



# WESTERN BOONE COUNSELING OFFICE SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Boone County (CFBC) typically awards over \$30,000 annually to Western Boone students. There are currently over twenty scholarships available through the CFBC. Some scholarships require financial need and the Student Aid Index from the FAFSA will need to be uploaded to be considered for any scholarship requiring financial need. Remember, financial need means that the students and parents do not have the funds to cover the entire cost of attendance at the student's preferred college. It does not mean that families have to be completely broke. Please make sure that the recommendation you upload is NOT from school personnel. Make your recommendation from someone in the community who can attest to your character and experiences outside of the school setting. The CFBC scholarships are due by January 14th. We strongly encourage our students to complete the CFBC application as it provides one of the single largest sources of scholarship dollars to our students. If there are any questions, please contact us!

## Western Boone Foundation Scholarships

Annually, the Western Boone Foundation awards approximately \$18,000 to Western Boone seniors. Scholarships range from \$250-8,000 and are awarded to a variety of potential areas of study. These scholarships are available using the Western Boone employment site called Applitrack. The language on this site can sometimes be confusing; however, using this application platform saves the scholarship funds a significant amount of money each year that can be sent to students. If you have any questions, please ask. All supplemental materials can be uploaded online, but may also be submitted directly to Ms. Query if there are submission challenges. Visit <https://www.weboschools.org/employment/openings> to apply. We will review this at the next counseling day on January 15th.

## Scholarship Due Dates and Submission

The scholarship due dates that are posted in this newsletter are typically **RECEIVED BY** dates. That means that the scholarship must be received by the organization on that date. It cannot be turned into the guidance office that day. Please make sure that you are reading the scholarship application and following the directions. If you have questions about where an application should be submitted, please ask Ms. Query **BEFORE** the due date.

The guidance office cannot guarantee applications will be accepted if they are received after the deadline.

Please make the responsible choice and turn in completed applications well before the due date that is posted. Not only will you not worry about the application being late, it looks better to the organization that you submitted the application early and may increase your chances of being chosen as the winner.

## Scholarship Application Tips

1. **Consider creating a more professional email address.** Ex: use your Western Boone address and use your name format (firstname.last name@weboschools.org).
2. **Plan out scholarship essays before writing them on an application.**
3. **Make sure your essays are understandable.**
4. **Submit materials on time.** Many scholarships post their deadlines as "received by" dates, which means they must be sent before the date posted in order to arrive on time.
5. **Use proper grammar.**
6. **Leave out personal details that are not descriptive of your personal character.**
8. **If it can be typed, do so.** If you must handwrite it, use a black pen!

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### Upcoming Events:

REMEMBER, all materials must be received by this date including high school transcript and test scores (if required) FROM THE TEST PROVIDER!

SEA 167 requires all seniors to submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is now open. Families can start the process by going to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> and completing the information to get a FSA ID. For any additional questions about this, please contact Mrs. Hartman at the email to the left.

### Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

**Please do not hesitate to contact your counselor with questions. We are happy to help!**

# Scholarships

## **FFA Scholarships**

**January 9, 2025**

Open to graduating seniors who plan on studying an ag-related field. Applicants must have two farmers endorse their application. FFA membership is not required. Applications can be found at [ffa.org/scholarships](https://ffa.org/scholarships) Scholarships values are varied.

## **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**

**January 9, 2025**

Open to graduating seniors who plan on studying an ag-related field. Applicants must have two farmers endorse their application. FFA membership is not required. Applications can be found at [ffa.org/scholarships](https://ffa.org/scholarships) Scholarships are valued at \$1,500

## **DFA Cares Foundation Scholarship**

**January 10, 2025**

Open to students who plan on a career in the dairy industry. Scholarships are valued at \$1,000. Applications and more information can be found at <https://www.dfamilk.com/careers/students-and-graduates#scholarships>

## **Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship**

**January 15, 2025**

Open to graduating seniors who plan on a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. Scholarships are valued between \$500-5,000. Applications can be found at <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

## **Mensa USA Scholarship**

**January 15, 2025**

Open to graduating seniors who plan on pursuing education after high school. Students must submit an essay describing their future goals. Scholarships are valued at \$2500. Applications can be found at <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarships/>

## **DeWalt Trades Scholarship**

**January 16, 2025**

Open to seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time 2 year or trades program for the entire 2025-26 school year. Students must major in a trade related program such as automotive, aviation technology, carpentry, construction, diesel, fire science, etc. Eligible applicants must have a 2.0GPA or higher. Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 and 40 will be given. For more information and to apply, go to <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/dewalttrade/>

## **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**

**January 17, 2025**

Open to students in grades 9-12 who write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917. Visit <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx> for more information.

