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INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS GRADES 6-8

WHAT'S INSIDE:

Your guide to...

- Planning for your **career**
- Preparing for **college**
- Cutting the **cost** of college

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**CHEF**

Christian is in seventh grade at Taft Middle School in Crown Point, Ind.

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## Dear Indiana Student and Parents,

Welcome to the **LEARN MORE** magazine! This is the guide to reaching **your** college and career objectives. Whether you're dreaming of a career developing high-tech robots in an advanced manufacturing plant ... or engineering a disease-resistant crop... or managing the day-to-day logistics of a large company ... or anything else, **LEARN MORE** can help get you there.

You'll learn all about:

- the **career** choices you have in Indiana,
- the **college** options you'll have after high school, and
- how to cut the **cost** of your higher education.

Taking the right steps now will put you on the path to college and career success. So don't wait any longer—flip through **LEARN MORE** and start learning how you can reach your future goals. You can also connect with our campaigns throughout the year to learn about specific steps to take now. **College GO!** (August-November), **Cash for College** (December-March) and **Career Ready** (April-July) have fun contests, information and more resources to help you turn dreams into realities.

## Have a great school year!



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State of Indiana



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Commissioner  
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P.S. Did that job with the robots grab your attention? Read more on page 4. You can also learn about other growing career sectors in Indiana on pages 4-7.

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# Checklist

Nearly  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all new jobs require education beyond high school.\*

## Career

**Job shadow** a family member or another career professional in your community for a day and discover which careers you enjoy.

**Visit** a job site to expand your career knowledge.

**Get involved** with a club or volunteer activity that relates to a career you're interested in.

## College

**Visit** a college campus. Explore your options at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

**Start** your high school Graduation Plan. Talk to your school counselor, or sign up for the online version at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

**Read** about college majors and related careers. Get started at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

## Cost

**Contribute** to a tax-free Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).

**Earn** good grades to boost your scholarship chances.

**Enroll** in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars in seventh or eighth grade if you're eligible. See [Scholars.IN.gov](http://Scholars.IN.gov).



*Christian's interested in being a chef or owning a restaurant. Learn more about Indiana's growing food careers on page 5.*



\* Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education

# Advanced Manufacturing

**High School Pathways for these careers:** *Advanced Manufacturing; Electronics; Machine Technology; Welding*

Many of today's manufacturing plants feel more like a science lab or sci-fi movie than a factory. **Advanced manufacturing** is high-tech, using robots or computers to make their products. It's also a well-paying career sector. The average salary for an advanced manufacturing worker is 40% more than the average Hoosier worker's salary.

Most workers need a college degree in this sector. Many jobs require a workforce certificate, an associate degree or an apprenticeship. For example, you can earn a certificate in **mechatronics** (technology combining electronics and engineering).

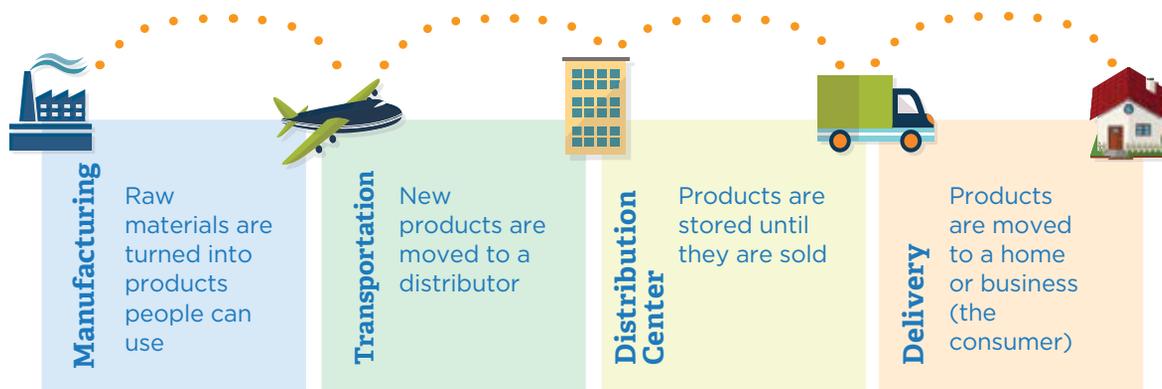


Chase is in eighth grade at South Central Jr. and Sr. High School. His career choice could intersect with both **advanced manufacturing** and **logistics**.

