

# **Indiana Scholarships & Grants**

# The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship

## The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship (IC 21-12-10):

The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship is an educational benefit for students who graduate from a publicly supported high school at least one year early, after December 31, 2010. The scholarship pays \$4,000 to be applied first to any remaining unpaid tuition and fees and can be used at any SFA eligible Indiana college. The balance of the scholarship shall be remitted to the student. This is a one-time benefit and may not be renewed. The scholarship may not be used for remedial course work.

### Who is eligible?

A student who:

1. is a resident of Indiana by SFA's definition;
2. attended a publicly supported high school on a full time equivalency basis for at least the last two semesters before the student graduated;
3. had legal settlement in Indiana for at least the last two semesters before the student graduated;
4. met at least the minimum requirements for granting a high school diploma by the end of grade 11, including any summer courses completed by July 1 of the year of graduation;
5. was awarded a high school diploma after December 31, 2010;
6. was not enrolled in a publicly supported high school for any part of grade 12; of the fourth year (12);
7. within five months of graduating from high school becomes a student in good standing taking classes at a SFA approved college in a program leading to an approved postsecondary degree or credential.

Students with a General Diploma who graduate early are not considered eligible for this scholarship. These students have chosen to "opt out" of the minimum graduation requirements of Core 40. By graduating early, the students are choosing not to exhaust all other options to meet Core 40 diploma scholarship criteria. Student applications for this scholarship must pass the Algebra I and English 10 End of Course assessments.

### How to apply:

*If a student graduated from high school early in 2014, the deadline has passed to apply for the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship.*

If a student graduated from high school early in 2014 and will be starting college during the 2014-2015 academic year (within 5 months of high school graduation), the following steps had to be completed to apply for the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship:

1. Complete the online Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship Application by **September 4, 2014**.
2. File a 2014-15 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. **The FAFSA must be completed before a student can complete the online scholarship application.** It takes 5 to 7 days business days from FAFSA completion for the FAFSA data to be available in the state's system. The FAFSA must be completed in time for a student to meet the September 4, 2014 application deadline. (Please note that these FAFSA deadlines are for those students who only wish to receive the scholarship. If students wish to be considered for other state financial aid programs, the March 10 and May 15 FAFSA deadlines must be met.)

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2504.htm>

# Frank O'Bannon Grant Program

**FAFSA is the application for the Frank O'Bannon Grant. The FAFSA filing deadline to apply for state aid for the 2014-2015 academic year is:**

RECEIVED by the federal processor after January 1, 2014 but on or before March 10, 2014. Any issues with the FAFSA need to be corrected by May 15, 2014.

Frank O'Bannon Grant Program, designed to provide access for Hoosier students to attend eligible postsecondary institutions, receives its funding through appropriations made by the Indiana General Assembly. The grants, targeted to tuition and regularly assessed fees, are "need-based" and do not require repayment. Due to variations in appropriations, the number of filers and the "need" of the filer base, the dollar value of state grants will vary from year to year.

Frank O'Bannon Grant (formerly the Indiana Higher Education Grant) includes both the Higher Education Award and the Freedom of Choice Award.

## **To qualify for state financial aid consideration the applicant must:**

- be an Indiana resident by December 31st the year prior to applying (December 31, 2013 for the 2014-2015 school year; Student also must remain a resident throughout 2014 and the entire 2014-2015 academic year)
- be a U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen
- be a high school graduate or hold a GED
- attend, or plan to attend, an eligible college or university
- be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a course of study leading to an associates or first bachelors degree;
- be a full-time student, or plan to enroll as a full-time student. (The state grant defines full-time as at least 12 credit hours per term); and
- file an application (FAFSA) - received by March 10 of the academic year preceding the academic year the applicant plans to enroll.

NOTE: Questions about this program should be directed to the Division of Student Financial Aid, Indiana Commission for Higher Education, W462 Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 888-528-4719. Or you can e-mail us at [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov).

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2346.htm>

## EARN Indiana



EARN (Employment Aid Readiness Network) Indiana, launched in Summer 2013, revamped the existing state work-study program. Students with financial need have access to resume-building, experiential, paid internships, while employers receive state matching funds in exchange for hiring these students. EARN Indiana has partnered with Indiana INTERNnet to better match students and employers to maximize each student's academic success and career achievement and to assist employers in finding the perfect fit for their team.

EARN Indiana positions give students professional experience and networking opportunities, readying them for a career after graduation.

For more background information, click [HERE](#).

