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## Hoosiers Can Get Help Securing Money for College During Virtual College Goal Sunday, October 25

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Hoosier students and families are encouraged to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), which is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Now in a virtual format, College Goal Sunday will continue to provide help from experts so that more students can receive financial aid for college.

Filing the FAFSA is required for many of Indiana’s scholarship and grant opportunities, such as the [21st Century Scholarship](#) and [Frank O’Bannon Grant](#), and many colleges require a completed FAFSA to award merit and need-based scholarships. Students earning a variety of degree types – including short-term certificates, associate and bachelor’s degrees and higher – should file the FAFSA to take advantage of available financial aid.

“College Goal Sunday allows Hoosiers to file the FAFSA with confidence long before the April 15 deadline,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We cannot stress enough the importance of filing the FAFSA for anyone interested in education and training beyond high school, and this is a great opportunity to get it done with help from experts.”

Financial aid experts will be available during the virtual event between 2-4:00 p.m. (ETD) on Sunday, October 25. To participate, visit [collegegoalsunday.org](http://collegegoalsunday.org).

### What you’ll need to file the FAFSA

The first step for students who have not previously filed the FAFSA is to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. Then, each student will need:

- Social Security number
- Alien Registration number (for non-U.S. citizens)
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

### For those who are unable to attend

The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 800-4FED-AID. Hoosier families can also find FAFSA help through INvestEd Indiana at <http://www.investedindiana.org> or by calling INvestEd’s helpline at (317) 715-9007.

College Goal Sunday is a partnership between the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA), the Lilly Endowment and INvestEd.

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**About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).