## **Community Foundation of Boone County Scholarships**

**January 24, 2025**

Open to Boone County students. Multiple scholarships are available! Scholarships have various requirements so each Western Boone student should visit the site to see which scholarships are available to them based on their college and career interest and academic background. Western Boone students typically win almost half of all scholarship money available, so check it out! Application information is available at <https://communityfoundationbc.org/western-boone-scholarships/>

Applications are due by noon and will not be accepted late.

**Bobby Hysong Memorial—Agriculture-related majors with a 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Boone County Agriculture—Agriculture-related major with a 2.5 minimum high school GPA**

**Buren Scholarship Endowment—Male student with 2.5 minimum high school GPA and financial need**

**Carl H. Witt Scholarship Endowment—Agriculture or business-related major with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Charlotte Carr Tyre Scholarship—Agriculture degree from Purdue and a 3.0 minimum high school GPA and 4-H member**

**Darrell Portell 4-H Scholarship—Boone County resident/available through 4H scholarship application**

**Eugene O. & Mabel Higgins Scholarship—Boone County resident, Indiana college or university, 2.5GPA or higher**

**Family Music Studio Scholarship—Boone County resident, preferably a FMS student**

**Florence Gruver Memorial Scholarship—Education major attending a 4 year college with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

**Harold and Evelyn Rice Scholarship—Ministry/Christian Service major**

**Heather Cline Healthcare Scholarship—Nursing or Healthcare, preference will be given to nursing majors with minimum 3.0 GPA**

**Heather Cline Football Scholarship—High School football player with 2.0 minimum high school GPA**

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**James Holman Carr & Pauline Neel Carr Scholarship**—resident & graduate of Boone County High School, attend Purdue, 3.0 GPA

**Jay Martin Vocational/Trade School Scholarship**—Any vocational school with 2.0 minimum high school GPA

**Jerry “Moe” Cunningham Vocational Scholarship**—Any vocational student that attended a program at J. Everett Light

**Joseph K. and Charlotte Carr Tyre**—Boone County resident attending Wabash with a 3.0 GPA

**Marjorie Stonehill English, Journalism, and Creative Arts Scholarship**—English, Journalism, Creative Arts major with 3.0 minimum high school GPA and be in top 30% of the class

**Norma and Ed Castetter Memorial Scholarship**—Minimum 2.5 GPA, the principal will nominate one applicant from their school

**Pliny and Mildred Randall Memorial Scholarship**—2.0 minimum high school GPA

**Robert Stonehill Pre Medical Scholarship**—Pre Medical major with a 3.5 minimum freshman college GPA

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Agriculture Award**—STEM or Ag major with 3.2 GPA

**Thomas G. Rake Memorial Scholarship**—GPA of 2.5 or higher and involvement in music

**Zionsville Fire Department/Larry K. Rust Memorial Scholarship**—Boone County resident majoring in public safety or engineering

## **Nancy Jaynes Memorial Scholarship**

**January 27, 2025**

Open to high school seniors whose parent is battling cancer or has lost a parent to breast cancer. Scholarship is valued at \$1,500. Applications are available at <https://breastcancerplate.org/how-we-help/scholarships/>

## **Indiana Next Generation Education Scholarship**

**January 31, 2025**

Open to seniors who are in the top 20% of their graduating class or have SAT or ACT scores in the top 20%. Students must earn a teaching license and teach at least 5 years in Indiana after immediately after graduating. Scholarship is valued at \$7,500 per year for four years. Application will open on October 16th. Application information can be found at <https://www.in.gov/che/state-financial-aid/state-financial-aid-by-program/next-generation-hoosier-educators-scholarship/>



## **Tri Kappa Scholarship**

**February 1, 2025**

Open to seniors who have at least a “C” average and have been accepted into a 2 or 4-year program. Scholarship amounts vary. Applications are available in the guidance office and online through the Western Boone guidance website under the “How can I pay for college” section. Applications require 2 recommendation letters, goal statement, and an autobiography.

## **Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship**

**February 14, 2025**

Open to graduating seniors who have been accepted and intend to enroll at Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the “General Scholarship Application” available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section or pick up a copy in the guidance office. Scholarship is approximately \$1,000 but varies each year. Attach a statement describing your future goals.

