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**Next Generation Teacher Scholarship Offers Prestigious Route to
the Classroom for High Achieving Hoosiers**

Applications Open November 1, 2016

High achieving Hoosier students interested in teaching now have another scholarship option. The Commission for Higher Education today announced the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Program, offering up to \$7,500 each year of college for students who commit to teaching in Indiana for five years after earning their degrees.

The scholarship was created by legislation authored by Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) in the 2016 legislative session, and received broad bipartisan support.

“We strongly believe that the most important factor in a child’s education is a great teacher in the classroom,” Bosma said. “This scholarship encourages our best and brightest to enter the teaching profession, which will strengthen Indiana’s talent pipeline and improve the overall quality of education in our state.”

The scholarship is available to 200 students across the state who either graduate in the highest 20 percent of their class or earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year to continue earning the scholarship in college. After college graduation, students must obtain a teaching license and teach in Indiana for five consecutive years.

“Our goal with this scholarship is to attract Hoosiers who will become engaged and effective teachers, not only through monetary reward, but by elevating the teaching profession.” said Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education.

Applications for the Next Generation Teacher Scholarship open November 1 and are accepted through December 31, 2016. Students interested in applying need to be nominated by a teacher and submit the nomination form to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Students are encouraged to complete the nomination form before the application opens. The Commission is partnering with local community, business and education leaders across the state to host interview sessions with prospective scholarship recipients.

To attract the best pool of applicants for this scholarship, Indiana is spreading the word about the scholarship and requirements through a promotional campaign. Television, radio and digital ads will begin running this month.

For more information about the Scholarship visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher.