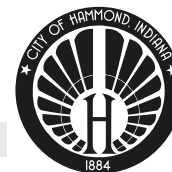




College Bound Scholarship Program
Application for 2026-2027 (Returning Students)
 (See reverse side for scholarship guidelines) – (219) 853-6503



Section I: Applicant Information

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ High School Graduation Year & School 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 to this application.

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

- Fall 2026
- Spring 2027

Section III: Educational Plans Indicate the name and location of the Indiana college or university that you are attending, or planning to attend. Be sure to list your college ID #.

Name of College: _____

Location: _____

Degree Sought (BA or BS): _____

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 4/15/26**)
- No, I have not completed the FAFSA application
- I am a 21st Century Scholar

Section V: College Performance

Cumulative (annualized) GPA: _____ Credit hours earned during 2025-2026: _____

Note: Returning applicants must submit **official college transcripts** to be considered eligible.

It is your responsibility to return your completed application with required attachments (proof of current homestead exemption, proof of application for financial aid (FAFSA), and official college grades) to:

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

Deadline: Thursday, July 2, 2026 Late applications **will not** be accepted under any circumstances

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Received _____ Approved/Denied _____ Sent letter _____

Notes _____

Application Deadline

You are encouraged to re-apply as soon as spring semester grades become available for this scholarship but no later than Thursday, July 2, 2026. If any information changes, College Bound must be notified as soon as possible. Award notifications are sent within 2 weeks of receiving the completed application. **Do not submit an incomplete application.**

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

Amount of Scholarship The amount of the scholarship is up to \$10,500 per year 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 by the July deadline** and provide the program with a copy of the official transcripts for this school year **proof of FAFSA and parental homestead exemption. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) by the Indiana deadline date (Due by 4/15/26), regardless of eligibility for such assistance, and disclose all scholarships and aid to the College Bound Scholarship Program, including 21st Century and State of Indiana awards. The College Bound Scholarship is secondary to all other tuition based scholarships and grants.
- Be enrolled in college credit producing courses and in an undergraduate degree-seeking program after the 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*.
- **Take and earn 12 credit hours during the fall and spring semester.**
- 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 spring by the College Bound Coordinator. Students who do not complete the assigned community service hours 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*.
- The scholarship is available to eligible students for 8 semesters within a 5-year time frame.
- 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. Proof of home ownership for the purposes of the College Bound Scholarship Program will require that the parent or legal guardian own a home with a current homestead exemption. Proof of a current Homestead Exemption can be obtained from the Lake County Auditor's Office (219) 755-3120.

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, schedule, financial status (including information regarding financial aid, scholarships and billing) or other information from my high school or college/university necessary to process my application. **I have attached proof of current home ownership (homestead exemption), official college transcripts, proof of financial aid, and disclosure of all other scholarships.** I understand a list will be made public showing all recipients, amount received, and the college/university attended. Failure 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 _____

Please list any semesters or approved time off from College Bound (if any): _____