

STATE AID PROGRAMS

Indiana Frank O'Bannon Grant

This grant, also known as the Freedom of Choice Award, is awarded to Indiana residents with financial need who complete the FAFSA application by April 15. In addition, in order to receive the maximum possible award, students must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year.

In order to receive a maximum amount of grant in subsequent years, in addition to the need requirement, students are required to earn at least 30 credits during the academic year. If a student earns at least 24 credits, but less than 30, she will still be eligible for state grants in the following year but at a lesser amount. Students earning less than 24 credits will not be eligible for any state grant in the following year even if the students would normally qualify based on financial need.

Indiana 21st Century Scholars

This grant is awarded to students who are enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars Program who also complete the FAFSA by April 15. Students must be enrolled full time and the funds can only be used during the fall and spring semesters. In addition, students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credit hours per academic year.

Indiana Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields

Indiana residents who are minority students, with a cumulative grade point average upon entering student teaching that is required for admission to Saint Mary's department of Education and will be participating in a student teaching experience in the upcoming term, may apply for this stipend. Students must agree in writing to apply for a teaching position at an accredited school in Indiana following certification as a teacher and, if hired, teach for at least three years.

William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship

Indiana residents who are U.S. citizens, or eligible non-citizens, and minorities may apply for this scholarship. Students must agree in writing to apply for a teaching position at an accredited school in Indiana following certification as a teacher and, if hired, teach for at least three years. The application is online at www.in.gov/sfa/2342.htm (<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2342.htm>).

Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship

This one-time scholarship is for Indiana residents who graduate from a public Indiana high school at least one year early. To apply, students must complete the application at www.in.gov/sfa/2504.htm (<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2504.htm>). Students must complete at least 18 credit hours to renew the grant.

Adult Student Grant

This grant is awarded to Indiana residents who will be enrolled between 6 and 12 credits per semester. Students must file a FAFSA and be considered independent, and have need. Students can apply for this

grant either at the end of the FAFSA process or online at www.in.gov/sfa/2362.htm (<http://www.in.gov/sfa/2362.htm>).

Rhode Island State Grant

This grant is awarded to Rhode Island residents who have need per the FAFSA application. A link to more information can be found on the financial aid web page.

Vermont State Grant

This grant is awarded to Vermont residents who have need per the FAFSA application. A link to the grant application can be found on the financial aid web page.