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Applications Open for Student Member of State Higher Education Commission

College students interested in serving two-year term must submit applications by Friday, April 17

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is seeking applicants for the next Student Commission Member position. The student member, to be appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb, will serve on the Commission July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

The student member is a full voting member of the Commission for Higher Education, which is a 14-member coordinating body for the state's public postsecondary education system. Aside from the student member, the Commission consists of one faculty representative, one representative from each of the nine congressional districts in Indiana and three at-large members.

"Strong student representation is an important part of the Commission's work of aligning Indiana's postsecondary education to the needs of Hoosier students and the state," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "This is an opportunity for a student to give input and be a voice for their peers around Indiana, as well as learn more about how state government works and how policy can impact student and state outcomes."

The Commission meets approximately 20-25 days out of the year and Commission meetings are typically scheduled on the Wednesday and Thursday of the second Thursday of the month and usually include an overnight stay at the meeting site. Potential student members also serve on the Student Success and Completion sub-committee and will be responsible for participating in regular meetings in correlation with Commission meetings.

To qualify, the student may be a full- or part-time undergraduate or graduate student and must be enrolled through the spring 2022 semester at an Indiana public higher education institution and live in the state of Indiana.

Candidates for the student member position must submit applications, letters of recommendation and a signed agreement to serve by Friday, April 17. The Commission's Student Nominating Committee will review applications and notify those that will be selected for in-person interviews by Friday, May 1. Interviews will take place on Friday, May 15 at the Commission's office in downtown Indianapolis.

Find more information about the student Commission member at https://www.in.gov/che/4874.htm or download the application and agreement to serve here.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers

Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.