



## BCHS Class of 2026 October College Newsletter

We are fast approaching our Early Action November 1st deadline, and applications are pouring out! Remember, November 1st is the deadline for most schools' applications in order to be considered for scholarships.

### SILAS COMMON APP HELP SESSIONS

Ms Burkett will be available every SILAS period starting October 9th in room 210 to help seniors with Common App completion.



What: Common App Help

When: SILAS Oct 9th - Oct 31st 7:45- 8:30am

Where: Room 210

### To-Do Lists

Last week, during FLEX, seniors were given an hour to work through their application process. Below is the step-by-step list they were given, along with resources linked to help them complete each step of the process.

*Please work through these steps:*

#### [Senior FLEX Intro Video](#)

1. [Connect Common App to Scoir](#)- *This is how to communicate where to send transcripts*
2. [Request your Letter of Rec](#)- *MUST be requested through Scoir to send to schools*
3. If you have NOT already, [schedule a meeting with Ms Burkett](#)- *Get questions answered before fall break*
4. [Log in or create Common App](#) - *This is your college application. Please use this time to work through your application.*

5. If you have sent in your applications already, use this time to set up and take a look through your application portals for each school. *This is where you will track your application, get your admission decision, and, for many schools, apply for more scholarships and honors colleges.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### **Document Matching:**

- It will take two solid weeks for your application to match to your transcript on the college's end and your application portal
- This could take longer the closer you get to the Nov 1st deadline
- Submitting early will expedite this process
- The guaranteed deadline for Early Action transcripts to be sent to schools is 11:59 pm on October 31st. After this point, I cannot guarantee they will be sent before the Nov 1st deadline, so submit well before Halloween to be sure.

**STARS:** Some schools require what is called a “Self reported Transcript and academic record” or STARS. No Indiana schools require this, but if you are applying to others, such as the University of Tennessee, check the application requirements to see if this is something you have to do. This is outside of the Common App. Your school application portal will have your information for this step.

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## SCHOOLS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### **Ball State**

Lindsey Speer from BSU will be at Chatard on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:45 am to present to interested students in room 205.

If you are applying to Ball State, you might have a FREE application sitting in your email. Search “Ball State Select Nominee” in your email. This is a fee waiver sent out directly to students who qualify that allows you to apply to BSU for free! You can then select this in the Common App (see screenshot below):

common app

My Colleges

Ball State University

College information

APPLICATION

- General
- Academics
- Family
- Ball State Information
- Additional Information
- Recommenders and FERPA

Review and submit

Apply to Ball State University

**General**

Complete

The questions on this page are being asked by Ball State University.

Start Term\*

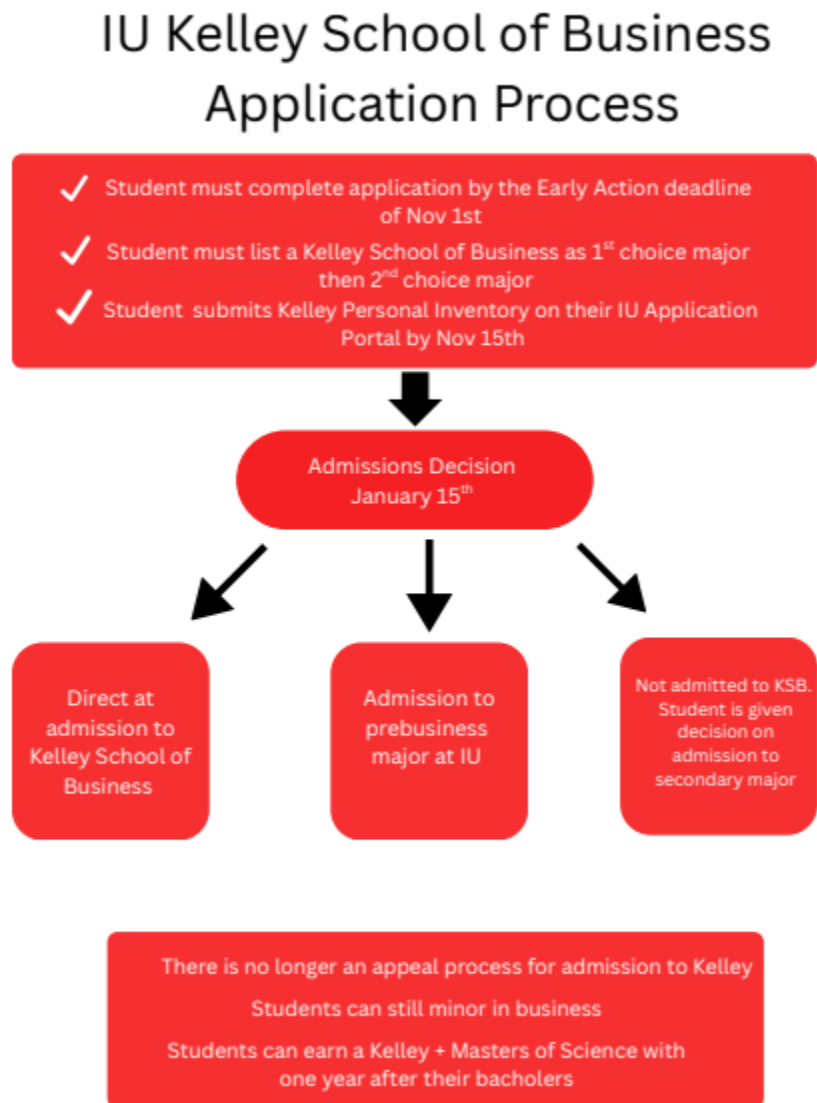
- Active member in a branch of the U.S. Military
- Ball State Select Nominee recipient**
- State of Indiana 21st Century Scholar
- NACAC Fee Waiver
- Currently enrolled at the Indiana Academy for Science, Math, and Humanities

Choose an option -

Continue

## **IU Kelley School of Business Update:**

[Kelley has changed their admissions process.](#) The following graphic gives an overview of the new process.\*KPI is 20 multiple-choice questions



## **IU GROUPS**

IU Groups Scholars Program puts first-generation students and those with socioeconomic barriers on the path to college success by providing academic, financial, and social support, helping them attain a bachelor's degree at Indiana University. In addition, students are offered an extensive student support system, including academic advising, tutoring, enrollment in specialized courses, and activities designed to foster academic success and degree completion.

