

2019-20 Scholarship List

South Central Jr. – Sr. High School

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – All students planning to further their education after high school should fill this out. This form is the qualifier for federal and state aid and allows students and parents to receive student loan information as well. Some colleges require students to fill this out before they will consider awarding them any merit based scholarships. The filing deadline for the state of Indiana is April 15, 2020. However, please note, different colleges have different (sometimes earlier) deadlines. For more information visit the official FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm> .

General Scholarship Search Engines

<http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships/> - This scholarship database offers over 20,000 free-to-apply, sortable scholarships based on location, major, GPA, ethnicity, etc. In addition, they answer some frequently asked questions such as avoiding scholarship scams and tips on applying for scholarships.

<https://www.fastweb.com/> - This website is a connection to scholarships, colleges, financial aid information, and more.

Merit Based Scholarship/College Specific Scholarships

Many colleges offer scholarships specific to their school and even specific to the major that you plan to have. Make sure to check out the website for each college you apply to for details. Typically, students can type in the name of the college followed by “Freshman Scholarships” to an internet search engine and it will pull up the list. Merit scholarships can be based on such things as G.P.A. and SAT and/or ACT test scores. Some colleges automatically consider students for these once they get all materials (application, transcripts, SAT/ACT test scores. Other schools require a separate application for consideration). --- There are a few colleges that require SAT and ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency and this can take about a month so don't delay. Deadlines to be considered for these Merit Scholarships can be as early as November 1st!!

NCAA/NAIA

Students who intend to or hope to continue their athletic career in college should make sure they have registered with the appropriate Clearinghouse Eligibility Center. Mrs. Randall and/or Mr. Haggard will be happy to assist student athletes with this.

Other Scholarships Specific to Seniors

Hoosier Coho Club Scholarship

Deadline: April 3, 2020

Students from LaPorte County schools OR who are a member of the Hoosier Coho Club are eligible to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships that they intend to award. Applicants must also be accepted to an accredited college or trade school for next school year and intend to be a full-time student. Applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Central Girls Softball Scholarship

Deadline: April 21, 2020

Central Girls Softball is dedicated to helping girls/young women to reach their full potential even after their time playing for Central has concluded. They will award a \$500 scholarship each year to one recipient. To be considered for the scholarship, you must have participated in Central Softball for a minimum of 5 years and be accepted to a post-secondary institution. Scholarship applications, including details about the required essay can be found on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office or on the organizations website at

http://www.centralgirlsoftball.teampages.com/?fbclid=IwAR0ADBCTSZ0ACKrEr_0wjeP5YTAvn6QKuq1BTGC-GyhiU9qEN70LIXvb7E .

E.R. (Gene) Cserpes Memorial Football Scholarship

Deadline: March 6, 2020

This two-year scholarship is available to high school football players in LaPorte, St. Joseph, or Elkhart counties who are going to play football at the institution of their choice while pursuing their post-secondary education. See Mrs. Randall for an application.

Kimberly Werner Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2020

The family of Kimberly Werner is offering two \$1,000 scholarships in her memory. Ms. Werner was a beloved teacher and coach at South Central for MANY years. Any Seniors who are planning to further their education at a college, university, or technical or trade school are eligible to apply. Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF) Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2020

The CAF Scholarship is available to Seniors pursuing a career in construction or a related field such as engineering. Applicants must be Indiana residents of Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, or Starke Counties and must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Applications can be found online at <http://www.cafnwin.org/CAF-Scholarship-Information.html> .

Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2020

The Horatio Alger Career and Technical scholarship application opened on February 15. These scholarships are targeted to high school applicants furthering their education in a career or technical education area. The application can be found online at application.horatioalger.org.

FOOTLIGHT PLAYERS SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: March 9, 2020

Footlight Players of Michigan City is excited to announce The Robert W. Komendera Theatrical Scholarship Program honoring our longtime member and president. The generous donations, by our patrons that have participated in our 50/50 raffles throughout the year, have made this scholarship possible. Footlight Players, Inc. is a community theater company located at 1705 Franklin Street in Michigan City, Indiana. The group has a history of 70 consecutive theatre seasons as well as assisting with community projects and events. The group has had two very successful youth theater workshops these past two summers and are planning to continue with that portion of our youth committee's work later this summer.

