

The 21st Century Scholars Program

Take a Step Toward Your Future

21st Century
SCHOLARS
INDIANA

A program of the **Indiana Commission for Higher Education** and **Learn More Indiana**

My Story... Your Story

- Who am I?
- Who do you want to be?
- What do you enjoy doing?





Why Go to College?

Top Four Reasons

- 1) More opportunities and choices
- 2) More money
- 3) Job security
- 4) Model Citizen

Excuses, Excuses ...

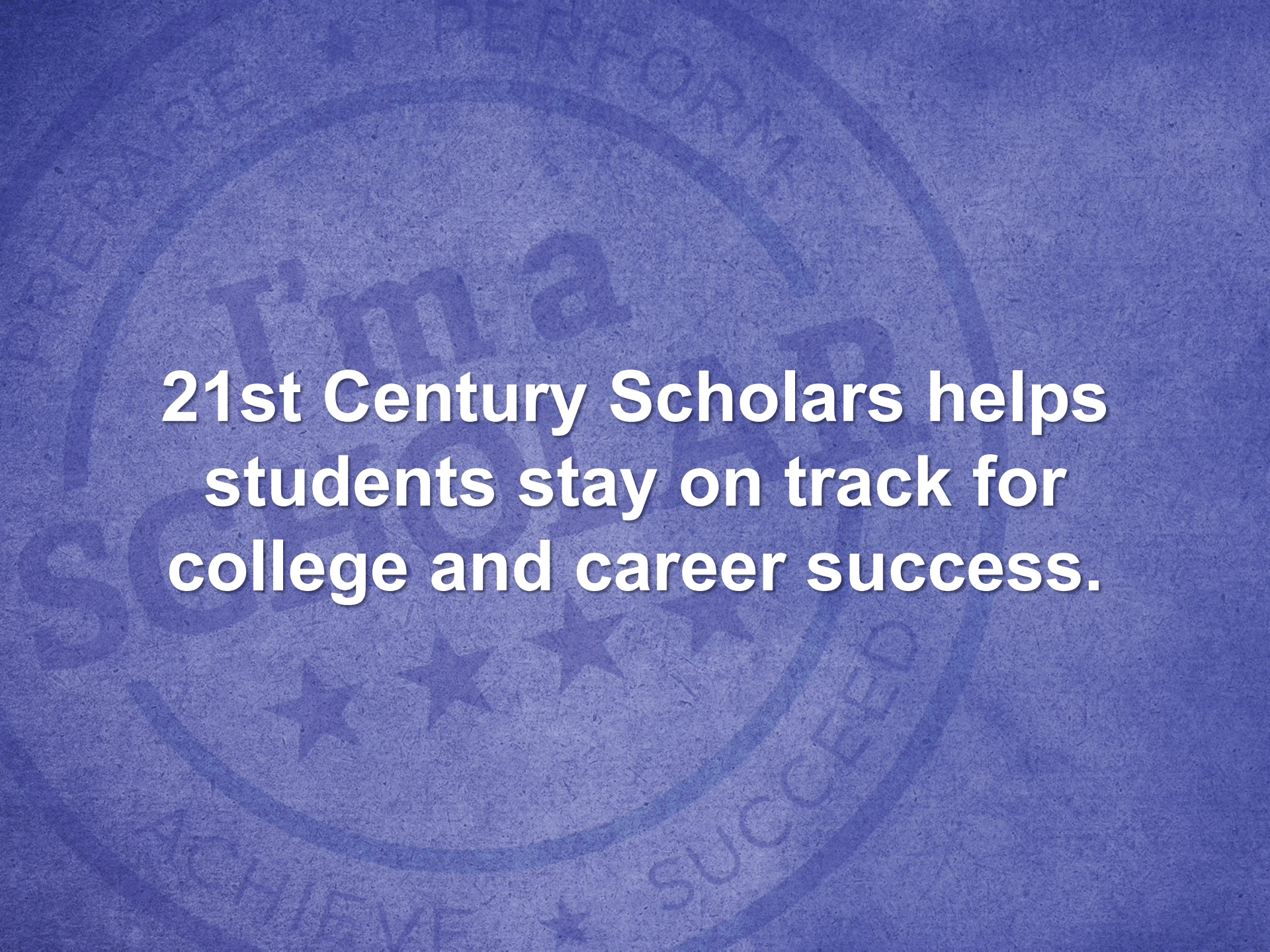
**Despite all the reasons to go
to college, people still make
excuses not to go.**

College Conversation Starters

- I don't need to go to college to get a good job.
- I am not a very good student; I don't think I could make it in college.
- No one in my family ever went to college.
- I can't afford college.

Convinced that college is a good idea?