# Logistics

**High School Pathways for these careers:** *Automotive Collision Repair; Automotive Technology; Aviation; Diesel Service Technology; Logistics & Supply Chain Management; Tractor Trailer Operations*

Logistics is a fast-growing career sector, expected to double by 2035. **Logistics** is the process of moving goods from where they are made to where they will be used.



Logistics uses all kinds of transportation: airplanes, heavy and light trucks, boats and trains. Careers in this sector include drivers and operators but also the people who manage the process. Other workers analyze what consumers will buy or how to move things faster. Logistics companies also need people to fix broken machinery.

In general, logistics workers need to be good at math and solving practical problems.

# Agriculture

*High School Pathways for these careers: Agribusiness; Culinary Arts; Horticulture & Landscape Management; Life Sciences*

**Agriculture** is where all food has its beginning. It's also the starting place for many other products. In Indiana, this career sector employs almost 20% (or one fifth!) of the workforce. Food and agriculture combine to make a \$16 billion industry for the state.

**Agri-business** refers to companies that support agriculture. These companies may sell seeds or equipment. Some help manage farms or transport products.

The **food** industry is very closely connected to agriculture. Food careers exist in many places: factories, restaurants or retail stores. You might prepare food, be a scientist or sell food.

Don't underestimate the value of a college degree. As agriculture and food careers become more complicated, it's important that workers have a background in one of these sectors.

*Agriculture employs* **19%** *of all Indiana workers*



## CAREER READY

- Kicks off each spring to help you experience your future career.
- Enter the contest to win \$529 for college! Entries are due **May 27, 2016**.
- Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career).



## Student Snapshot

### EMMA

Parker Elementary School, New Castle, Ind.

Emma's career choice will intersect with agriculture. She'll need to know how different types of fabric are produced and whether synthetic (man-made) fabrics can take their place. If you're interested in fashion, too, you should:

- Take art classes to train yourself to think artistically.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities that will help you learn more about business and selling things.
- Plan on earning a four-year bachelor's degree. Companies want employees who thoroughly understand the production process, from sketchpad to closet.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## What's My Career Fit?

Your career choice should match your interests, skills and today's economy. That means you should pick a job you'll like, that you will be good at, and that will be available when you are ready to work.

Which do you prefer? Check A or B in each row. On some rows you may like both A and B.

**A** ----- **B**

Work indoors	Work outdoors
Work with words or ideas	Work with information
Travel	Work in one location
Work with hands	Work with your brain
Work by yourself	Work in groups
Work during the day	Work at night
Work with people	Work with animals or nature
Work under pressure	Work without deadlines
Have work that makes you happy	Earn a lot of money
Work in busy places	Work in quiet places
Wear a uniform or suit	Wear street clothing
Make things	Sell things
Communicate with words	Utilize math skills
Work the same schedule every day	Work a variable schedule
Give directions to others	Take directions from others

How do your preferences match up with jobs that will be available when you are ready to work? Write down three careers that match the preferences you chose above. Choose careers in Indiana's five growing sectors. An example is done for you.

Career	Sector (Advanced Manufacturing; Agriculture, Agri-business & Food; Healthcare & Life Sciences; Logistics; or Technology)
Computer programmer	Technology
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Pick a preference** you checked in column A or B. How can you develop this preference right now?

Preference:

\_\_\_\_\_

I will develop this preference or skill by

\_\_\_\_\_

# Healthcare & Life Sciences

*High School Pathways for these careers: Biotechnology; Dental; Healthcare Specialties; Nursing*

Taking care of people is a very important industry in Indiana! Careers that work with living things – **life sciences** – are also growing rapidly. Life sciences is a \$50 billion industry in Indiana. It produces new medicines and medical equipment.

These sectors have careers for every education level. If hands-on patient care is what you enjoy, here are some options:

- certified nursing assistant (CNA), which requires a one-year workforce certificate,
- registered nurse (RN) with a bachelor's degree, or
- medical doctor or dentist with eight or more years of college experience.

Maybe you'd like to help people, but numbers or management are more your thing. Consider applying those skills to a hospital, which employs dozens of administrators and business people. If you're a science whiz, a life sciences research lab might be in your future. Look up [BioCrossroads.com](http://BioCrossroads.com) to learn more about life sciences in Indiana. Or explore all of these careers at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/career](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/career).



Hunter is in sixth grade at Parker Elementary School. He has a great career ahead of him in the **healthcare sector!**

# Technology

*High School Pathways for these careers: Construction Trades; PC Networking & Support; Programming*

Careers in technology use computers and other tools to make life easier or better.

