



21st Century Scholar High School FAQs

ST. JOSEPH
COUNTY

Maintain Your Eligibility for the 21st Century Scholarship Program

To maintain eligibility for your scholarship, you must meet the following requirements while in high school:

- Complete the Scholar Success Program in high school and in college, which includes activities each year to help you stay on track for college and career success. High school activities must be completed by June 30 of your senior year.
- 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 40 scale.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15th 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 in college full time 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.

What should I do if I change schools or my contact information changes?

Update your information in ScholarTrack to make sure you receive important updates from the 21st Century Scholars program.

If I graduate early, can I still use the 21st Century Scholarship?

Yes. If you plan to graduate following your junior year, you need to notify your school counselor so he or she can inform the 21st Century Scholars program. You should complete all 12 high school Scholar Success Program activities, including filing the FAFSA by April 15 of your junior year. If you plan to graduate early, learn about the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship at LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid.

Can I use my scholarship to pay for dual-credit classes while in high school?

No. The scholarship is only available once you have graduated high school.

Can I receive the scholarship if I complete a high school equivalency exam (like a GED or TASC) or complete home school?

No. You must graduate with a Core 40 diploma from an eligible high school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.

What happens if I don't complete the Scholar Success Program on time?

You must verify you've completed the 12 steps by June 30 of your senior year to receive the scholarship. Checking your ScholarTrack account and monitoring your activity there will help you be successful and not miss this important step.



More specific information for high school and college eligibility requirements can be found at LearnMoreIndiana.org.