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Deadline Approaching to Apply for Indiana's New Teachers Scholarship

Interested Students Must Apply by Dec. 31, 2016

Students interested in becoming teachers have until December 31, 2016 to apply for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, which provides up to \$7,500 each year of college for students who commit to teaching in Indiana for five years after earning their degrees.

"This scholarship is designed to attract Indiana's best and brightest to the teaching profession, preparing a new generation of Indiana teachers to educate Hoosier students," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said. "We know that having competent teachers in the classroom is one of the most important factors affecting students' educational success, so we're doing what we can to attract those individuals to the profession."

To qualify for the scholarship, students must either graduate in the highest 20 percent of their high school class or earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

Two hundred Next Generation Hoosier Educator scholarships will be awarded to students in a competitive process based on academic achievement, teacher nomination and an interview. The Commission will review applications and select finalists by January 31, 2017. Finalists will be interviewed at eight regional sites across the state. Students selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by April 15, 2017.

Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma authored legislation that created the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship, which received bipartisan support during the 2016 legislative session. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher for more information and to apply.