**Information technology (IT)** makes data and ideas available to lots of people, primarily through computers and the Internet. Careers in IT include computer programmer, graphic designer, IT support specialist or web developer. Most IT jobs require at least an associate degree.

**Clean energy technology** makes energy for homes or businesses from renewable sources. These sources, like sun, water or air, don't run out. There are careers in clean energy for all types of college degrees. Solar panel installers work on roofs. Salespersons sell equipment. Scientists research how to make clean energy work better. Designers design electric cars. If you're interested in this sector, read news articles, websites and magazines about new technology.

## Experience a Career!

The best way to know whether a career is a good fit for you is to experience it. Ask your family or teachers to help you set up job shadowing experiences. Job shadowing is following someone as they do their job, usually for a day or a few hours.



## Take Hold of Your Future!

You can't know whether you'll be president someday, but you can take steps now to connect your dreams to reality. Bailey, a sixth-grader from Crown Point, Ind., knows that she'll have to get into politics to have a shot at her dream of becoming president. Paying attention in history and social studies classes now will help her be eligible for Advanced Placement (AP) or honors history in high school. Plus, since communicating is a big part of being a politician, Bailey is working hard to hone her writing skills in English class.

But high school isn't the last step for Bailey, or for you. **Nearly two-thirds of all new jobs will require education beyond high school.** Whether you have a solid goal in mind or just know generally what you're good at, you need to prepare for college. And that starts now.

Start thinking about the college degree that matches your career goals. Check out page 11 for a full list of your options.



Bailey is in sixth grade at Taft Middle School.

**Need more reasons why a college education is your ticket to success? There are hundreds of reasons, but here are just a few:**

### Reason #1

**You'll make more money.** Full-time workers with a college degree earn \$20,000 more each year on average than those with just a high school diploma. As a college grad, you'll make \$1 million more over the course of your career!

### Reason #2

**You're more likely to get (and keep) a job.** Unemployment rates for college graduates are about half that of high school graduates even during a recession. And, unlike a home or car, a college degree is yours for a lifetime.

### Reason #3

**You'll live a healthier, fuller life.** College grads are more likely to volunteer, vote and see the world.



## Stay Connected!

Stay connected with Learn More Indiana throughout the school year. Check us out on Twitter @LearnMoreIN or Facebook (Facebook.com/LearnMoreIN).



## COLLEGE GO!

- Kicks off each fall to help you plan for education beyond high school.
- Enter the contest to win \$529 for college! Entries are due **October 23, 2015**.
- Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

### Bonus Reason:

#### Indiana is counting on you.

At least 60 percent of all Hoosiers must have a college degree or quality credential by 2025 for Indiana to thrive in a global economy. That means we need at least 60,000 more college graduates each year over the next decade.

If you choose a career that is in high demand in Indiana, you might qualify for extra money for college. For example, Indiana offers special stipends for minority teachers and those who teach in high need areas, like math and science.

## What's it Take?

The average length of education after high school for some common careers:

**Medical doctor** = doctorate degree (including residency at a hospital or clinic) = about 11 years

**Manager (with an MBA)** = master's degree = six years

**Computer programmer** = bachelor's degree = four years

**Mechanical engineer** = bachelor's degree = four years

**Veterinary assistant** = associate degree = two years

**Commercial truck driver** = certificate = one year

## Student Snapshot

### NICHOLAS

New Castle Middle School, New Castle, Ind.

Nicholas is in eighth grade. He loves math and thinks accounting would be a good career for him. If you're interested in this career, too, you should:

- **Take lots of math! Try to also get involved in a math-related club or activity, like Math Bowl.**
- **Learn as much as you can about business. Accounting doesn't exist without successful businesses.**
- **Earn a four-year bachelor's degree, and consider becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) by passing a national exam.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Defining Your Dreams

It's great to know what you want to be or what you're interested in. But you also have to know how you're going to get there. Read about these students and decide which college path is best for each.

