

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

How school stakeholders can support Indiana's Scholars

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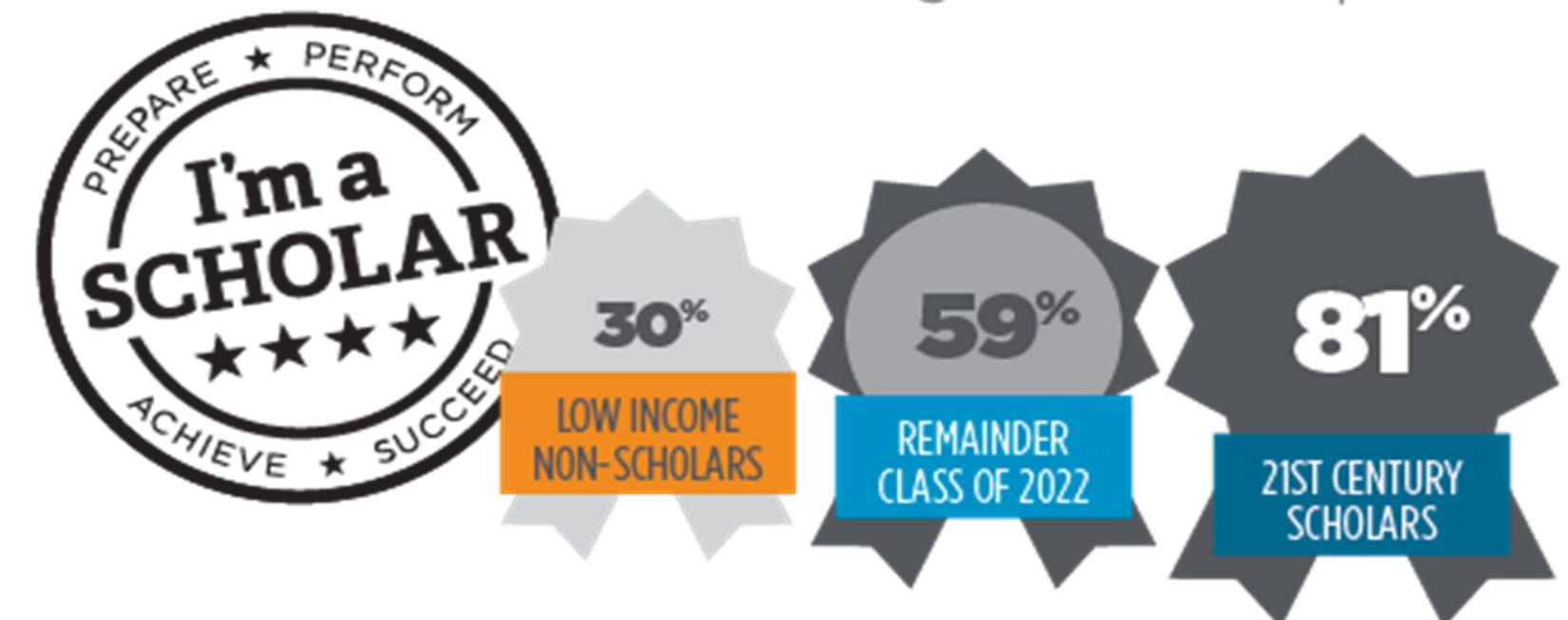
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- ▶ The program was established in 1990 to increase Hoosier students' aspirations for and access to higher education.
- ▶ Income-eligible students are automatically enrolled or must apply in 7th or 8th grade.
- ▶ Scholars who fulfill the Scholar Pledge earn up to four years of paid tuition at an Indiana college.

21st Century Scholars are more likely to attend college than their peers.





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THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS AWARD



- ▶ Pays up to four years full tuition at Indiana public colleges
 - ▶ Included: Tuition and regularly-assessed fees
 - ▶ Not Included: Room and board, books, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses
- ▶ Pays partial tuition at approved Indiana private or proprietary colleges
 - ▶ Private: Pays average cost of 4-year public colleges (\$9,515 for the 24/25 academic year)
 - ▶ Proprietary: Pays equivalent cost of Ivy Tech Community College (\$5,154 for the 24/25 academic year)
- ▶ Many colleges offer supplemental scholarships/incentives.



