



## Financial Aid Resources

### Informational Financial Aid Links:

- ❑ <http://studentaid.ed.gov> – Source for free information from the U.S. Department of Education on preparing for and funding education beyond high school.
- ❑ [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) - The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid. This site will also direct you to Financial Aid Calculators.
- ❑ [http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About\\_Financial\\_Aid.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About_Financial_Aid.aspx) - National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) is an association of over 3,000 colleges, universities, career schools, and others with an interest in student financial aid. This web page will direct you to some of the more helpful financial aid guidance on the web.
- ❑ [www.in.gov/sfa/](http://www.in.gov/sfa/) - The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's (CHE) Division of Student Financial Aid's (SFA) mission is to make college affordable through need-based grants and to allow choice by granting awards to those attending public, independent & proprietary colleges.
- ❑ [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov) - The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's (ED's) central database for student aid. You can retrieve your grant/loan history using this site.

### Applying for Financial Aid Links:

- ❑ [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) – This web site is where you complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is your initial application for grants, loans, work study, etc. In order to be considered for grants offered by the state of Indiana, your FAFSA must be received by the federal processor no later than March 10 every year.
- ❑ [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) - This web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN. Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. Note: Beginning in late April, the Department of Education will be adopting the best practice of using a username and password instead of the PIN.
- ❑ [www.collegegoalsunday.org](http://www.collegegoalsunday.org) - Applying for financial aid means filling out complicated applications. College Goal Sunday makes the process easier. Attend College Goal Sunday for free assistance filling out your financial aid application.
- ❑ [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) - The GI Bill (the generic term comprising various education assistance programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs) provides benefits to veterans, service members, and some dependents of disabled or deceased veterans wishing to pursue an education.
- ❑ [www.in.gov/sfa/2338.htm](http://www.in.gov/sfa/2338.htm) - This 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.

## Scholarship Resources

- Your College**
- Your High School Guidance Counselor**
- Your Church**
- Your Employer / Your Parents' Employer**
- Local Community Groups**
- Local Libraries**

## Scholarship Information & Scholarship Search Engines

- <http://www.usi.edu/finaid/> - Scholarships from Outside Resources reported to USI
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) - College Board
- [www.in.gov/learnmoreindiana/](http://www.in.gov/learnmoreindiana/) - Learn More Indiana is an organization led by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE). It is a partnership of state and local organizations working to help students of all ages plan, prepare, and pay for college.
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - Fast Web
- [www.finaid.org/scholarships/](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/) - The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid
- [www.iefaf.org](http://www.iefaf.org) - International Financial Aid and College Scholarship Search
- [www.in.gov/fssa](http://www.in.gov/fssa) - Family and Social Services Administration
- [www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/](http://www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/) - Ronald McDonald House Charities

**USI does not endorse any of the outside organizations listed on this page.** It is **not** recommended that you apply for scholarships that require the payment of a fee. Also, do not provide personal information, such as your Social Security number, to any organization unless you are certain that the information is being used for a legitimate purpose. **For your benefit a Consumer Advisory is listed below.**

Lending institutions often advertise on or even sponsor scholarship search Web sites, so you may receive promotional mailings advertising educational loan opportunities. If you wish to apply for a student loan or other type of financial aid, you must complete a Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). **Please note that the college you plan to attend is your best source of information on student loans.** If you follow their recommended procedures, you will have fewer problems with the student loan process.