**With the 21st Century Scholars
Program you CAN make your college
dream and career goals a reality.**



**21st Century Scholars helps
students stay on track for
college and career success.**

The 21st Century Scholars Program Provides:

- Tuition assistance
- College and career readiness through the **Scholars Success Program**
- Other support and services

What is Expected of a 21st Century Scholar

Students enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars Program must honor the 21st Century Scholar Pledge.

As a Scholar, you pledge to:

- ✓ Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school to help you stay on track for college and career success.
- ✓ Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ Not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.

The Scholar Pledge

- ✓ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until you graduate from 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.
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by my college.
- ✓ Complete 30 credit hours each year you are in college to stay on track toward earning your degree on time.

The Scholar Pledge

I will complete the **Scholar Success Program**
to help me stay on track for college and
career success.



GRADE

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

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Create a
Graduation Plan¹

Participate in an
Extracurricular or
Service Activity

Watch
“Paying for
College 101”

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Take a Career
Interests
Assessment

Get Workplace
Experience²

Estimate the
Costs of College

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Visit a College
Campus

Take a College
Entrance Exam
(ACT/SAT)

Search for
Scholarships³

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Submit Your
College
Application

Watch
“College
Success 101”

File Your FAFSA

The Scholar Pledge

I will graduate with at least a Core 40 Diploma
from a high school accredited by the Indiana
Department of Education.

The Scholar Pledge

I will achieve a cumulative high school
GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

The Scholar Pledge

I will apply for admission to an eligible
Indiana college, university or proprietary
institution as a high school senior.

The Scholar Pledge

I will apply on time for state and federal student financial aid by April 15 of my senior year of high school.

The Scholar Pledge

I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit
a crime or delinquent act.



Completing the Application

Who is Eligible?

To enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program, you must:

- Be a resident of Indiana as an applicant and as a scholarship recipient (determined by the residency of your parent or legal guardian);
- Be a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education;
- Agree to fulfill the 21st Century Scholars Pledge;
- Meet income eligibility requirements.

What Information Do I Need to Apply?

- Student's Social Security Number, date of birth and address;
- Parent or guardian's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, if applicable;
- 2016 gross income amounts for ***all members*** of the household. If applying after December 31, 2017, you will use 2017 tax information.
- A valid email address.

How Do I Apply?

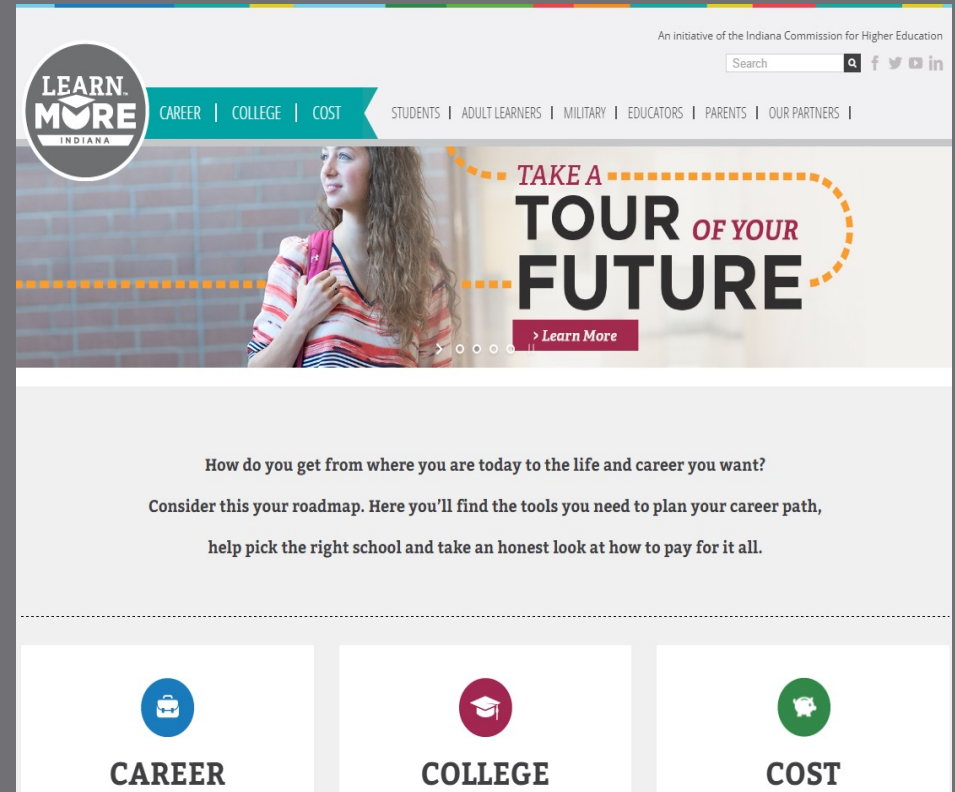
- CREATE AN ACCOUNT
 - Visit **ScholarTrack.IN.gov** to “Create an Account” and select “I am a parent or guardian.”
- APPLY FOR SCHOLARS
 - Parents can apply to 21st Century Scholars via the ScholarTrack system. Click on “My Account” to submit an application.
- TRACK PROGRESS
 - Parents can track student’s progress in high school and view student’s scholarship status by clicking “View/Edit Student.”