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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Be an US citizen or eligible non-citizen and Indiana resident
- ▶ Be automatically enrolled or apply in 7th or 8th grade
- ▶ Agree to the Scholar Pledge
- ▶ Graduate with a **2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average** (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
- ▶ Graduate with at least a **Core 40** high school diploma or the new **Indiana Diploma** (Readiness Seals will not be required, but are encouraged)
- ▶ Complete the Scholar Success Program (SSP) in ScholarTrack
- ▶ Meet financial means testing upon filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by **April 15** senior year of high school

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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS ENROLLMENT

Income Eligibility Chart	
 Household Size	 Maximum Annual Income
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
For each additional person in the household add \$9,953	

- ▶ Students who are enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch program will be automatically enrolled in 7th or 8th grade.
 - ▶ October, March, and June
- ▶ If a student is not enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program but meets the income guidelines, they can still apply. Applications must be received by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year.



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21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PLEDGE



- ▶ Complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and college
- ▶ Graduate from an Indiana high school with a minimum of a **Core 40** diploma and a cumulative GPA of at least **2.5** on a 4.0 scale
- ▶ File the FAFSA by **April 15** as a high school senior and each year while attending college
- ▶ Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation
- ▶ Do not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age

SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM

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SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM



The Scholar Success Program includes activities that will help you stay on track for college and career success.

GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Watch "Estimate Your College Costs"
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT or SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA

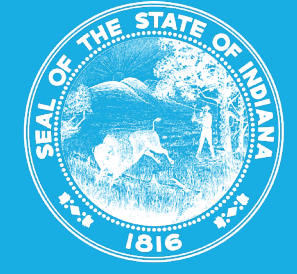
DATA DASHBOARDS & SCHOLARTRACK REPORTS

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DATA DASHBOARDS



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▶ SSP DASHBOARD

- ▶ Tableau dashboard showcasing ScholarTrack Account Creation and SSP progress for Scholars from cohort 2022 up to cohort 2029

▶ FAFSA COMPLETION DASHBOARD

- ▶ Tableau dashboard that shows FAFSA filing rates by school, county, and region for the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