**Dajuan is interested in life sciences and wants to develop medicines for diabetes.**

**Which college degree will Dajuan need?**

- Apprenticeship
- Military + on-the-job training
- Workforce certificate
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's or doctorate degree

**What are some extracurricular activities that would help him?**

• Activity at school:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Volunteer at:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Job shadow at:

\_\_\_\_\_

**What are some high school classes Dajuan should take? Put a star by any that would help him earn college credit in high school.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you'll attend.)*

**Bonus! Which career sector will Dajuan be in? Flip through **LEARN MORE** to find the answer.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Taylor has heard that there's a great need for pipe fitters. She's interested in learning more about this hands-on, well-paying career.**

**Which college degree will Taylor need?**

- Apprenticeship
- Military + on-the-job training
- Workforce certificate
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's or doctorate degree

**What are some extracurricular activities that would help her?**

• Activity at school:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Volunteer at:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Job shadow at:

\_\_\_\_\_

**What are some high school classes Taylor should take? Put a star by any that would help her earn college credit in high school.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you'll attend.)*

**Bonus! Which career sector will Taylor be in? Flip through **LEARN MORE** to find the answer.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Hint: This career could intersect with several career sectors!)*

**Sophie loves computers and loves helping people solve problems. She thinks being an IT helpdesk specialist would be a great job.**

**Which college degree will Sophie need?**

- Apprenticeship
- Military + on-the-job training
- Workforce certificate
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's or doctorate degree

**What are some extracurricular activities that would help her?**

• Activity at school:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Volunteer at:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Job shadow at:

\_\_\_\_\_

**What are some high school classes Sophie should take? Put a star by any that would help her earn college credit in high school.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Hint: Look at classes offered by the high school you'll attend.)*

**Bonus! Which career sector will Sophie be in? Flip through **LEARN MORE** to find the answer.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# YOUR OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

The most important thing to remember is that your **postsecondary (after high school) education** needs to match the type of career you want.

The Option	The Requirements	Career Examples
<p><b>Two-Year (or Community) College</b>  <b>Degree:</b> Associate degree (two years) or certificate (one year).  <b>Tip:</b> You can start at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college to save money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school diploma or TASC (formerly GED).</li> <li>Placement tests to determine where you should start.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robotics Mechanic</li> <li>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</li> <li>Veterinary Assistant</li> <li>Air Traffic Controller</li> <li>Information Systems Technician</li> </ul>
<p><b>Four-Year College (and Beyond)</b>  <b>Degree:</b> Bachelor's degree (four years). After that, you are eligible to earn a master's degree (two additional years) or a doctorate degree (four+ additional years).  <b>Tips:</b> If you don't know which career is in your future, a four-year degree opens up the most options. You can earn college credits in high school (through dual-credit or AP courses) to save time and money later.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core 40 diploma. Many Indiana colleges now require the Core 40 diploma with Academic or Technical Honors.</li> <li>Extracurricular activities.</li> <li>Good grades. Many colleges expect a GPA at or above 3.0 (out of 4.0).</li> <li>Tough classes. Advanced Placement (AP) or dual-credit courses look good on your high school transcript.</li> <li>SAT and/or ACT scores.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production Manager</li> <li>Biomedical Engineer</li> <li>Park Naturalist</li> <li>Marketing Research Analyst</li> <li>Software Developer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Apprenticeship (On-the-Job Training)</b>  <b>Credential:</b> Workforce certificate, usually recognized by an industry association, and sometimes a professional license.  <b>Tips:</b> An apprenticeship is a sweet deal because you'll work (and get paid) while you are in classes. Apprenticeship programs usually take two to five years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school diploma. For some careers, a Core 40 diploma with Technical Honors will increase your chances of getting in.</li> <li>WorkKeys test results. Your counselor can help you sign up.</li> <li>Good grades in math classes, if the career uses math (like plumber or electrician).</li> <li>You can earn the lowest level of certification in some fields while in high school. Ask your counselor for details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrician</li> <li>Hair Stylist or Nail Technician</li> <li>HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) Specialist</li> <li>Pipe Fitter</li> </ul>
<p><b>Military Options</b>  <b>Credential:</b> Often, an associate or bachelor's degree.  <b>Tips:</b> If you enlist, the military will often pay for your college education either during or after your service. If you join a program such as ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp), you can receive a scholarship to attend a four-year college for any career.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical fitness.</li> <li>Clean background check.</li> <li>No tattoos below elbow.</li> <li>ASVAB scores (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) to determine your career path within the military.</li> <li>If you're enrolling in a college during or after your time in the military, college requirements apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil Engineer</li> <li>Computer Programmer</li> <li>Environmental Surveyor</li> <li>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)</li> <li>Financial Analyst</li> <li>Security Officer</li> </ul>

**Learn more online!**

Check out our new and improved website!  
 Explore your college options at  
[LearnMoreIndiana.org/college](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/college).