## **PHP Scholarship for Health-Related Majors**

**February 21, 2025**

Open to seniors who are pursuing a medical related degree. Applicants must write a 1,000 word essay on how social media affects the development of youth. Scholarship amounts vary. Apply at <https://public.powerdms.com/PHPNI/documents/1717019> or paper copies are in the guidance office

## **College Board Big Futures Scholarships**

**February 28, 2025**

Open to seniors with various academic backgrounds. Scholarships are awarded monthly to seniors through February on the first of the month. Students will use their existing College Board accounts to apply. Visit their website for more information at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships/scholarship-details/start-your-scholarship-list>



## **Witham Volunteer Services Volunteer Health Career Scholarship**

**March 1, 2025**

Open to seniors who plan to enter a career in the health field. Applicants must be residents of Boone County. A transcript, statement detailing career goals and why a career in the health field is desired and information regarding any special interests and extracurricular activities should be attached to the application. The application is available in the guidance office and on the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

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## **Sigma Delta Pi Memorial Scholarship**

**March 1, 2025**

Open to students who plan on pursuing a degree in teaching. Applications are available in the guidance office and on the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

## **Horatio Alger Scholarship**

**March 1, 2025**

Open to **juniors** who are US citizens with financial need in order to attend higher education. Over 600 scholarships are available and up to \$25,000 each. Visit [horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://horatioalger.org/scholarships) for more information and to apply.

## **Boone County MIBOR Scholarship**

**March 7, 2025**

Open to students who plan on pursuing a vocational career at a two year, trade, technical school, or training to be a real estate agent. Applicants should attach a short statement describing their future goals. Scholarship amounts vary with a minimum of \$500. Application is available from the guidance website or in the guidance office.



## **Orchard Construction Careers Scholarship**

**March 21, 2025**

Open to seniors who are planning to enter a construction related career such as construction management, residential building, architecture, etc. Scholarship is valued at \$2,500. Applications are available on the guidance website.

## **Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship**

**March 30, 2025**

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Application is also open to recent graduates. Some career options could be, but not limited to, metal working, culinary arts, auto/diesel repair and collision, HVAC technology, cosmetology, computer graphics, LPN nursing, medical/dental assistant, medical technology, fire science, paramedic, law enforcement, and office administration. Applicants must earn a degree or certificate in two years or less. Ivy Tech and Vincennes University are considered acceptable in this group in addition to other vocational or trade programs. Students must complete the application and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states their program of study, future goals, and why they are deserving of this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each. The application is available on the school website under the guidance section. Then click on "How can I pay for college". The application is also available in the guidance office.



## **Western Boone Education Foundation Scholarships**

**March 30, 2025**

The Western Boone Education Foundation has scholarships available from multiple groups and organizations that wish to recognize Western Boone students with scholarships as a way to promote furthering education. Please review the descriptions for each scholarship by following the links below. The application system used is online. This system allows students to apply for multiple scholarships at a time with ONE application. Review each scholarship prior to applying. Please note any special materials that must be submitted in addition to the online application. These materials need to be uploaded into the application preferably or they can be turned in to Ms. Query in the guidance office by the due date listed above. No transcripts need to be requested as they will be submitted for each application submitted online automatically by Ms. Query. Please see Ms. Query in the guidance office with any questions.

To apply:

Visit the Western Boone district employment site at <https://weboschools.org/employment/openings> and select "Scholarships"

Click on "Apply" beside any one of the scholarships in which you are interested

Create an account with Applitrack

Complete all the steps of the application, including additional questions and uploading required materials

Once everything is entered and uploaded for all the scholarships to which you are applying, then submit application

Only submit one application

## **Beam Family Scholarship**

Open to graduating seniors from Jackson Township. Financial need will be considered. Please indicate free/reduced lunch status on the application. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and submit an essay on the topic "What are my future goals and why I need financial assistance in meeting these goals?" Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 per year and may be renewable if funds are available and if the winner maintains a C average in college and submits transcripts by June 1st of each year to Superintendent Mr. Ramey.

## **Bree Wilson Scholarship**

Open to graduating seniors who will pursue a degree in nursing or medical sciences and have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Priority is given to declared major and then community involvement.

## **Brian Euler Scholarship**

Open to graduating seniors who have participated in at least one varsity sport and plan on pursuing criminal justice or healthcare as a career. Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA or higher and must include a 1 page essay on future plans and goals after high school graduation. Within the online application under "Extra Curricular Events", include a complete list of athletic participation. Scholarship is valued at \$1,500

## **Duane Swisher Swimmer Scholarship**

Open to seniors who have been a varsity-level swimmer. The winners must have good attendance according to the current varsity swim coach and display a strong work ethic, leadership skills, and a positive mental attitude. The application requires an essay be written over what a strong work ethic in the pool and the classroom means to the student. Scholarship is valued at \$250 and will be awarded to one male and one female student.

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## **Earl Hoock Scholarship**

Open to seniors who plan on studying in the fields of math, science, or engineering. Students with financial need and who will attend Purdue will be given preference, but these areas are not a requirement. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Two reference letters are required and one must be from a math or science teacher. Scholarship is valued at \$5,600.

## **Kent Poole Athletic Scholarship**

Open to seniors who have participated in at least one varsity sport and displayed a positive mental attitude and leadership. Within the online application under "Extra Curricular Events", include a complete list of athletic participation. Scholarship is valued at \$250.

## **Lough Family Scholarship**

Open to seniors who will be pursuing a medical career. Applicants should include a statement as to why a career in the medical field is sought.

## **Natalie Duke Memorial Scholarship**

Open to seniors who participate in athletics and/or art classes and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applicants should have a positive attitude and have shown consistency in giving their best effort in everything and especially including others to do the same. Applicants should include all athletic and art participation in the "Extra Curricular Events" section of the application. Two scholarships are available for \$250 each.

## **Ron Bush Scholarship**

Open to seniors who are 4H members in Boone County and have a 2.0 GPA or higher. Students must upload a 1 page essay on the topic, "How has 4-H provided me direction toward my future?" Candidates will be interviewed. Scholarship is valued at \$2,000.

## **Roscoe D. and J. Charlene Stewart Scholarship**

Open to seniors who have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and attended Thorntown elementary. Applicants must upload a recommendation letter from a current or former teacher. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000

## **Sandy Heffner Education Scholarship**

Open to seniors who plan on studying education and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference will be given to applicants who have been affected by cancer and who are active in church/social organizations. An essay must be uploaded on the topic "How will a degree in education help you change the life of a child?" A recommendation letter from a teacher or non-family member must also be uploaded. Scholarship is valued at \$1855 for the first year and students are eligible for \$1,000 the second year if still enrolled in an education program.

## **Sydney Foster Memorial Scholarship**

Open to seniors who plan on pursuing a career in nursing. This scholarship is in honor of Sydney Foster, an eighteen year old senior who passed away in an automobile accident on March 1, 2018. Applicants should submit a statement describing their future goals in their nursing career. A recommendation letter from a teacher, coach, and/or community member should also be included.

## **John Kelley Scholarship**

Open to seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are active in sports and the community. Financial need will be considered. Scholarship is valued at \$500.

## **Edward Jones Business Scholarship**

Open to seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who plan on pursuing a career in business at a 2 or 4 year school. A statement describing the applicants career goals in the field of business and the need for financial assistance is required. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000

## **Western Boone Education Foundation Scholarships**

Open to seniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA who plan on attending a vocational, 2 year, or 4 year program after graduation. Students must complete a FAFSA and financial need will be considered. Students will submit a statement answer "How has Western Boone impacted your area of post-secondary study and what are your long-term goals?"

## **Lilly Lebanon API Manufacturing Scholarship**

Open to seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and who plan on pursuing a Health or STEM field of study in college. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded; one to a vocational/trade school and one for a 4 year college in Indiana.

## **Lebanon Professional Firefighters Association Scholarship**

Open to seniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA and who plan on pursuing a career in Fire Science or related field. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

## **Dylan McGinnis Memorial Scholarship**

Open to seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who plan to attend a technical, trade, or vocational program. Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 with two or more scholarships being awarded. Applicants must agree to attend the annual golf outing fundraiser; not to play but to represent the scholarship program to players and donors.

# Scholarships

## Andy's Ride Scholarship

April 1, 2025

Open to seniors who are planning to enter a skilled trade career through a trade or two year school. Scholarship is valued up to \$2,000. Applications are available in the guidance office or online at <https://www.andyscarshow.com/scholarship.html>  
Applications and transcripts should be mailed to C. Buckmaster, 6485 E 650 S, Zionsville, IN 46077 or emailed to [cbuckmaste@aol.com](mailto:cbuckmaste@aol.com)



## Indiana Sheriffs' Association Scholarship

April 1, 2025

Open to students who are members of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association or are the child or grandchild of an ISA member and who plan on pursuing full time education in a law enforcement field. Scholarships are valued at \$750. Applications can be found at <https://indianasheriffs.org/> or in the guidance office.

## Schoolhouse Connection Scholarship (application opens January 1, 2025)

June 2, 2025

Open to students who have experienced homelessness in their life and are entering college for the first time, to ensure their completion of a post-secondary education program. This year, we will offer at least ten scholarships of \$2,000 each; travel and expenses paid for all recipients to a national awards ceremony and a second gathering in Washington DC, two years after the initial scholarship award; and on-going mentoring through their post-secondary careers. The application is online at: <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/scholarship-program/>

## Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

FastWeb	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>
Scholarships.Com	<a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a>
College Board Scholarship Search	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search</a>
Scholarship America	<a href="http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php">http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php</a>
Student Scholarships	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/">https://studentscholarships.org/</a>

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.