Enrolled 21st Century Scholars 2025 High School Cohort

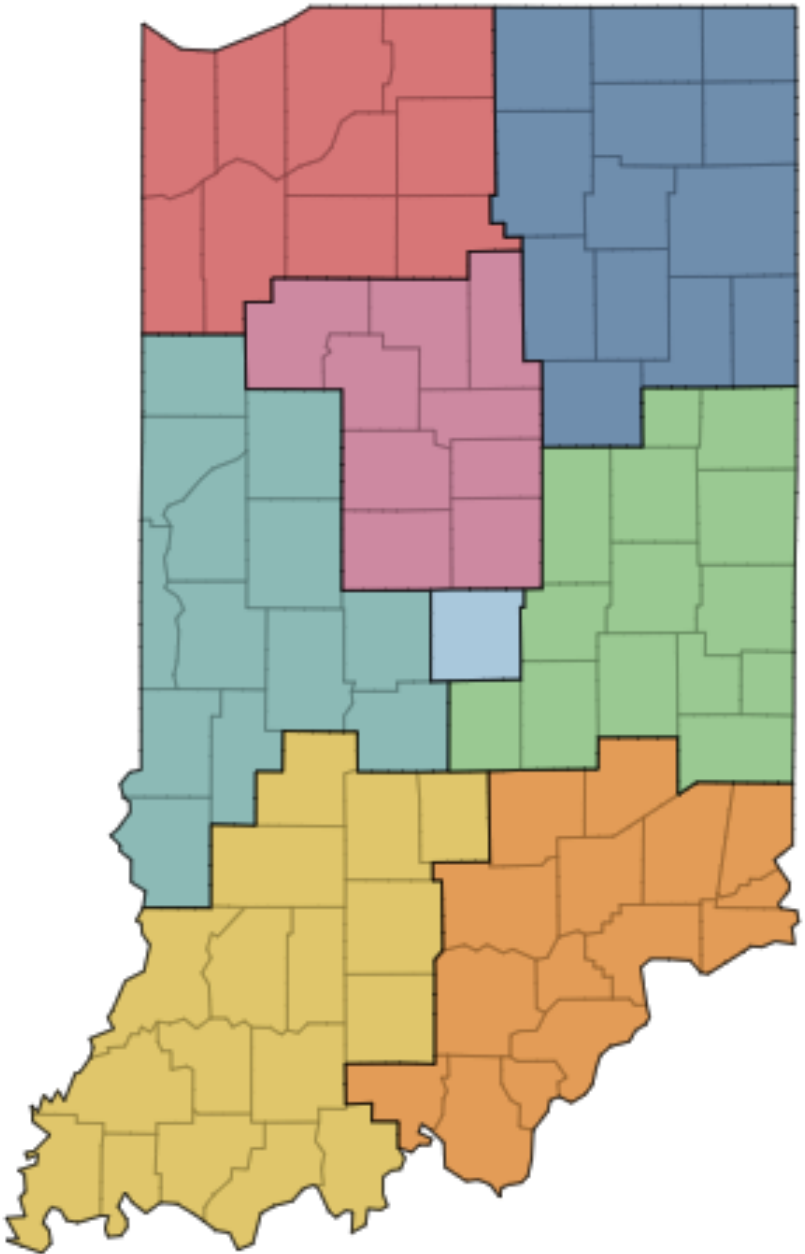
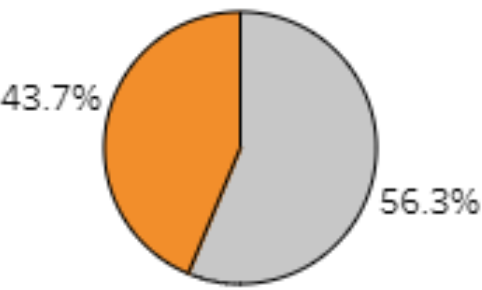
Select Cohort

Region

County

School

All 9th-12th Grade Activities Completed
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Required Activity Completion

Registered for ScholarTrack		<div></div>	80.5%
9th Grade	Graduation Plan	<div></div>	74.5%
	Pay for College 101	<div></div>	71.0%
	Service Activity	<div></div>	71.4%
10th Grade	Career Interest Assessment	<div></div>	67.3%
	College Costs	<div></div>	60.7%
	Workplace Experience	<div></div>	64.6%
11th Grade	Campus Visit	<div></div>	57.9%
	College Entrance Exam	<div></div>	61.6%
	Scholarship Search	<div></div>	59.3%
12th Grade	College Application	<div></div>	51.2%
	College Success	<div></div>	51.9%
	File FAFSA	<div></div>	62.1%

Top Corporations

Corporation	All 9th-12th Grade Activities Completed
WEST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION	100.0%
TRI-TOWNSHIP CONS SCHOOL CORP	100.0%
THE KING'S ACADEMY	100.0%
TAYLOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORP	100.0%

Top Schools

School	All 9th-12th Grade Activities Completed
WILLIAM W BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL-BORDEN	100.0%
WESTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL-WESTVILLE	100.0%
WEST NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL-LIGONIER	100.0%
WALDRON JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL-WALDRON	100.0%