### Employer Information

- [Employer Fact Sheet](#)
- [Experiential Learning Defined](#)
- [MEMO: EARN Indiana and the Affordable Care Act](#)
- [MEMO: EARN Indiana and Financial Aid Impact](#)

To receive the latest information regarding the EARN Indiana program, join the [LISTSERV](#).

### Student Information

- [Student Information Handout](#)

### Internships in the News

- [Help Your Intern Get a Full-Time Job](#) - Harvard Business Review, August 21, 2013

### Questions?

If you have questions about EARN Indiana, please contact Amanda Stanley at [earnindiana@che.in.gov](mailto:earnindiana@che.in.gov).

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2340.htm>

## **Indiana National Guard Supplemental Grant**

A grant that guarantees up to 100% of certain tuition costs will be met by the State of Indiana for eligible members of the Indiana Air and Army National Guard; the National Guard Supplemental Grant (NGSG) covers only certain tuition charges and does not cover other expenses such as room and board or textbooks. It is subject to available funds.

The grant amounts are based on 30 credit hours of enrollment per academic year, or 15 credit hours per semester. Students must be enrolled full-time (usually defined as enrolled in 12 or more credit hours) or part-time (taking at least 3 credit hours) in order to receive the NGS. At colleges that charge by the credit hour, full-time students enrolled in at least 12 but less than 15 credit hours per semester will have their grants reduced if the actual tuition falls below the approved tuition used to estimate the grant. Students at colleges that charge a flat fee for enrollment in 12-15 credit hours will receive the maximum grant amount provided they are enrolled full-time. Part-time students will receive the grant based on the credit hour tuition and eligible fees at the college they are attending. Note that some colleges charge a flat fee to some students but charge by the credit hour to others if they are enrolled in evening, accelerated, adult, technology state-wide or similar programs.

To be eligible an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of both the Indiana National Guard (ING), the Division of Student Financial Aid (SFA) and attend a state funded college or university. Eligible colleges and universities are:

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University (all campuses)
- Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis
- Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne
- Indiana University/Purdue University-Columbus
- Ivy Tech Community College (all campuses)
- Purdue University (all campuses)
- University of Southern Indiana
- Vincennes University
- WGU Indiana

The NGS can be used in the fall and spring semesters only.

**Indiana National Guard Eligibility:** Being certified by the Indiana National Guard means starting at the unit command level and then proceeding to the headquarters or airbase education offices for final approval before the start of classes. Certification must be done for each term of enrollment.

- The student must be in active drilling status. The unit commander is the sole determiner of this status. This applies to each academic term.
- The student cannot have been AWOL at any time during the 12 months prior to their enrollment in college for any academic term. The unit commander is the sole determiner of this status. This applies to each academic term.
- The student must complete all the required ING paperwork and must have all the paperwork approved by the appropriate ING education office before the start of classes. This applies to each academic term. Forms and process differ by ING branch, Air and Army. Students should contact their unit commander for details.

**SFA Eligibility:** Applying for the NGS requires that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be filed every year.

- The student must file the FAFSA so that it is received by March 10th of each year they intend to enroll in college. If necessary, the FAFSA must be corrected to make it error-free by the May 15th receipt date deadline of the filing year. Filing an error-free FAFSA means the student will be automatically considered for state need-based tuition-specific aid including the NGSF. Receipt date deadlines hold for both full-time and part-time students.
- If the student is determined by FAFSA data to be dependent on his or her parents for financial support, the student's parents must be residents of Indiana since at least December 31st of the previous year. If the student is determined to be independent of his or her parents, the student must be a resident of Indiana since at least December 31st of the previous year.
- SFA requires that the student must be a high school graduate (including home-schooled students) or have a GED. The ING might have other restrictions.
- The student must be seeking their first associates or bachelors degree at a state college or university. The NGSF cannot be used for graduate school or for professional degrees such as in law.
- Students can receive a total of eight semesters of state aid in any combination including any state grants used prior to, after, or concurrently with the NGSF.
- Students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements as established by the institution he or she is attending in order to receive the NGSF. SAP requirements include standards such as a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) and minimum course completion rates.

The Indiana National Guard reserves the right, in cooperation with SFA, to revoke for cause the NGSF at any time.

