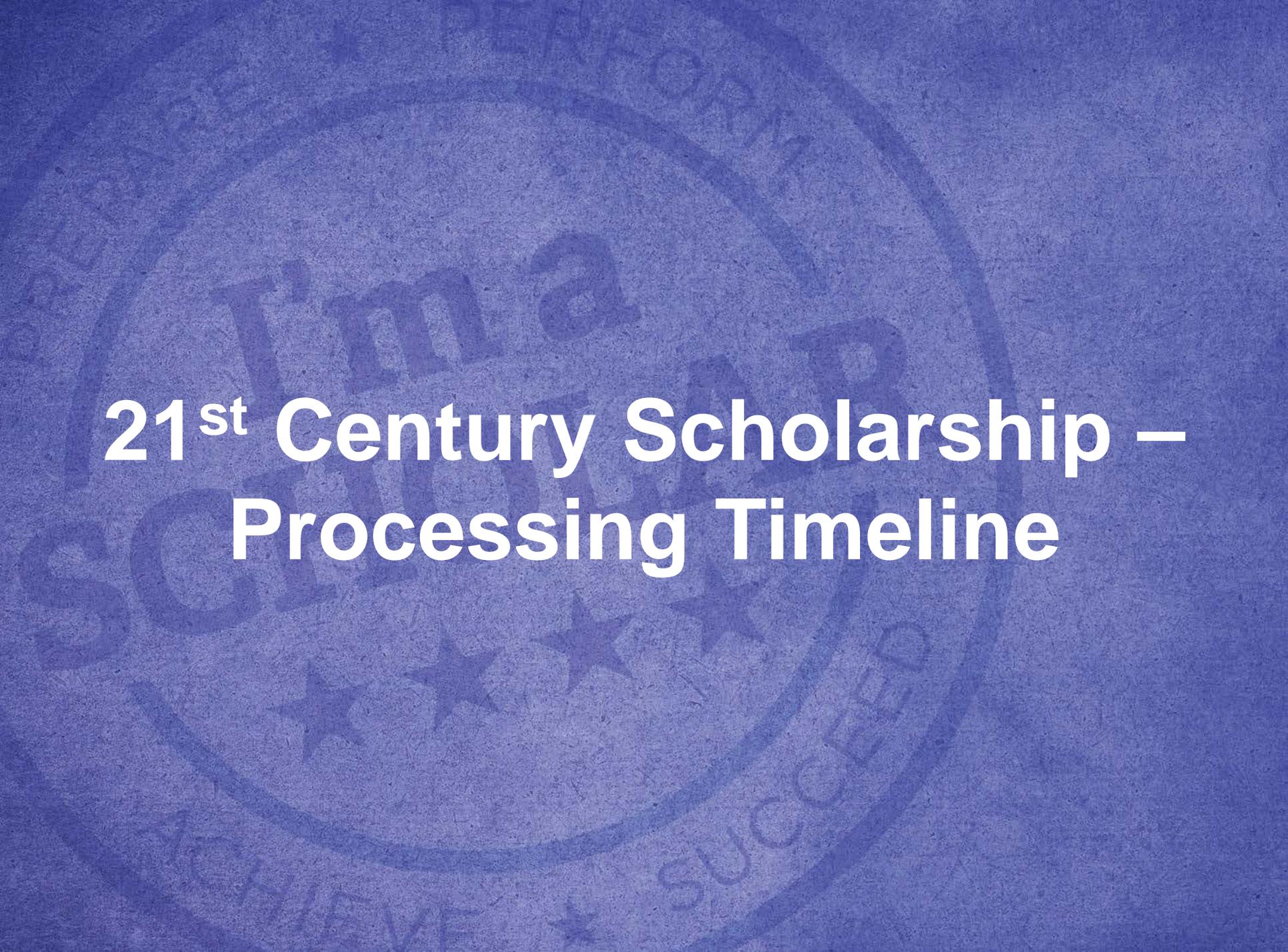
Applying for Financial Aid

Six Signs of a Scholarship Scam

- “Scholarship guaranteed or your money back”
- “You can’t get this information anywhere else”
- “May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?”
- “We’ll do all the work”
- “The scholarship will cost some money”
- “Surprise! You’ve been selected or you’re a finalist!” for a contest you did not enter.

Applying for Financial Aid

- ✓ Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at fafsa.gov. This will determine eligibility for grants and loans to help cover the costs of college
- ✓ Attend **College Goal Sunday** (collegegoalsunday.org)
February 21, 2016
- ✓ Attend local **FAFSA Days**.
- ✓ Additional college planning and financial aid assistance available at:
 - ISM College Planning (ISMCollegePlanning.org)
 - Cash for College (cashforcollegeindiana.org)



21st Century Scholarship – Processing Timeline

Processing Timeline

- February 1st – 7-semester GPA for 21st Century Scholars
- March 10th – State Deadline for FAFSA
 - Register for an eStudent account after completing the FAFSA
- May 15 – State Deadline for FAFSA Edits
- June 15th – final cumulative GPA due for 21st Century Scholars
- July – Scholarship Award Notification
- August/September – Scholarship Award disbursement through college

Please Note:

- You will be notified via email regarding FAFSA edits, GPA and eligibility. It is important that you maintain an accurate email and mailing address with our office.



MAINTAINING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Maintaining Your Scholarship

In order to continue to receive your 21st Century Scholarship, you must:

- ✓ File the FAFSA every year by March 10th and make any necessary corrections by May 15th
- ✓ Be enrolled full-time at an eligible Indiana institution
- ✓ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by your college
- ✓ Maintain Indiana residency

Credit Completion Requirements

- ✓ Scholars must complete at least 30 college credits or its equivalent each award year in order to receive the full scholarship
 - ✓ *Scholars who complete at least 24-29 credits may still be eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant*
- ✓ Please refer to the *College Credit Completion Requirement* handout

DON'T FORGET!

- ✓ You must submit a completed Affirmation Form by March 10th
- ✓ You must file your FAFSA every year by March 10th
- ✓ You must correct any edits to your FAFSA by May 15th
- ✓ You must enroll as a full-time student by Fall 2017 and continue to be enrolled as a full-time student
- ✓ You must stay on track with the 30-60-90 credit completion and maintain satisfactory academic progress each semester...15 TO FINISH!
- ✓ You must remain a resident of Indiana



Ozzie

Sophomore at Anderson Preparatory Academy



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COUNSELORS

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Student Support Center - 1-888-528-4719