To qualify for this scholarship, the Footlight Players are on the look-out for individuals with a personal interest in theater and have graduated from High School or will do so by the end of this school term. The individual must have a home address in LaPorte County and are interested in continuing in any type of performing arts education. A committee of judges will be the deciding factor in who will be the recipient of the \$1,000.00 scholarship. They will judge the content of the registration forms they receive by checking the information and the three references provided by the applicant.

The scholarship recipient will be notified no later than April 30th. The individual receiving this scholarship will also receive 4 complimentary passes to view our Sunday, May 3rd matinee of STEEL MAGNOLIAS. This can be shared with family and friends. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of the evening.

There are 3 ways to obtain a registration/application form:

By telephone: Call the Theater hotline at (219) 874-4035 and request a form to be sent in the mail to you. If you must leave a message be sure to speak clearly and provide a telephone number that a Footlight Representative will use to call you back.

In Person: There will be registration forms available in our box-office when the theatre is open.

Via the Internet: Simply go to our website at footlightplayers.org. Print the registration form, fill in all of the requested information, and send back to us. A Footlight Representative will confirm that it has been received by the telephone number provided in less than a week.

Hopefully the Board of Directors will, with the financial generosity of our theatre family, be financially able to make this an annual event.

American Legion Auxiliary Military Award

Deadline: April 20, 2020

This is a \$250 award given to a senior that is going into any branch of the military. Paper applications are available on the Bulletin Board outside the Guidance Office.

American Legion Auxiliary Community Service Award

Deadline: April 20, 2020

Seniors that are entering college for a program that will be serving their community are eligible to apply for this \$250 award. Examples of this would be teacher, nurse, vet, firefighter, police officer, doctor, preacher, therapist, librarian, etc. Paper applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Bub Davis 56 Scholarship #56strong

Deadline: April 17, 2020

The family of Colton "Bub" Davis will award a \$1,056 scholarship to two Seniors, one male and one female, in Bub's honor in the amount of \$1,056 for each graduating class from now (2020) until 2025, the year Bub would have graduated.

This scholarship is open to any Senior who will further their education the year following their high school graduation at a college, university, or technical/trade school.

Applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Tri Kappa

Deadline: April 11, 2020

South Central Seniors planning on furthering their education after high school can pick up the Westville Tri Kappa Scholarship from the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization existing only within the boundaries of the state of Indiana.

Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Deadline: March 2, 2020

Applicants must attend a school in Indiana for their post-high school education to qualify for this \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship community will look at transcripts, test scores, community and extra-curricular involvement, and leadership roles as part of the application process. Applications can be found online at <http://www.indkiw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Foundation-Scholarship-Application.pdf> or you can find a copy on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office. Completed applications can be returned to Mrs. Randall by March 2nd and will then be picked up by a Kiwanis Club Member.

Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte

Deadline: March 20, 2020

At the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, we are gearing up for our 2020 Scholarships. Scholarships are available to students enrolled for the 2020-2021 academic year as **College/University Freshmen through Post-Graduate**. This year, we are offering \$1,000 up to a full semester's tuition.

HFL and La Porte Hospital Auxiliary Available Scholarships and Additional Requirements Include: Healthcare Foundation Scholarships – students must also:

- Be residents or be actively employed within the city of La Porte and surrounding areas
- Be enrolled in their third year (junior) or higher, or be enrolled in a post-graduate healthcare program
- Have a GPA above 3.0

Healthcare Foundation Radiologic/Medical Imaging – students must also:

- Be residents or be actively employed within the city of La Porte and surrounding areas
- Be enrolled in Associate of Applied Science - Radiologic Technology OR
- Be enrolled in Associate of Science - Radiography OR
- Be enrolled in Bachelor of Science - Medical Imaging Technology
- Have a GPA above 3.0

La Porte Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships – students must also:

- Be enrolled in their freshman or sophomore year of college
- Be a graduate of a high school in La Porte County OR employed by La Porte Hospital or La Porte Physicians

Apply online at <http://hflaporte.org/scholarships/> for all of these scholarships.