2025-2026 FAFSA Indiana Completion

FAFSA Trackings by School

FAFSA Trackings by County

FAFSA Trackings by Region

2025 Senior Graduating Class

Statewide FAFSA Tracking

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Current 49.6%

21st Century Scholars FAFSA Tracking

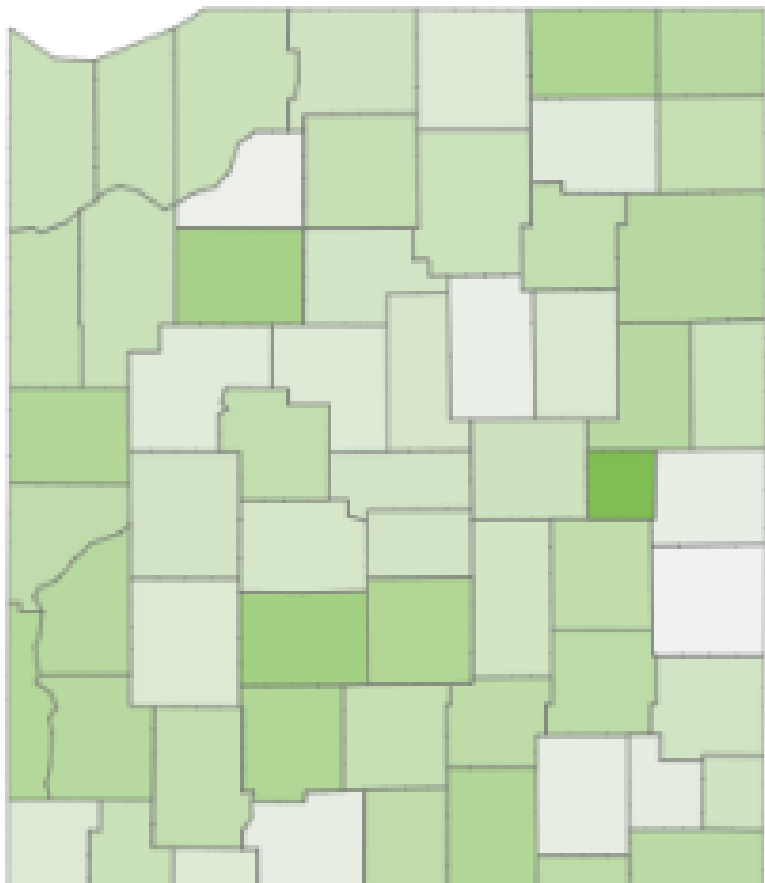
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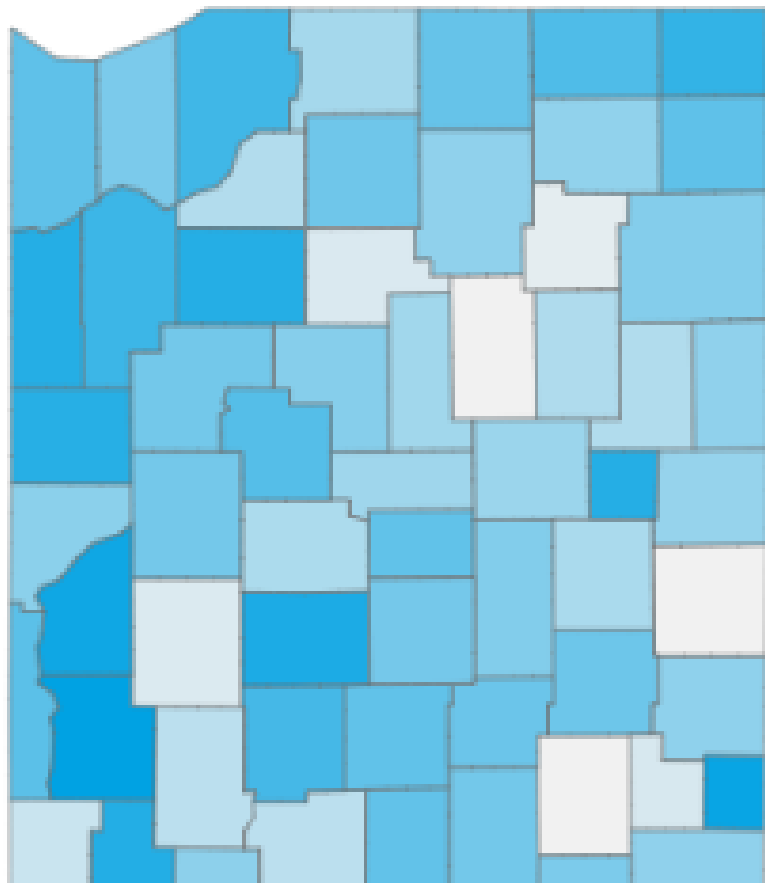
Current 58.2%