In order to be nominated for this opportunity, students must have a 2.5 gpa and meet the below financial requirements. [All interested students must fill out this application to be nominated.](#) ALL students who qualify and fill out the link will be nominated and complete the application on IU's portal.

Students' families must meet the income guidelines here:

Size of Family	Family's Annual Income MUST be Below
<b>1</b>	\$35,000
<b>2</b>	\$45,000
<b>3</b>	\$55,000
<b>4</b>	\$65,000
<b>5</b>	\$75,000
<b>6</b>	\$85,000
<b>7</b>	\$95,000
<b>8</b>	\$105,000
Greater than 8	Add \$10,000 for each additional member

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## FINANCIAL AID

### The FAFSA is now open!

The FAFSA is the starting point for ALL financial aid and most schools require it even for merit-based aid. It gives institutions a complete picture of your family's financial situation and *ideally* helps them see your funding gaps, whether you qualify for a Pell Grant or not.

- Both students and parents will need to file a 2026-27 FAFSA on [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Filing deadline is April 15 2026
- [Purdue scholarships](#) with need-based consideration have a FAFSA deadline of Dec 15th.

### New to the 2026-2027 FAFSA Form:

#### Simplified Contributor Invites

Students are now able to invite a contributor to the FAFSA form by entering in the contributor's email. Once a student invites a contributor, the contributor will receive an email with a clickable link to file their portion of the FAFSA. The student will also get a copy of the invite in their email and a code the contributor can use to connect their account as the contributor for the student's FAFSA.

- **Net Price Calculator**: If you are wondering how much a university is going to cost you, you can fill out a net price calculator for your schools. There is a different calculator for each school. For example, [here is IU's net price calculator](#).

- **CSS Profile**- Some schools require families or give them the option to file the [CSS Profile](#). This is a tool some schools use to find a more comprehensive fin aid picture. Notre Dame is the only Indiana school, but many out-of-state schools do so; always check the school website.

## SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

**Salvation Army First Generation Hope Scholars Nominee:** Students who are the first in their immediate family to attend college [can fill out this application to be considered](#) for BCHS's one nominee for this scholarship. The selected nominee will be notified on October 20th.



### NHS Scholarship Applications Are Now Open!



### This is your chance to be recognized.

Win up to \$25,000 for your commitment to scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Top 25 national finalists receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

#### Eligibility

- You must be a high school senior and an active NHS member in good standing.
- You have an NHS student account tied to your school's chapter.



**Visit: [nationalhonorsociety.org/scholarship](https://nationalhonorsociety.org/scholarship)**  
**Or talk to your NHS adviser for more information.**

**Deadline: November 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Park Tudor** is excited to welcome Brown, Columbia, Vanderbilt, and the University of Chicago for a joint college information session on Tuesday, October 7th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Wood Room. This program is open to the Indianapolis community, and [registration is required](#).

Admissions counselors from each school will discuss academics, the admissions process at selective schools, financial aid, and campus life.

### **Lilly Scholars at Purdue**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Eli Lilly and Company and Purdue University are partnering on an innovative scholarship program that will develop interest and talent in pharmaceutical manufacturing. Through the new Lilly Scholars at Purdue program, a selection of talented incoming undergraduate students will benefit from a long-standing partnership between Purdue and Lilly.

The Lilly Scholars program encourages students who are from under-resourced urban and rural communities, who have overcome socioeconomic or educational disadvantages, or who are among the first generation in their family to attend college to apply. Those with a shared commitment to reducing barriers to education are also encouraged to apply.

Students applying to majors that relate to the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry will be considered for these awards.

APPLY NOW

<https://www.purdueforlife.org/lilly-scholars/>



**OCT  
2ND  
2025  
6-9PM**

**INDIANAPOLIS BLACK ALUMNI COUNCIL**

**46TH ANNUAL HBCU**

# **COLLEGE FAIR**

**SCAN CODE  
FOR INFO**



**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS  
FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
TO MEET OVER  
800 HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

**MARTIN UNIVERSITY  
300 N. SHERMAN DR**



# EXPLORING ENGINEERING

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

**OCT. 19-20, 2025**

**GO.PURDUE.EDU/WIE-EE25**



**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO REGISTER**

Opportunities abound for all high school juniors and seniors at Exploring Engineering, a free event offered by the Women in Engineering Program to pique interest in engineering.

- Design a schedule with unique engineering sessions, a residential tour or an academic campus tour.
- Soak up knowledge from alumni in industry, eager to answer any question.
- Connect with current students to get the scoop about life in Purdue University's College of Engineering.
- Learn nitty gritty details from the Office of Admissions, Office of Future Engineers and academic departments.

Participants, whose parents and guardians are welcome to attend, can come for a "meet and greet" on Oct. 19 to speak directly with staff and engineering students from various engineering majors, programs and clubs.



Women in Engineering Program