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Frank O'Bannon Grant

2024-2025 Schedule of Awards

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OVERVIEW - FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

- ▶ The Frank O'Bannon Grant is Indiana's primary need-based financial aid program.
- ▶ The General Assembly appropriated **\$167.7 million** to the Frank O'Bannon Grant in FY24 and FY25.
- ▶ The Frank O'Bannon Grant is made up of **two awards**: The Higher Education Award and the Freedom of Choice Grant.

OVERVIEW - FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

- ▶ The Higher Education Award is available to students who attend Indiana's public and proprietary institutions.
- ▶ The Freedom of Choice Grant is available to students who attend Indiana's non-profit institutions.
- ▶ The Freedom of Choice Grant amounts must be twice as much as the Higher Education Award per Indiana Code.



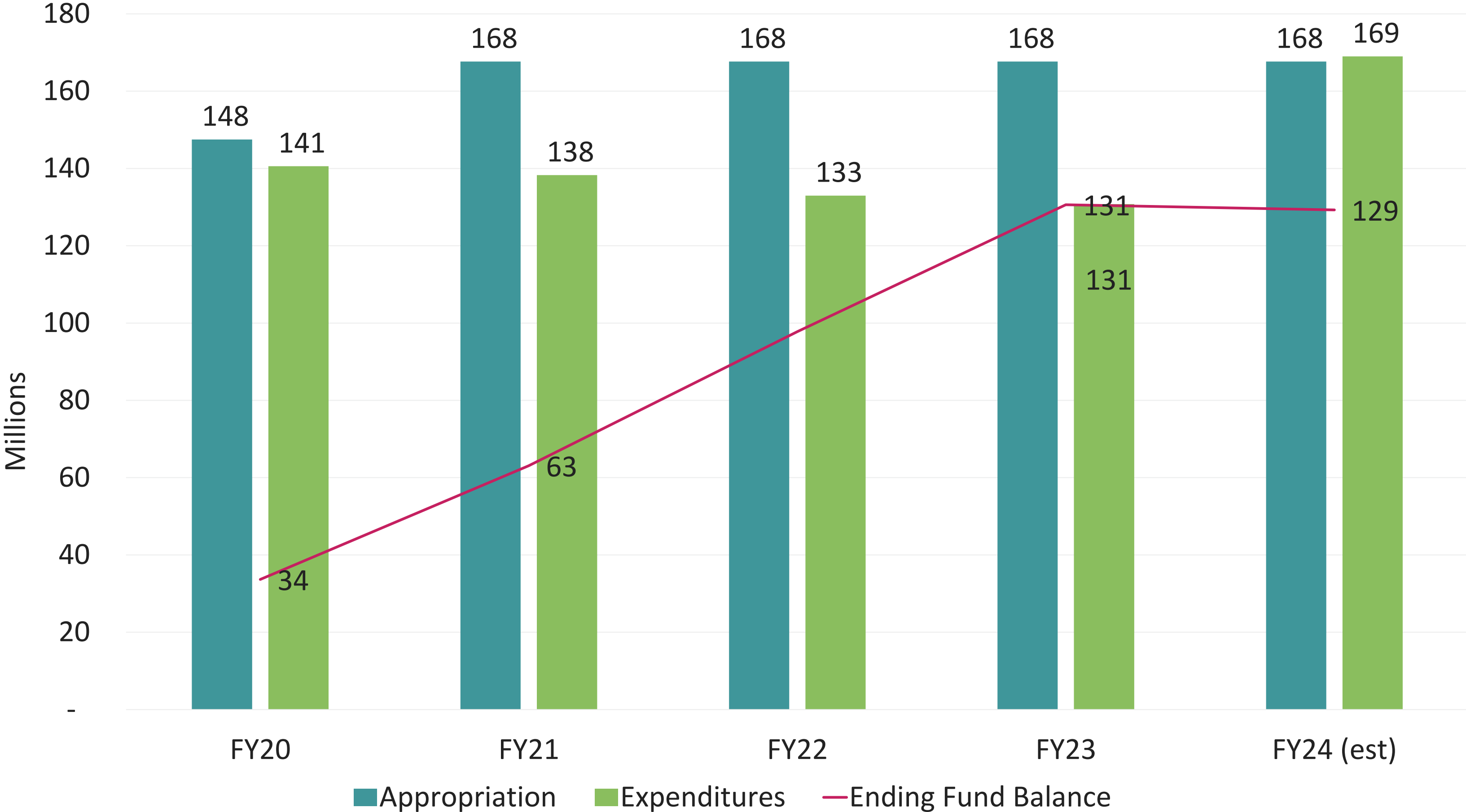
OVERVIEW - FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

- ▶ Students must meet credit completion benchmarks to renew the Frank O'Bannon Grant.
- ▶ Recipients must earn 30 credits per academic year to renew the full grant known as the “on-time” amount.
- ▶ Recipients who earn fewer than 30 credits, but at least 24, receive a reduced award.

