



College Bound Scholarship Program Application for 2025-2026 (New Applicant)



(See reverse side for scholarship guidelines) – (219) 853-6503

Section I: Applicant Information

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address (Required) _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Natural Parent Custodial Parent

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The applying student must reside with the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who must be able to demonstrate proof of home ownership by attaching a copy of their current homestead exemption, and proof of purchase date of the home to this application. **If student's last name is different from parent's name a copy of the birth certificate must be included.**

Section II: Semester Indicate semester for which you are requesting the scholarship

- Fall 2025
- Spring 2026

Section III: Educational Plans Indicate the name and location of the Indiana college or university that you plan on attending. Be sure to list your college ID #. **Attach a letter of acceptance/admission to this application.**

Name of College: _____

Location: _____

Note: The College Bound Scholarship does not cover the cost of summer sessions, room and board or books.

Your College Student ID Number: _____

Section IV: Other Scholarships/Financial Aid List all other scholarships or financial aid (FAFSA), **except** loans that you have applied for, including the anticipated award amount. College Bound Scholarship is secondary to all other tuition based scholarships and grants.

- Yes, I have completed the FAFSA application (**Due by 4/15/25**)
- No, I have not completed the FAFSA application
- I am a 21st Century Scholar

Section V: High School Information

High School Attended: _____

Total SAT score _____ or **Composite ACT score** _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Signature of High School Counselor: _____ (not required after June 10, 2025)

It is your responsibility to return your completed application with required attachments (proof of current homestead exemption, proof of home purchase date, college letter of acceptance/admission, proof of application for financial aid (FAFSA), certified grades, and SAT/ACT scores if needed) to:

**College Bound Scholarship Program
Attn: Sharon M. Daniels, Coordinator
5925 Calumet Avenue – Room #115
Hammond, IN 46320**

Deadline: Thursday, July 3, 2025 Late applications **will not** be accepted under any circumstances

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received _____ Approved/Denied _____ Sent letter _____

Notes _____

Application Deadline

If you are a first time applicant you are encouraged to apply as soon as you receive your official transcripts from your high school counselor after graduation, but no later than Thursday, July 3, 2025. Award notifications are sent within 2 weeks of receiving the completed application. Students must apply by July deadline of the year they graduate high school.

Basic & Performance Eligibility (See www.collegebound.gohammond.com for full details on eligibility)

- Complete and sign this application and include your final high school transcripts, with graduation date noted.
- Demonstrate that you live in an owner-occupied home within Hammond City limits. Proof of home ownership for the purposes of College Bound will require that the parent or legal guardian own a home with a current homestead exemption. Proof of a Homestead Exemption can be obtained from the: Lake County Auditor's Office (219) 755-3120.
- Proof of home purchase date.
- Provide proof of legal guardianship in those situations where a natural parent is not the legal guardian.
- Attend any accredited public or private high school.
- Complete application for financial aid (FAFSA) by the Indiana deadline date (Due by 4/15/25). Regardless of eligibility for assistance, and disclose all scholarships and aid to the *College Bound Scholarship Program*. Bring proof of FAFSA.
- Provide birth certificate if student's last name is different from parent's name.
- Graduate with a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or higher from an accredited public or private high school. Home-schooled students may apply for the scholarship through the program's exception process. Students who achieve at least a 1,030 total score on the SAT (evidence-based reading and math) or a 21 composite score on the ACT, **and** a G.P.A. of at least 2.5 will also be considered eligible for the scholarship.
- Provide a letter of acceptance/admission to an accredited Indiana based public or private college or university. The public or private college or university must be accredited through the North Central Association Commission.
- Begin college studies within 16 months of graduation from high school.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit this application to the *College Bound Scholarship Program* on or before July 3, 2025. If any information changes, *College Bound* needs to be notified as soon as possible. Do not submit an incomplete application.**

Amount of Scholarship The amount of the scholarship is up to \$10,500.00 per year for four years and will be determined by the number of years that the student has lived in a home owned by that student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in Hammond from:

- 6th thru 12th grade- Eligible for up to the entire 100% scholarship amount;
- 7th thru 12th grade- Eligible for up to 90% of the scholarship amount;
- 8th thru 12th grade- Eligible for up to 80% of the scholarship amount;
- 9th thru 12th grade- Eligible for up to 70% of the scholarship amount;
- 10th thru 12th grade- Eligible for up to 60% of the scholarship amount.

All students of a Hammond homeowner who attend an accredited high school outside of Hammond are eligible for up to 100% of the scholarship providing they meet all other scholarship eligibility requirements (including a valid current homestead exemption), subject to the schedule above.

Continuing Eligibility

- **Reapply each year by the July deadline** and provide the program with a copy of your most current grade transcripts, proof of FAFSA, and parental homestead exemption. **Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Provide a detailed account of all scholarships and financial aid received including the source and amount of such awards, including 21st Century and State of Indiana awards. The College Bound Scholarship is secondary to all other tuition based scholarships and grants. (See Section IV).
- Be enrolled in college credit producing courses and in an undergraduate degree-seeking program after your first year of study. The *College Bound Scholarship Program* cannot be utilized towards a graduate degree.
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (measured on an annual basis) during four consecutive years of college and release those grades to the *College Bound Scholarship Program*.
- The student **must** perform 40 hours of community service per year as assigned by the *College Bound Scholarship Program*. Assignment of community service will be made each year by the College Bound Coordinator. Students who do not complete the assigned community service will be required to pay back any funding received from the City of Hammond.
- An interruption in the student's college education lasting more than one semester shall be cause for ineligibility. Should you become ineligible, you **may not** rejoin or restart participation in the *College Bound Scholarship Program*.
- **Take and earn 12 credit hours per semester during the fall and spring semesters.**
- The scholarship is available to eligible students for 8 semesters within a 5-year timeframe.
- Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must continue to live and maintain home ownership in Hammond (monitored through proof of a current homestead exemption) until you complete your fourth year of college. The scholarship will be immediately cancelled should your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) move out of Hammond.

Authorization of Release of Records and Acknowledgement of Program Requirements

*I hereby authorize representatives of the City of Hammond's College Bound Scholarship Program to receive academic information, or other information from my high school or university necessary to process my application. **I have attached proof of home ownership (current homestead exemption), proof of home purchase date, grade transcripts, proof of financial aid, disclosure of all other scholarships, and a letter of college acceptance/admissions.** I understand a list will be made public showing all recipients, amount received, and the college/university attended. Failure to meet the requirements of the College Bound Scholarship Program will result in the loss of eligibility. I, under the penalties of perjury, swear the statements made in the above application and the attached required documents, are true and correct. I understand providing any false, incomplete, or misleading information will result in prosecution to the extent of law.*

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date