

2011-2012 Twenty-first Century Scholars Online Application Instructions

Before Beginning the Online Application

Time Saving Suggestions

- Fountain Central's school code is: **2022**
- Have applicant's Social Security Number on hand.
- Have parent or legal guardian's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) on hand. If parent or legal guardian possess either one.
- Have 2010 gross income for *all* household members available. Please estimate 2010 income if you are applying prior to December 31, 2010.
- Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, welfare benefits, disability benefits, and veteran's benefits for all household members.
- For Foster Care Applicants Only: The case worker is required to complete the online application with the student in foster care.
- Have a valid e-mail address available to submit as part of the online application. You must provide a valid e-mail address on this application in order to successfully submit. If you do not have an e-mail account, you can set up a free account at www.Yahoo.com

Section 1: Student Information , Mailing Address , School Information

- Provide student's full name as printed on their Social Security card.
- A valid Social Security Number must be provided for the student.
- Be sure to select the grade level of the student for which they are in during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Only students in the **6th , 7th , or 8th** grade during the 2010-2011 school year may complete this application.
- Student must select their current school from the list of eligible schools. If the student knows where he/she will attend middle and high school, those schools should be selected from the eligible school lists as well.

Section 2: Gender/Race/Ethnicity (This section is optional)

Section 3: Twenty-First Century Scholars Pledge.

In order for the application to be considered , the student must agree to the Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge

Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge:

- I will graduate with an Indiana High School Diploma from a charter school, freeway school, or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- I will achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol or commit a crime.
- I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or proprietary institution as a high school senior.
- I will apply on time for state and federal student financial aid.
- I understand that I must be an Indiana resident (as determined by the permanent residence of my parent or legal guardian), a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, enroll as a full-time student at an eligible Indiana college or university or proprietary institution, and meet all other financial aid requirements at the Institution I attend.

Section 4: Parent/Legal Guardian Income Information

- Parents/legal guardians must complete this section with 2010 income tax information or estimated income if taxes have not yet been filed.
- All members living in the applicant's household should be included in the household size.
- All names of the persons included in the household size must be listed on the application.

- All income from the following sources must be reported for every person in the household on the application: gross compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; net income from nonfarm self-employment; net income from farm self-employment; Social Security; Disability; TANF; child support; alimony; and income from all other sources.
- Other sources would include the following: dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; net rental income; unemployment compensation; government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; private pensions or annuities; regular contributions from persons not living in the household; other cash income, including: cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to the household to meet expenses.

Section 5: Parent/Legal Guardian Verification and Permission to Release

Parent/Legal Guardian must provide their full name and Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or certify that they do not possess either a SSN or ITIN.

To complete the application, the parent or legal guardian must agree to the following:

- I certify that all of the above information is true and correct, including all income information when Section 5 is completed.
- I understand that this application is to apply for the receipt of state funds.
- I authorize the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program to verify any information on this application, including verification from school officials, case workers and from the Internal Revenue Service.
- Upon request, as a parent or legal guardian, I agree to provide all of my income information including tax forms, W-2 forms and any other supporting documentation.
- I understand that misrepresentation will terminate my student's enrollment in this program and may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.
- I give permission for the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) to obtain the applicant's Student Test Number (STN).
- I authorize the release of my student's information to providers of education, to the school my student attends and to Twenty-first Century Scholars personnel so that information and assistance can be provided to my student.
- I understand any released information will not be shared for commercial purposes.
- I certify that my student is a full-time student at a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.

Section 6: For use only if student applicant is in foster care

- The Case Worker should complete this section only if the student is in foster care.
- The county the student is placed in care must be provided.
- The student's foster care case number must be provided.
- The date the child was placed in foster care must be provided.
- The name and phone number of the case worker must be provided.
- The case worker must also sign electronically that the information provided on the application is true and accurate.

Application Submission

Once all sections of the application are completed, the application can be submitted. The student will be provided with a summary of the information they provided on the application. The information on the summary should be confirmed and any necessary changes to the application should be made and the summary should be printed for the student's records. A copy of the Application Summary will be emailed to the email address provided on the application if one was provided. After printing the Application Summary, the page should be closed by clicking on the close button. After closing the Application Summary page, the student will be notified that the application was submitted and will be provided a confirmation number.