Search for a County Here:

All High School Senior FAFSA Filing by County



21st Century Scholars Senior FAFSA Filing by County



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- ▶ ScholarTrack is a one-stop shop for all state financial aid information for Hoosier students.
- ▶ Students and school users with user accounts can (some require a full user account to complete):
 - ▶ Apply for state financial aid such as the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
 - ▶ Complete Scholar Success Program activities
 - ▶ Check the status of their FAFSA, college credit completion, and more
 - ▶ See what financial aid is being offered to students from the state
 - ▶ Submit and view appeals
 - ▶ Access additional college and career success resources

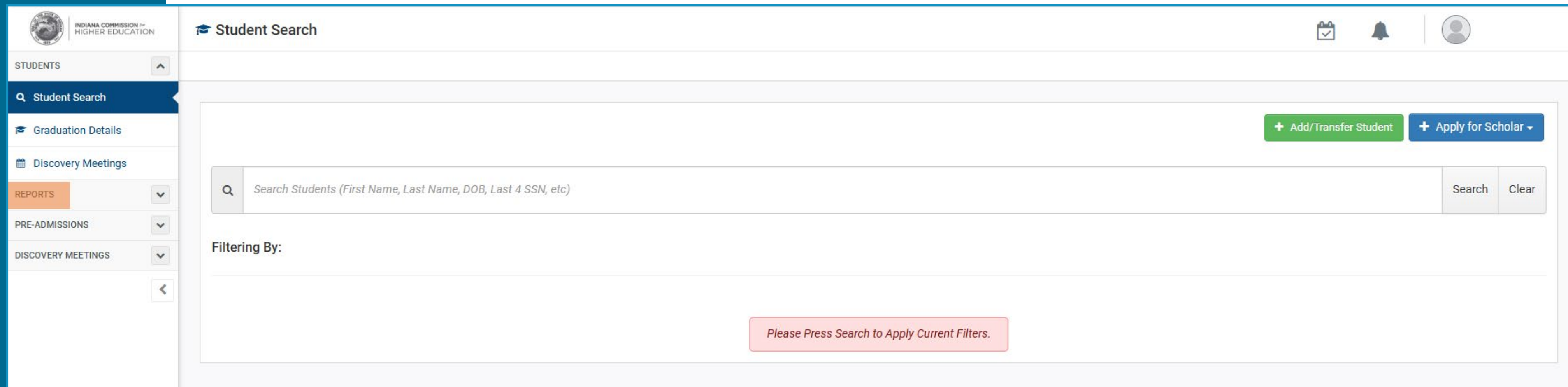
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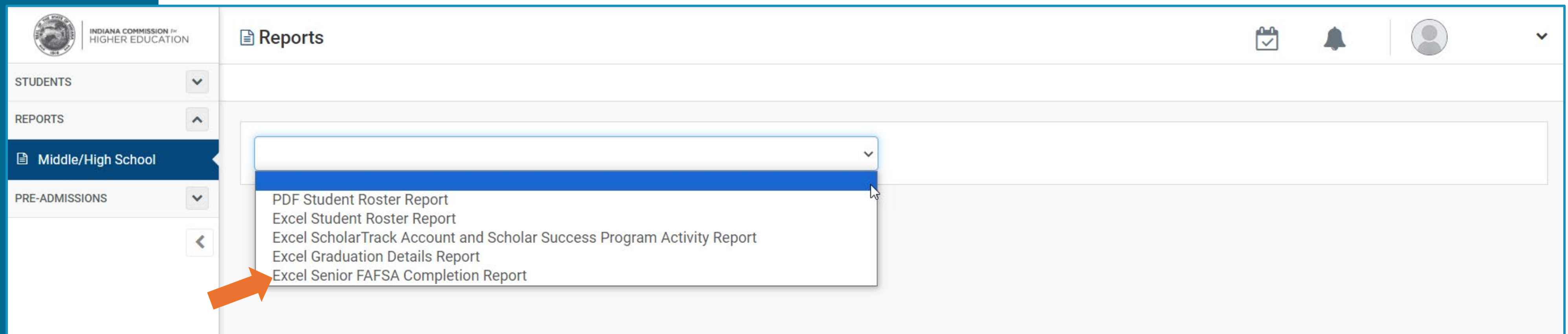
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- ▶ School Admin Users can create and approve new staff and community partner accounts to access rosters and reports.
- ▶ CHE can create new staff member accounts by emailing ***schools@che.in.gov***.
- ▶ Community Partners need permission from high/middle schools to be given access by CHE.
 - ▶ Schools must email CHE at ***schools@che.in.gov*** with explicit permission for community partner employees to receive access.