Unity Foundation Community Scholarships

Deadline: March 12, 2020

Unity Foundation General Application (Click the link to the left to be taken to the website for the application)

The general application was designed to allow students to apply for several different scholarships through one application. The common application evaluates the responses provided and matches applicants with the scholarships for which they may be eligible. The common application saves students time by requiring only one application to be completed for most Unity Foundation scholarships. When the student goes through the initial questions on the website and is then matched to various scholarships, they should choose to complete the General Application first as it will auto-fill into the other applications. It is very important that the student then opens each additional scholarship to check for extra questions or required teacher recommendations and then SUBMITS EACH application individually. Although the majority of the information auto-fills, each must still be reviewed and submitted.

Additional scholarships administered by Unity Foundation of La Porte County:

[Kabelin Family Scholarship Application](#) (Deadline: March 12, 2020)

Current graduating high school seniors who have a blood- or marriage-related parent or grandparent employed at **Kabelin Ace Hardware** for a minimum of two years OR have themselves worked at Kabelin Ace Hardware for a minimum of one year. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree from an accredited, tax-exempt college or university. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate achievement based on academics, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and employment history.

[Jan Nona Environmental Stewardship Award Nomination Form](#) (Nomination Deadline: March 12, 2020)

This is a nomination rather than an application. It is for students or teachers in La Porte or Porter County having demonstrated success in moving beyond ordinary citizenship to **activist in the area of environmental protection**. Nominators may be: Community Member, Family Member, Professor/Teacher, Self, Other.

Additional printable scholarship application forms available on Unity Foundation's website:

[New Day Foundation's Connie Yagelski-Marhanka Music Scholarship Application](#) (Postmark Deadline: April 10, 2020)

These scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors of La Porte County who are including music in their studies towards a degree or career. Applicants must download the scholarship application and mail printed application, essay, and transcript to the provided address.

[Susan Hay Hemminger Scholarship Foundation Application](#) (Deadline: April 15, 2020)

There are four award criteria: financial need, academic achievement, community service / leadership, and ability & commitment. Applicants must be legal residents of La Porte County, Indiana, graduates of a high school district the includes La Porte County in its boundaries, and accepted/enrolled in a two- or four-year undergraduate program at an accredited institution.

Kyle L. Harrop Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2020

This scholarship is in memory of Kyle Harrop, former IASP Student Programs Director, who passed away very unexpectedly in September, 2018.

To apply, Seniors must meet the following criteria:

1. Will be attending Purdue University, West Lafayette
2. Participated in one of our academic competitions (Spell Bowl, Academic Super Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Quiz Bowl and/or Future Problem Solvers.) Although all years of participation will be considered, a high level of involvement in academic programs throughout their high school career is not required, but preferred.

See Mrs. Randall for an application or check for one on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Music Boosters Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2020

This local scholarship honors and promotes music and scholarship in the lives of college-bound seniors. Copies of the application are available on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Various Automotive Scholarships (Link Shared by a Local Business)

Parents do you have a child graduating this year that's interested in the automotive industry? Here's a list of available scholarships for those kids.

<https://www.automotivescholarships.com/parents.cfm>

Kankakee Valley R.E.M.C. Operation Round Up Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2020

It's time to apply for the Operation Round Up Scholarship! Kankakee Valley REMC is awarding 2-\$2,000 scholarships and 4-\$1,000 scholarship. Students' parents or guardians must be a KV REMC member and participating in Operation Round Up as of February 4. The application and guidelines can be found by visiting kvremc.com and clicking on "Community Programs" followed by "Operation Round Up Trust".