If there are questions about Indiana National Guard eligibility and certification, the student should start with their unit commander. If the questions are about SFA eligibility, tuition charges or financial aid in general, the student should go to the Financial Aid Office of the school they plan to attend or contact SFA directly at:

Division of Student Financial Aid  
 Indiana Commission for Higher Education  
 W462 Indiana Government Center  
 402 West Washington St  
 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
 E-mail: [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov)

#### **National Guard Extension Scholarship**

There is a limited scholarship, called the National Guard Extension Scholarship, that is available to former Guard members who left the Guard under honorable discharge conditions, used the NGSF in the past, and who served on active duty overseas since Sept. 10, 2001. Former Guardsman who believe they might qualify for this program and want additional information should contact:

Indiana Army National Guard  
 2002 South Holt Road  
 Indianapolis, IN 46241  
 ATTN: Education Services Office

[Click here for National Guard Extension Scholarship application and rules.](http://www.in.gov/sfa/2339.htm)

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## Minority Teacher Scholarship

*House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001-2013 makes changes to IC 21-13-2, the Minority Teacher and Special Services Scholarship, effective July 1, 2013. HEA 1001-2013 removed the special education and occupational and physical therapy fields from this scholarship beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year.*

An individual is eligible for this Scholarship, if the individual:

1. is a minority student (defined as Black or Hispanic);
2. is admitted or already attends an eligible Indiana institution as a full-time student;
3. intends to pursue or is pursuing a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana;
4. agrees in writing to apply for a teaching position in an accredited school in Indiana following that student's certification as a teacher and, if hired, to teach for at least three years; and
5. meets other minimum criteria established by the Commission for Higher Education.

Minimum criteria to receive state financial aid, including the Minority Teacher Scholarship, include:

1. Be an Indiana resident and an eligible U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
2. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
3. Not be in default on a federal student loan or in overpayment status on a federal student grant.

The Minority Teacher Scholarship application must be completed by **October 4, 2014**. The FAFSA must be filed before a student can complete the online Scholarship application. It takes 5 to 7 business days from filing for the FAFSA data to be available in the state's system. Therefore, the FAFSA must be filed in time for the student to meet the application deadline.

To renew the Scholarship, a minority student who qualified for the initial Scholarship must maintain the cumulative grade point average (GPA) required for admission to the institution's school of education or at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent if the school does not require a minimum GPA. Only first time undergraduate students are eligible to receive the Minority Teacher Scholarship.

### Application

- [2014-2015 Minority Teacher Scholarship Application \(online application\)](#)
  - [Online Application FAQ](#)
  - [Online Application Special Notice](#)

### Additional Resources

- [Minority Teacher Scholarship; Special Education, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Scholarship - May 28, 2013](#)

If you have any questions regarding this program, including detailed program requirements, please email [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov) or call (888) 528-4719.

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2342.htm>

# Part-Time Grant Program

The Part-Time Grant program is designed to encourage part-time undergraduates to start and complete their Associate or Baccalaureate degrees or Certificates by subsidizing part-time tuition costs. It is specifically designed to help those undergraduates who are taking at least 6 but less than 12 credit hours per term at an eligible institution. The students must meet State residency requirements, have filed a FAFSA and otherwise qualify for state aid. The Part-Time grant is a need-based award. The minimum award is \$50 per term.

## How to Apply

### *2013-2014 Academic Year*

A student wishing to be considered for the Part-Time Grant should contact the financial aid office of the institution he or she is attending.

### *2014-2015 Academic Year*

Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, the Part-Time Grant will be directly administered by the Division of Student Financial Aid (SFA). As such, students who plan to be a part-time student during the 2014-2015 academic year and wish to be considered for the grant must complete an additional application. Students can complete this application one of two ways:

1. This application is available online at the end of the student's 2014-2015 FAFSA submission. After the completion of the FAFSA, students will be eligible to transfer FAFSA information to the state's application. This feature is only available once on the student's confirmation page after submitting the FAFSA. If a student does not complete the Part-Time Grant application at this time, he or she will be able to complete the application at a later date.
2. If a student did not complete the Part-Time Grant application directly from the 2014-2015 FAFSA, he or she can link directly to the application once the state has received the student's FAFSA data from the federal processor. It can take 5 to 7 days for the federal processor to provide FAFSA data to the state. Students can click [HERE](#) to access the state's Part-Time Grant application.

The Part-Time Grant application and the FAFSA must be completed by July 1, 2014. Corrections to the FAFSA must be made by August 1, 2014.

Students need only apply for the Part-Time Grant once. Students may use either method described above to complete the application.

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2362.htm>



# Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities

The State's biennial budget was passed by the Indiana General Assembly, and one of the provisions in the budget is to create new student teacher stipend programs for students.