# Pay for College Now!

College costs may seem a long way off, but you can start paying for your education today.

Hannah is in eighth grade and is planning for a career as an interior designer. In Indiana, registered interior designers usually hold a bachelor's degree and they must pass a national exam. Hannah's already getting a jumpstart on paying for her degree. How? By doing her best to earn good grades. Good grades are the number one way you can earn scholarships and gain access to financial aid, no matter how much money your family makes.

Indiana also offers the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program, which provides up to four years of free college tuition. Find out if your family is income eligible at [Scholars.IN.gov](http://Scholars.IN.gov), or read more on page 15.

**Wondering what you can do now?  
Follow these four simple steps:**

## Step #1 Excel

Learn what it takes to earn scholarships. Grades are always important, but you also need to excel in extracurricular activities, volunteering or leadership opportunities. Colleges prefer students with several interests and talents.

## Step #2 Save

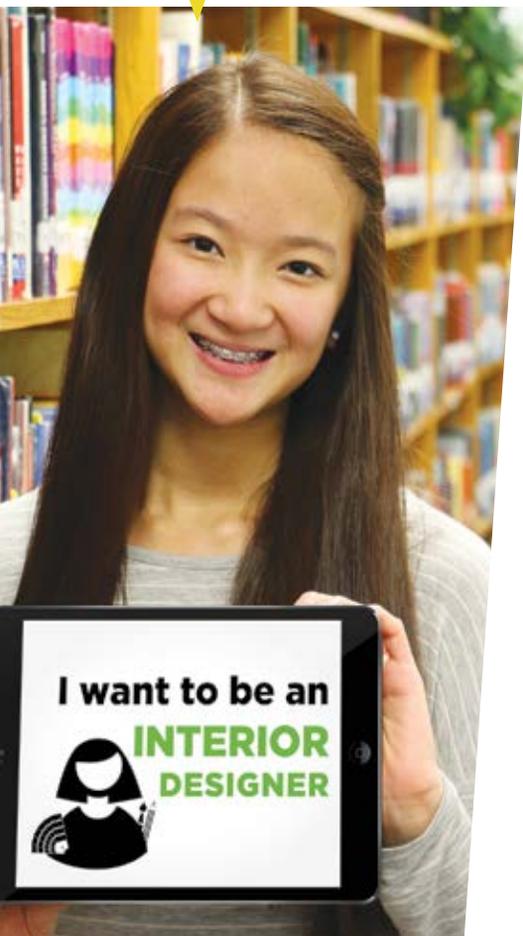
A little goes a long way! The earlier you start saving, the more interest will pile up in your bank account. Learn more about tax-free CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).

## Step #3 Budget

You won't have anything to save if you don't keep track of your spending. Small decisions—like reserving candy and soda purchases for special occasions—matter a lot. Even if you earn scholarships for college, you may still need to pay for rent, food and other expenses. Learn more about budgeting at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).

## Step #4 Know

It helps to know your goal. Visit the Indiana College Costs Estimator with your parents to get an estimated cost of attending any Indiana college. The Estimator will predict how much money you'll get in financial aid from each college. Check it out at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost).



Hannah is in eighth grade at Taft Middle School.

# SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS STARTS NOW!

**Don't wait until you're a senior in high school to start thinking about how to pay for college.** You can start working on earning scholarships now. Your choices—in school and after school—will all pay off in real dollars for college. Find out more about common financial aid terms:

**Financial aid** - Any money you receive to help pay for college. To qualify for most sources of aid, you'll have to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) by **March 10** of your senior year in high school.

**Scholarships and grants** - Money for college that you don't have to pay back. This money can come from your college, the state or federal government, nonprofit organizations, your community foundation, businesses, your high school and other sources.

**Merit-based financial aid** - Scholarships or grants based on a special accomplishment, including good grades. Boost your chances now! Take leadership roles. Volunteer. Excel in a sport, music or hobby. And study hard! All Indiana grants require you to stay on track toward college completion and to meet grade requirements.

**Need-based financial aid** - Scholarships or grants based on your need. Need is usually based on your family's income. You may also qualify if you are a foster child or minority. Indiana has stipends for minority students in some careers. See [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](#) for more information.

**Student loans** - Money you borrow for college and have to pay back, plus interest, after you graduate. If you must use loans, choose federal loans (from the federal government, with lower interest rates and better repayment options). Private loans (from private banks or companies) are more expensive.