OVERVIEW - FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

- ▶ Due to declining enrollments, the Frank O'Bannon Grant has built a significant fund balance.
- ▶ In 2022, the Commission approved **increasing** the maximum Frank O'Bannon Grant awards **by 35%**.
- ▶ The current maximum base awards are **\$12,400** at a private institution and **\$6,200** at a public institution.

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FRANK O'BANNON GRANT: SCHEDULE OF AWARDS

FAFSA & FINANCIAL IMPACT



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FAFSA IMPACT

- ▶ FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - ▶ Used to award federal, state, and institutional aid
- ▶ FAFSA Simplification Act: Significant changes to FAFSA form and eligibility calculation
 - ▶ Federal implementation in process
 - ▶ Change from Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - ▶ More students expected to qualify for federal, state, and institutional aid
 - ▶ More students expected to qualify for maximum aid award

FY 2025 MAXIMUM EXPOSURE

- ▶ Change from EFC to SAI
- ▶ 7.7% increase in total awardees
 - ▶ 29,816 to 32,112
- ▶ 24% increase in total expenditures
 - ▶ \$167M to \$209M (maximum exposure)
 - ▶ \$88M carried forward into FY26

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

- ▶ We will maintain our April 15, 2024, priority deadline.
- ▶ Students who file after April 15 will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- ▶ The State Budget Committee expects the Commission to spend down the carryforward responsibly over the next two biennia.
- ▶ The 25-26 schedule of awards may need to be adjusted.

FRANK O'BANNON GRANT: SCHEDULE OF AWARDS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- ▶ Maintain current schedule of awards

2024-2025 FRANK O'BANNON GRANT

The Frank O'Bannon Grant, which includes the Higher Education Award and the Freedom of Choice Award, is Indiana's primary need-based financial aid program. Eligibility is based on a student's FAFSA, and the grant may be used toward tuition and regularly assessed fees.

BASE AWARD

INSTITUTION TYPE		2024-2025 Student Aid Index (SAI)																			STUDENT PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES	
		-1,500 - 0	1 - 500	501 - 1,000	1,001 - 1,500	1,501 - 2,000	2,001 - 2,500	2,501 - 3,000	3,001 - 3,500	3,501 - 4,000	4,001 - 4,500	4,501 - 5,000	5,001 - 5,500	5,501 - 6,000	6,001 - 6,500	6,501 - 7,000	7,001 - 7,500	7,501 - 8,000	8,001 - 8,500	8,501 - 9,000		9,001 - 9,500
Private	On-Time	\$12,400	\$11,900	\$11,400	\$10,900	\$10,400	\$9,900	\$9,400	\$8,900	\$8,400	\$7,900	\$7,400	\$6,900	\$6,400	\$5,900	\$5,400	\$4,900	\$4,400	\$3,900	\$0	\$0	✓ACADEMIC HONORS \$900 First Award Year Only : Graduate High School with Academic or Technical Honors diploma. Second, Third, Fourth Award Years : Earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA through end of previous award year.
	Full-Time	\$9,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$7,500	\$7,000	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Public	On-Time	\$6,200	\$5,950	\$5,700	\$5,450	\$5,200	\$4,950	\$4,700	\$4,450	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	Not Eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant									✓ ASSOCIATE DEGREE \$900 First, Second, Third, Fourth Award Years : Earn an associate degree before enrolling in bachelor's degree program.
	Full-Time	\$4,500	\$4,250	\$4,000	\$3,750	\$3,500	\$3,250	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Not Eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant									
Proprietary or Ivy Tech	On-Time	\$4,700	\$4,450	\$4,200	\$3,950	\$3,700	\$3,450	\$3,200	\$0	Not Eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant											✓ ACCELERATED SCHEDULE \$1400 Second, Third Award Years : Complete at least 39 credit hours during the last award year.	
	Full-Time	\$3,400	\$3,150	\$2,900	\$2,650	\$2,400	\$2,150	\$0	\$0	Not Eligible for Frank O'Bannon Grant												

- Students in their first award year will receive the on-time award amount.
- To renew an on-time award, students must complete at least 30 credit hours* during their 12-month award year.
- Students failing to complete 30 credit hours* during their 12-month award year, but completing at least 24 credit hours* may receive a full-time amount.
- Hours earned in excess of 30 credit hours* during an award year may be counted toward future credit completion requirements. Students may also use international baccalaureate, advance placement or dual credit hours to meet credit completion requirements.

* or the equivalent

BASE AWARD + STUDENT PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE(S) = TOTAL STATE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

✓ FAST TRACK 25%, 50% or 100% more aid for current award year
 First, Second, Third Award Years : Complete 30 credits in current award year and then attempt at least 6 more credits, or enroll in a highly accelerated degree program.

 Student with financial need may earn Student Performance Incentives even if their base award is \$0.



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