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# **Application Deadline for Teacher Scholarships Approaching**

Students have until January 31 to apply for multiple opportunities

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Students in high school or college who are planning to teach or work in school administration in the State of Indiana have until January 31 to apply for three scholarships – Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities and Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields.

The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is encouraging students to act quickly, as there is limited funding available. All three financial aid opportunities can be applied for at ScholarTrack.IN.gov.

"Our state's K-12 teachers play an incredibly important role in sharing the value of higher education with their students and preparing them for success," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "The Commission is proud to provide these scholarships to future educators, strengthening Indiana's teacher pipeline for today and tomorrow.

#### **Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship**

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides 200 top-performing high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$7,500 per year of college (up to \$30,000 total). In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship. The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 24, 2023.

"I am really grateful to have received the (Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship). It made paying for college so much cheaper," said current Indiana University South Bend student and scholarship recipient Brianne Simmons. "Now, instead of finding ways to pay for college, I can focus on saving for when I graduate."

To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet one of the following academic requirements:

- Rank in the top 20% of their high school graduating class
- Have a top 20th percentile score on the ACT (26) or SAT (1130)
- o Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

Brianne Simmons

For instructions on how to apply, and for a full list of eligibility requirements, visit the website.

## **Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities**

The <u>Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities</u> is available to minority students (defined as Black or Hispanic and Latino individuals) who plan to participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part

of their degree requirements in the semester during which they receive the scholarship. The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$4,000. Priority will be given to student teaching applicants.

## **Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields**

The <u>Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields</u> is available to students who plan to teach special education (any grade) or middle or high school-level math or science. The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$4,000.

For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by phone at 888-528-4719 or via email at awards@che.in.gov.

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# **About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <a href="https://example.com/21st Century Scholars">21st Century Scholars</a> early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's <a href="mailto:Reaching Higher in a State of Change">Reaching Higher in a State of Change</a> strategic plan at <a href="https://www.in.gov/che">www.in.gov/che</a>.