Next Steps

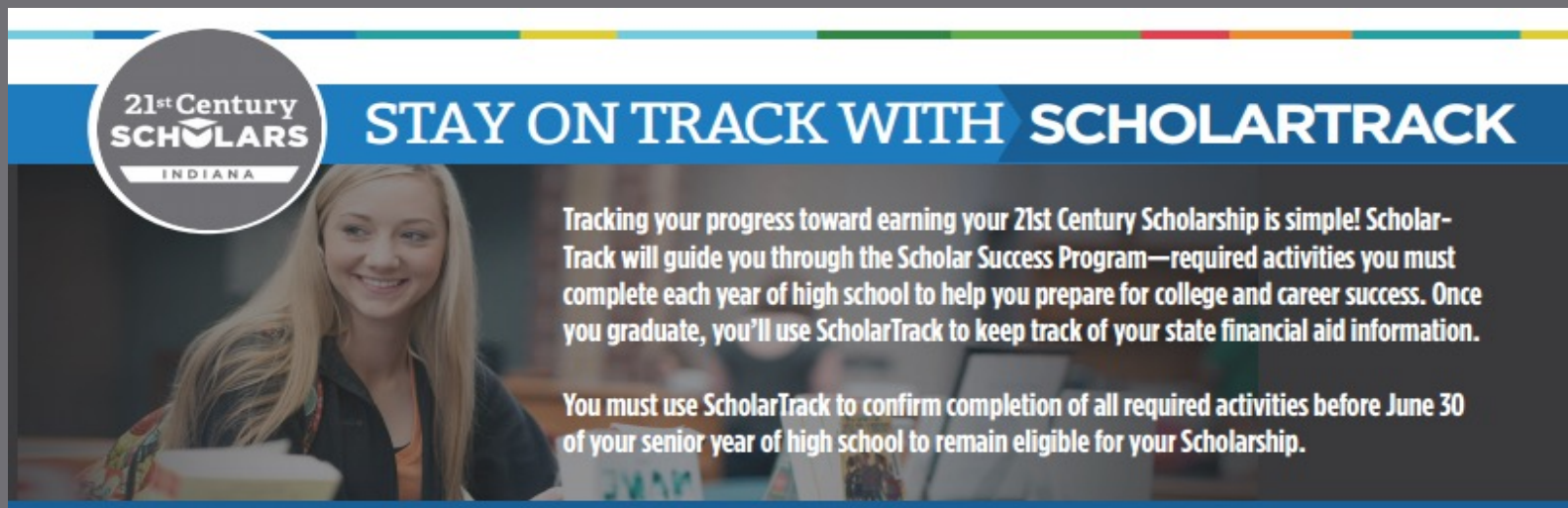
After Enrollment

- Keep your school and contact information current
- Look for communications from the 21st Century Scholars Program
- Find more resources to support your college and career goals (visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org**)
- Start thinking about college!



Tracking Progress Online

- ✓ ScholarTrack — online tool for managing progress
- ✓ Create a personalized account
- ✓ Students use ScholarTrack to confirm they've completed requirements



The banner features a circular logo on the left with the text "21st Century SCHOLARS INDIANA". To the right of the logo, the text "STAY ON TRACK WITH SCHOLARTRACK" is displayed in a large, bold, white font. Below this, a photograph of a smiling young woman with long blonde hair is shown. To the right of the photo, two paragraphs of text are presented in a white font against a dark background. The first paragraph explains that tracking progress is simple and that ScholarTrack guides students through the Scholar Success Program, which includes required activities for college and career success. The second paragraph states that students must use ScholarTrack to confirm completion of all required activities before June 30 of their senior year to remain eligible for the scholarship.

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STAY ON TRACK WITH SCHOLARTRACK

Tracking your progress toward earning your 21st Century Scholarship is simple! ScholarTrack will guide you through the Scholar Success Program—required activities you must complete each year of high school to help you prepare for college and career success. Once you graduate, you'll use ScholarTrack to keep track of your state financial aid information.

You must use ScholarTrack to confirm completion of all required activities before June 30 of your senior year of high school to remain eligible for your Scholarship.

Questions?

- Visit Scholars.IN.gov
- Email Scholars@che.IN.gov
- Call 1-888-528-4719