

# 2025 State Update

## Legislative and Financial Aid Update

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# LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW



# HB 1049 – PUBLIC SERVICE ATTORNEY SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Establishes the **Public Service Attorney Scholarship**.
- ▶ Charges the Commission with administering the program.
- ▶ Applicants must be admitted to an **accredited Indiana law school**.
- ▶ The program has a **service requirement**.
  - ▶ Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
  - ▶ Public Defender
- ▶ Beginning the **2026-27** academic year.

# HB 1111 – INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

- ▶ This is the National Guard's agency bill.
- ▶ Expands the **National Guard Supplemental Grant (NGSG)** to in-demand **apprenticeships** and other approved **credentials**.
- ▶ Allows a recipient of the NGSG to use the award for up to two years on **room and board** if the recipient is also a 21st Century Scholar.

# HB 1326 – STUDENT AND TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Modifies the income guidelines of the **Transition to Teaching Scholarship**.
- ▶ Provides the Commission with **increased flexibility** for administering various **teaching-based scholarships**.

## HB 1515 – EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Amends eligibility requirements for the **Workforce Ready Grant**.
- ▶ Allows for students to use the award who **previously earned** an eligible certificate.

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# SCHOLARTRACK UPDATES



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# NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

- ▶ All applications are reviewed by the ING twice a year.
- ▶ Students can receive the grant for part-time or full-time enrollment.
- ▶ National Guard students must apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) before receiving their NGSG. Any student who has not applied for FTA will receive a denied NGSG application.
- ▶ Any NGSG student SAI eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant will be able to receive the O'Bannon Grant instead as it offers the student a higher award amount at private colleges.
- ▶ The NGSG is offered beyond 400 eligibility units. Students are eligible for 600 units (12 semesters) of NGSG.

# NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT CONT'D

- ▶ Students can now apply any remaining balance of their NGSG from Fall or Spring to their Summer tuition charges.
- ▶ An additional application is not required.
- ▶ Additional eligibility verification from the ING is also not required.

# TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ The Transition to Teaching Scholarship will appear in ScholarTrack beginning the 2025-2026 application cycle.
- ▶ The entire scholarship application and awarding process will take place in ScholarTrack.
  - ▶ Maximum award amount remains at up to \$10,000 per student.
- ▶ Collegiate and non-collegiate program providers will have access to generate invoices directly in ScholarTrack.

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# NON-RESIDENT ISIRS



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# NON-RESIDENT ISIRs

- ▶ We are still not automatically receiving non-resident ISIRs from US DOE. However, we've been informed that the request functionality in the FAFSA Partner Portal will be fixed for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- ▶ Continue to submit ISIR requests in ScholarTrack – notify [collegefa@che.in.gov](mailto:collegefa@che.in.gov) if the request is not fulfilled after 14 days.
- ▶ Verify students' eligibility for military aid by emailing [collegefa@che.in.gov](mailto:collegefa@che.in.gov).

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# CVO STANDARD PROCEDURES



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# TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTION GRANT (CVO)

- ▶ HB 1511 - 2023 expanded military aid programs, including the CVO and National Guard Supplemental Grant, to private colleges.
  - ▶ Fewer than 100 students across private colleges received this aid.
- ▶ In FY 2024, increased demand for CVO funding required a transfer of funds from another program to meet the need.
- ▶ In December, the Commission requested a budget increase to make colleges whole for FY 2025 and to meet projected demand for FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- ▶ In the meantime, for FY 2025, the Commission prorated CVO amounts for colleges to ensure equitable distribution of the remaining appropriation for the 2024-2025 AY.



# CVO PRORATED AMOUNTS FOR FY 2025

- ▶ We combined the Fall 2024 claims with the Spring 2025 projections to calculate the estimated total claims for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- ▶ Next, we divided each institution's projected total spending for the year by the total appropriation.
- ▶ Then, we subtracted each institution's total Fall 2024 claims from their projected amount and applied the remaining balance as the prorated amount for each college.
- ▶ Regardless of prorated amount, institutions should continue to insert claims in ScholarTrack (including Summer 2025).



# CVO CLAIMS IN SCHOLARTRACK

- ▶ ScholarTrack is being updated to reflect any claims not covered by the CVO fund with a “Not Paid” status.
- ▶ Institutions will receive an Excel spreadsheet detailing which student claims were not covered by the CVO fund and should be covered by the institution.
- ▶ CVO deducted hours and claim amounts can be edited in the event a student’s enrollment changes.

# CVO PRORATED AMOUNTS FOR FY 2026

- ▶ We will conduct an end-of-year settle-up to ensure the entire appropriation was prorated on actual claims for the 2024-2025 AY.
- ▶ We will take the total CVO claims from FY 2025 to use as a projection to calculate prorated amounts for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- ▶ Colleges should expect to receive their prorated amount by the end of July 2025.
- ▶ We will conduct a mid-year check-in to inform institutions of current claim expenditures and the remaining prorated balance.
- ▶ We will conduct an end-of-year settle-up to ensure the entire appropriation was prorated on actual claims for the 2025-2026 AY.

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# CLAIM RECONCILIATION DEADLINE



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# END-OF-YEAR PAYMENT DEADLINE

- ▶ All claims must be entered in ScholarTrack by June 13, 2025, to meet the fiscal year-end payment deadline.
- ▶ Claims submitted after the deadline will be delayed until we begin processing payments for FY 26.
  - ▶ With an exception to CVO.

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