This program is for minority students (defined as black and Hispanic individuals) who plan to teach.

An individual may apply for this stipend if the individual:

- is a minority student;
- will participate in student teaching as part of the student's degree requirements;
- has earned a cumulative grade point average upon entering student teaching of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution; and
- meets any other minimum criteria established by the Commission.

The student must show that he/she will engage in student teaching during the upcoming academic term. The stipend will be a maximum of \$5,000 (if the student has a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale) or \$4,000 (if the student has a GPA of at least 3.0 and less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale). The actual amount of the stipend will depend on the number of eligible applicants.

Individuals who will be student teaching during the fall 2014 term must complete the stipend application by **October 4, 2014**. Those who will be student teaching during the spring 2015 term must complete the stipend application by **January 31, 2015**. The 2014-2015 FAFSA must be filed before a student can complete the online stipend application. It takes 5 to 7 business days from filing for FAFSA data to be available in the state's system. Therefore, the FAFSA must be filed in time for the student to meet the application deadline.

Stipends will be awarded **AFTER** the application deadlines for each term.

If you are the appropriate contact for an institution's School of Education and have not already done so, please provide your contact information (name, phone number, email address) to [ajstanley@che.in.gov](mailto:ajstanley@che.in.gov).

Questions about the program may be directed to Amanda Stanley at [ajstanley@che.in.gov](mailto:ajstanley@che.in.gov).

## Application

[2014-2015 Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities Online Application](#)

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2579.htm>

## Student Teaching Stipend for High-Needs Fields

The State's biennial budget was passed by the Indiana General Assembly, and one of the provisions in the budget is to create new student teacher stipend programs for students. This program is for students who plan to teach in "high-need" fields, which means a teaching specialty that affects the economic vitality of Indiana and in which there is a shortage of candidates.

The Commission has determined which specialties are considered "high-need fields." The Commission has defined high-need fields as middle or high school level math or science. Special education is included through statutory language.

An individual may apply for a stipend if the individual:

- is a student who is enrolled in a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana in:
  - A. special education; or
  - B. a high-need field;
- will participate in student teaching as part of the student's degree requirements;
- has earned a cumulative grade point average upon entering 1 student teaching of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution; and
- meets any other minimum criteria established by the Commission.

The student must show that he/she will engage in student teaching during the upcoming academic term. The stipend will be a maximum of \$5,000 (if the student has a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale) or \$4,000 (if the student has a GPA of at least 3.0 and less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale). The actual amount of the stipend will depend on the number of eligible applicants.

Individuals who will be student teaching during the fall 2014 term must complete the stipend application by **October 4, 2014**. Those who will be student teaching during the spring 2015 term must complete the stipend application by **January 31, 2015**. The 2014-2015 FAFSA must be filed before a student can complete the online stipend application. It takes 5 to 7 business days from filing for FAFSA data to be available in the state's system. Therefore, the FAFSA must be filed in time for the student to meet the application deadline.

Stipends will be awarded **AFTER** the application deadlines for each term.

If you are the appropriate contact for an institution's School of Education and have not already done so, please provide your contact information (name, phone number, email address) to [ajstanley@che.in.gov](mailto:ajstanley@che.in.gov).

Questions about the program may be directed to Amanda Stanley at [ajstanley@che.in.gov](mailto:ajstanley@che.in.gov).

**Memo**

High Need Fields for the Student Teaching Stipend - May 14, 2013

Application

2014-2015 Student Teaching Stipend for High-Needs Fields Online Application

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2578.htm>

# Supplemental Grants/Remission of Fees

## Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officer Supplemental Grant Program

The CVO Program provides tuition and fee assistance at public colleges for eligible children of disabled Indiana veterans, eligible children and spouses of certain members of the Indiana National Guard killed while serving on state active duty, and eligible children and spouses of certain Indiana public safety officers killed in the line of duty. As a supplement to other state financial aid, the grant pays 100% of tuition and regularly assessed fees; it does not cover other fees such as room and board. Please review the five areas below and complete the appropriate application.

To access applications, please click the following link: [www.in.gov/sfa/2403.htm](http://www.in.gov/sfa/2403.htm).

Students might be covered under one of the five areas detailed below:

- [Children of Veteran](#)
- [Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home \(Morton High School\)](#)
- [Children and Spouse of Indiana National Guard Member](#)
- [Children and Spouse of Public Safety Officer](#)
- [Indiana Purple Heart Recipient Veteran](#)

<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2338.htm>