

FAQs: About Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

WHAT IS THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

It is a college readiness program that that promotes postsecondary education for parents/guardians and students through activities such as college tours, spring break/summer enrichment experiences, academic planning and tuition assistance at any eligible Indiana college.

WHY WAS THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED?

The Program was established to:

- Reduce the number of students who withdraw from high school before graduation.
- Increase the number of students who are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation from institutions of higher learning.
- Increase the number of low-income students entering institutions of higher learning.
- Decrease drug and alcohol use by encouraging higher educational pursuits.
- Increase individual economic productivity.
- Improve the overall quality of life for Indiana residents.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM?

You qualify if you:

- Are a resident of Indiana
- Are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Are enrolled in the seventh or eighth grade at a charter school, freeway school, or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- Fulfill the Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge.
- Meet eligibility requirements, including placement in foster care or a family income at or below the program maximums. For income guidelines please refer to the following website: <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2380.htm>

WHAT IS THE SCHOLARS PLEDGE?

The Scholars pledge is a commitment between the student and the Scholars Program



- I will graduate with an Indiana High School Diploma
- I will maintain a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit a crime.
- I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or proprietary school as a high school senior.
- I will apply on time for state and federal financial aid.

For More Information on how to enroll visit:
www.scholars.in.gov or call (317) 274- 8958