Partners for Clean Air Scholarship

Deadline: Whichever comes first – accepting only 100 applications or March 2, 2020

Seniors from LaPorte, Porter, or Lake counties who have at least a 2.5 GPA may apply. Applicants must be attending an Indiana accredited college, university, or trade school for certification or degree in the Fall of 2020. Applicants must also demonstrate how his or her plan of study supports the goals of Partners for Clean Air. Preference may be given to individuals pursuing a course of study in the environmental sciences. Applications can be found on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

Jerry Karsten's Athletic Scholarship

Deadline: April 3, 2020

This \$1,500 scholarship was created in memory of Jerry Karstens, a well-respected teacher, coach, referee, umpire, and friend to many in the state of Indiana. Through this scholarship Jerry continues to assist others. The hope is that applicants will aspire to better themselves and their athletic abilities through education and better their community through their athletic involvement.

Applicants must be a graduating senior in a LaPorte County area school and enroll in college next year. The applicant must also have participated in at least one sport during their Senior year.

Applications can be found on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

INDIANA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 1, 2020

La Porte County Sheriff John T. Boyd has announced that the Indiana Sheriffs' Association will again be awarding college scholarships to qualified high school seniors or college students who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies. There will be approximately 40 - \$750 scholarships awarded to qualifying students throughout the state.

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Fund was established for the purpose of receiving, investing and dispensing of funds to provide college scholarships to qualified students who are committed to pursuing an education and career in the law enforcement field.

To qualify for one of these scholarships, the applicant must be an Indiana resident, be a current member of the association or a dependent child or grandchild of a current member of the association, attend an Indiana college or university, major in a law enforcement field and enroll as a full-time student (12 hours).

Applications needed to apply for the scholarships are available from your high school counselor or the sheriff's office. The scholarship application can also be downloaded from the Indiana Sheriffs' Association website: www.indianasheriffs.org. The applications must be completed and received by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association on or before April 1.

First Trust Credit Union Scholarship

Deadline: March 16, 2020

First Trust's Board of Directors are pleased to announce that once again eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year to our members who are graduating seniors.

Each office of First Trust will award two scholarships. The first \$1,000 scholarship will be for a graduating senior pursuing a four-year degree. The second \$1,000 scholarship will be for a graduating senior pursuing an Apprenticeship, Associates, or Certification in a selected field.

Students can access information online at <https://www.firsttrustcu.com/scholarship-information/>, pick up a copy of the application at their school's guidance office, or at your local First Trust Credit Union branch.

Imagine America Scholarship

This scholarship is for high school seniors or recent graduates planning to attend a career school participating in the Imagine America High School Scholarship Program. Participating career schools are listed at www.imagine-america.org/our-schools/. To qualify, applicants must graduate in calendar year 2020 with a GPA of 2.5 or above and enroll in a participating career college. Apply using their mobile app or online at www.imagine-america.org/cehe-scholarships/.

RaiseMe

Deadline: Ongoing

Students enter and can achieve "micro- scholarships" for their various achievements and activities. Things such as course grades and club, sport, and volunteer activities can count. For example, earning an A in a Core class can earn you up to \$1,000 and a leadership role in a sport activity can earn you up to \$1,500. Note, not all colleges and universities participate, but there are many that do.

Visit their website at <https://www.raise.me/> to create an account profile.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Deadline: Ongoing

This program is run by College Board, the same organization that is in charge of the PSAT, SAT, and AP Programs. It doesn't require an essay, application, or minimum GPA. Instead, it rewards your effort and initiative. Complete key steps along your path to college for a chance to earn scholarships. Steps include:

- Build Your College List - \$500
- Practice for the SAT (Khan Academy) - \$1,000
- Improve Your Score - \$2,000
- Strengthen Your College List - \$500
- Complete the FAFSA - \$1,000
- Apply to Colleges - \$1,000
- Complete the Journey - \$40,000

Students who complete the various steps by the deadlines will be entered into a random drawing to have a chance to win the various money prizes.

See their website at <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/> for more details

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program will remain open to the class of 2020 through the end of February.

Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Now Open for Seniors Through February

Students should complete the FAFSA® form to apply for financial aid. They must provide a screenshot of their FAFSA confirmation email if selected for the scholarship (undocumented and international students are exempt).

Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Now Open for Seniors Through February

Students should apply to at least two colleges they want to attend and submit the names of the colleges to earn an entry for the scholarship. Students may earn one additional entry for every additional college application after their first two, up to a maximum of six total applications.

Other Contests Not Specific to Seniors/For Other Grades

Hoosier Girls State/Hoosier Boys State

**Deadline: Girls - February 24, 2020
Boys – TBD**

Both programs are open to current Juniors to apply. See Mrs. Randall for an application or for more information. The week experience is funded by the local American Legion Auxiliary (Girls) or American Legion (Boys) for chosen delegates. This is a leadership program that looks GREAT on college, scholarship, and job applications.

- American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls State is a week-long leadership program where girls from across Indiana come together to assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning in mock parties to become mayor and county and state officials. It is held on the campus of Trine University in Angola, Indiana on June 21-27, 2020. Click the link for more information on what you can expect if you attend: <http://www.aladepin.org/ala-hoosier-girls-state.html>.
- American Legion Hoosier Boys State is the counterpart to the information listed above. It will be held from June 14-20, 2020. We have not been contacted by the American Legion yet, but most likely will be in the very near future. Click the link at <https://hoosierboysstate.org/> for more information on the program.

New for the Class of 2021 – College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program opened in December for juniors.

Early efforts will get rewarded! Students who've already taken action to build their college list on [BigFuture™](#) and [link their College Board and Khan Academy® accounts](#) to practice for the SAT® on Official SAT Practice will automatically earn a scholarship entry when they join.

Getting Your Juniors Started

1. Students should [join the program](#) by signing in with their existing College Board account (same one they used for the SAT and PSAT/NMSQT®) or they can [create an account](#) if they don't have one.
2. They should click on the yellow **Earn Scholarships** button at the top of the homepage.
3. They should review the official rules on the **Opt In** screen and click **Agree**. Then they're ready to start turning their efforts into scholarships!

RaiseMe

Deadline: Ongoing

Students enter and can achieve “micro- scholarships” for their various achievements and activities. Things such as course grades and club, sport, and volunteer activities can count. For example, earning an A in a Core class can earn you up to \$1,000 and a leadership role in a sport activity can earn you up to \$1,500. Note, not all colleges and universities participate, but there are many that do.

Visit their website at <https://www.raise.me/> to create an account profile.

Kankakee Valley REMC Cooperative Calendar of Student Art

Deadline: March 20, 2020

Attention Indiana student artists! Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 may submit entries. Share your skills with the state by entering your artwork in the 2021 Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest.

Visit <https://www.IndianaConnection.org/for-youth/2021-contest> for a copy of the contest rules and an application.

Touchstone Energy Camp

Deadline: March 2, 2020

A fun, powerful and unique camp experience designed for students entering seventh grade in 2020 (so current 6th graders). Visit kvremc.com and click on the “Community Programs” tab and then the “Youth Programs” tab for the camp application. Camp is held at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana from June 3-6.

Indiana Youth Tour

Deadline: March 2, 2020

Kankakee Valley REMC wants to send you on a weeklong, all-inclusive trip of a lifetime to Washington D.C. Visit the nation’s capital, experience American history, tour monuments and museums, meet legislators and make new friends. You must be a current high school Junior to apply. Visit kvremc.com and click on the “Community Programs” tab and then the “Youth Programs” tab for the application. The camp is from June 18-25.

Knights of Pythias Poster/Visual Arts Contest **Deadline: April 1, 2020**

This contest is entitled "Go Green, Help Save the Earth" and is open to any student enrolled in Grades 9-12 in Indiana. Any two-dimensional medium may be used. Brochures on the contest can be found on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.

VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest **Deadline: March 31, 2020**

Students in grades 9-12 can participate in this contest. Students may submit two-dimensional art and/or three-dimensional art. See the informational paperwork and application that can be found on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office or Mrs. Etheridge for more information. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$31,000.