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State Awards Nearly 300 Hoosiers with Teaching Scholarship

Indiana Higher Ed Commission Awards Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) has provided nearly 300 scholarships in the ninth year of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

Through a competitive application process based on academic achievement and additional criteria, the [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#) provides recipients 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 inspire confidence in the next generation and prepare students for future career success,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is a key strategy to build Indiana’s future teacher workforce with high-quality talent. The students selected for this opportunity have the passion and determination to make a difference in classrooms across the state.”

A record-breaking 1,091 students applied for the 2025-2026 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, a 15-percentage point increase over the previous year. Applications were received from students representing 326 high schools in 89 of Indiana’s 92 counties. Additionally, 73 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

“The scholarship was an essential factor in my decision to pursue a career in teaching,” said Lily Bohde, a past scholarship recipient and current teacher at Fort Wayne Community Schools. “It provided me with the financial support to fully focus on my responsibilities as a student.”



*Lily Bohde,
Educator and past scholarship recipient*

To qualify for the scholarship, students must 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 2025-2026 academic year are listed by county [here](#).

Learn more about the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship [here](#).

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through higher education, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) serves as the agency's strategic plan and mission through 2030, providing seven goals around enrollment, completion, and graduate retention efforts. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.