SCHOLARTRACK REPORTS



The screenshot shows the 'Student Search' page of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's ScholarTrack system. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'STUDENTS' expanded, showing 'Student Search' (selected), 'Graduation Details', 'Discovery Meetings', 'REPORTS', 'PRE-ADMISSIONS', and 'DISCOVERY MEETINGS'. The main content area has a search bar with the placeholder 'Search Students (First Name, Last Name, DOB, Last 4 SSN, etc)' and buttons for 'Search' and 'Clear'. Above the search bar are buttons for '+ Add/Transfer Student' and '+ Apply for Scholar'. Below the search bar is a 'Filtering By:' section with a red message box that says 'Please Press Search to Apply Current Filters.'



The screenshot shows the 'Reports' page of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's ScholarTrack system. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'STUDENTS', 'REPORTS' (expanded), 'Middle/High School' (selected), and 'PRE-ADMISSIONS'. The main content area has a dropdown menu open, showing a list of report types: 'PDF Student Roster Report', 'Excel Student Roster Report', 'Excel ScholarTrack Account and Scholar Success Program Activity Report', 'Excel Graduation Details Report', and 'Excel Senior FAFSA Completion Report'. An orange arrow points to the 'Excel Senior FAFSA Completion Report' option.

BEST PRACTICES & REMINDERS



HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOLARS



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- ▶ Invite CHE's Outreach Coordinators to help create ScholarTrack accounts, complete SSP activities, and file the FAFSA
 - ▶ Freshman cohorts = ScholarTrack account creation and early intervention (GPA, classes, diploma track, etc.)
 - ▶ Senior cohorts = FAFSA filing by April 15 and completing all SSP activities by June 30
- ▶ Have ScholarTrack *School User* or *School Admin* accounts for the staff tasked with supporting Scholars in your school
 - ▶ Community Partners can have access with School Admin user approval
- ▶ Participate in *Indiana Pre-Admissions: Your Path to College* initiative
 - ▶ Ensure your Scholars know what Indiana colleges and universities are excited and ready to welcome them into their freshman classes
- ▶ Encourage the pursual of Readiness Seals for the new Indiana Diploma

REMINDERS

- ▶ Scholars must create ScholarTrack accounts to accept their pledge
 - ▶ Students will show “Approved Pending Student Pledge” then will switch to “Approved”
- ▶ Graduation Details Collection – ***June 30th***
 - ▶ Final cumulative GPA and diploma type due for senior 21st Century Scholars
 - ▶ Preliminary GPA and diploma type for junior 21st Century Scholars
 - ▶ **Schools must report graduation details to CHE or award distribution may be impacted.**
- ▶ Financial Means Testing
- ▶ Pledge Violations
- ▶ Filing Appeals

SCHOOL RESOURCES & SUPPORT

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RESOURCES



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- ▶ Materials Library – helpful flyers and handouts
- ▶ FAQs of the 21st Century Scholars Program
- ▶ State Financial Aid information

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- ▶ HOPE Agenda Overview
- ▶ Data and Research page contains various reports and dashboards

CONNECT WITH YOUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR!

Find what county your school is located in to
discover who your Outreach Coordinator is!

GET ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE WITH:

- FSA ID Creation
- FAFSA Filing
- State Financial Aid
- 21st Century Scholars
- Scholar Success Program (SSP) Completion
- ScholarTrack Account Support



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 - ▶ Connect with your region's Outreach Coordinator
- ▶ schools@che.in.gov
- ▶ Financial Aid Support Center
 - ▶ (888) 528-4719