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Indiana helps Hoosiers get “Cash for College”

Kick-off event at Southport High School

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education launches its annual statewide Cash for College campaign this week to encourage high school seniors and college students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the state’s April 15 deadline.

The Commission is committed to increasing the number of Hoosier students who file the FAFSA on time—a requirement to receive state financial aid. Last year, the Commission moved Indiana’s filing deadline from March 10 to April 15 to give students more time to file. About 4% more students have applied for the FAFSA this year compared to the same time last year.

“Indiana has one of the most generous need-based financial aid systems in the country—giving out more than \$300 million dollars every year,” said Lubbers. “But too many Hoosiers miss out by failing to file the FAFSA by Indiana’s April 15 deadline. With Cash for College, we’re sending a clear message to students and families that there are financial resources to make college an affordable option.”

Members of the Commission will host a Cash for College launch event at Southport High School in Indianapolis. Junior 21st Century Scholars at Southport will receive help searching for scholarships and three students will receive \$100 CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plans.

Throughout the winter months, the state is encouraging schools and communities to host regional events with financial aid experts to help students open a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan, apply for Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars program, search for scholarships, and—of course—file the FAFSA.

Learn More Indiana

[Learn More Indiana](#) offers a variety of helpful tips and resources for K-12 students, current college students and returning adult students, including the Indiana College Costs Estimator. Available online at IndianaCollegeCosts.org, the free tool offers side-by-side cost comparisons that show how much students should expect to pay out-of-pocket at each Indiana college once various sources of financial aid are applied, as well as details on local scholarship opportunities.