

MEDIA CONTACT:

Emily Price at (463) 261-7397

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday, June 27, 2024

State Grants Over 300 Hoosiers with Teaching Scholarship

Indiana Higher Ed Commission Awards Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> has awarded over 300 scholarships in the eighth year of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors, the <u>Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship</u> provides a renewable scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total). In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship.

"Teachers play a vital role in inspiring hope and preparing students for postsecondary and career success," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Thanks to the Indiana General Assembly for supporting this initiative, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is key to ensuring future Hoosier educators have access to training and resources needed to build the next generation of the Indiana teacher workforce."

A record-breaking 945 students applied for the 2024-25 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, a 58 percentage point increase over the previous year. Applications were received from students representing 315 high schools in 89 of Indiana's 92 counties. Additionally, 71 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

"I applied for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship because I knew it would help me reach my goal of becoming an educator," said Rory Sullivan, a past scholarship recipient and current teacher at Lebanon Community School Corporation. "Receiving this scholarship helped me find a wonderful job with students I absolutely adore. I am grateful for the financial support this opportunity provided during college."



Rory Sullivan, educator and past Next Gen scholarship recipient

To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

Students selected for the scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year are listed by county here.

Learn more about the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship here.

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 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.