**Your eligibility starts now!** You can earn more money for college from Indiana if you earn an honors diploma. You can also earn the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship (about \$4,000) if you graduate early—another decision you'll need to make before high school starts. And don't forget that you may qualify for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program (page 15), which begins in middle school.

Visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost](#) to learn about other Indiana scholarships and grants, including the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship.

## Student Snapshot

### BRANDON

Like Destiny on page 15, **Brandon is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar** who committed to excellence in high school and college in exchange for tuition at an Indiana college.

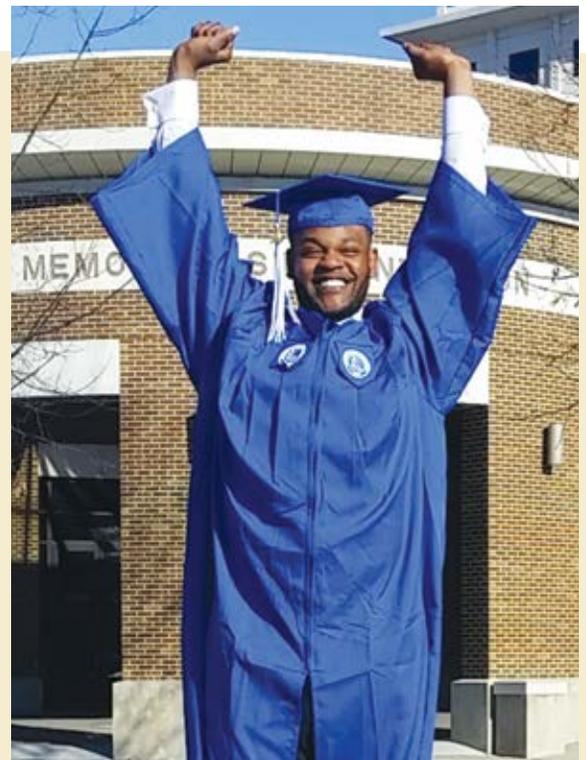
**College:** Indiana State University

**Major:** Human Development & Family Studies

**Degree:** Bachelor's degree (four years)

**Future career options:** Family counselor, social worker, student affairs office at a college

**Brandon's advice:** "Get involved in student organizations. They have taught me social skills as well as time management."



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cash in!

Did you know the choices you're making now can earn you money for college later? Cash in by making the right choices for your college and career path!

**Merit-based financial aid** is awarded based on something good you have done. Often, merit-based aid is based on your grades or high school diploma type. Some of it is related to extracurricular (outside of school) activities. Be realistic—but ambitious—as you fill in the blanks.

### Career Goal(s)

1. I'd like to be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

*TIP: It's OK if you have more than one choice. You still have time to learn about careers.*

### College Goal

2. Type of degree: \_\_\_\_\_

3. College(s) I'd like to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

*TIP: It's OK if you have a couple college choices. You don't know where you'll be accepted.*

### Academics

4. My goal for my grades this year is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. This goal will help me reach my career goals because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Extracurriculars

6. This year, I plan to \_\_\_\_\_.

7. In high school, I plan to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Service & Leadership

8. One way I learn about people who are not like me is \_\_\_\_\_.

9. In high school, I plan to help my community by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*TIP: Try to connect your service activities to your future career! Can you volunteer in your future career setting, such as a hospital, vet's office, or school?*

10. I am getting leadership skills because I \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. In high school, I will gain more leadership skills because I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## BECOME A 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY SCHOLAR

Indiana's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program helps income-eligible students **earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college** (public or private). To qualify, students must enroll as Scholars in seventh or eighth grade. Scholars fulfill a pledge of good citizenship and participate in a **Scholar Success Program** that helps them plan, prepare and pay for college completion and career success. Scholars also must earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a 2.5 GPA upon high school graduation.

**But first you have to apply.** Complete the online application by **June 30** of your eighth-grade year. For income guidelines or to apply online, visit **Scholars.IN.gov**. You can also ask your school counselor for more information on the program.



**Destiny is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar at South Central Jr. and Sr. High School. She's planning to use her scholarship to study dentistry.**

### Get the app!

Compare college costs in the palm of your hand. Visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/mobile](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/mobile) to get the Indiana College Costs Estimator app.

**Download it today!**



## CASH FOR COLLEGE

- Kicks off each winter to help you save and pay for your education.
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