

2020 Wells Scholarship Notes for Applicants

- Bloomington High School South has been invited by the Wells Scholars Program to nominate two members of the 2021 graduating class for this prestigious and selective award.
- Complete applications are **due to the Counseling Office or Ms. Grant (lgrant@mccsc.edu) by the end of the school day on Friday, September 18th.**
- You (or your recommending teacher) **must also submit a letter of recommendation** by the above listed deadline. **Please note:** The recommender must be someone who has taught you in an academic class. This can be submitted via email to Ms. Grant lgrant@mccsc.edu or a sealed envelope to the Counseling Office.
- Successful applicants typically meet the following:
 - Ranked in the top 5 percent of their class
 - Have a cumulative GPA of 4.3 or higher
 - Scored 1430 or higher on the combined SAT Critical Reading and Mathematics tests, or 32 (composite) or higher on the ACT*
 - Shown exceptional qualities of character and leadership
 - Been significantly involved in extracurricular activities
 - Demonstrated a concern for their community

**Wells Scholars Program will follow IU's test-optional policy in 2020.*
- Please **do not** apply for the Wells Scholarship if you plan to apply for admission by early binding decision at another university.
- The initial application is a paper one; however, it is recommended that you type, save, and attach your essays, not only for readability, but should you be selected as one of South's two nominees, you will be required to complete an electronic version of the application. You will want to be able to simply copy and paste the text of your essays into this form.
- It is acceptable to attach a resume as a supplement to Part II of the application; however, please be sure that all of the requested information in Part II is included either on this resume or the application.
- After September 18th, an internal Scholarship Selection Committee will review all of the applications and narrow down the initial pool of applicants to 6-9 candidates for further review. **All applicants will be notified of their status on October 12th.**
- The remaining 6-9 individuals will be asked to attend a brief, **15-20 minute interview on the following dates: 10/14, 10/15, or 10/16**. These students will be notified of their interview times on October 12th. **Please note:** Professional dress is expected.
- Once all interviews are complete, the final candidates will be **notified whether or not they are to be one of South's two nominees on October 16th**.

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- The two, official nominees will have until ***November 1st*** to complete the electronic nomination form for the Wells Scholars Program.
- It is important for nominees to apply separately to IU Bloomington by November 1st as well in order to be considered for other scholarships and opportunities.
- Should you be chosen as a nominee, please be advised that you will be required to participate in video interviews with IU faculty and staff ***in mid-December***.
- Please refer to the following website for additional information: <https://wellsscholars.indiana.edu>.
- Please contact ***Ms. Grant*** (lgrant@mccsc.edu) in the ***Counseling Office*** should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Good Luck!!!

Wells Scholars Program

Scholarship Details

Scholarship details

The Wells Scholars Program guarantees the full cost of attendance for a period of eight semesters of undergraduate study at Indiana University Bloomington. The award includes fall and spring tuition and mandatory and course-related fees for a standard course load of 12-18 credits, as well as a living stipend during the fall and spring sufficient to cover the cost of a standard double dorm room contract and a standard meal plan in the residence halls. Students receive the same stipend whether they choose to live on or off campus. The exact dollar amount varies slightly from year to year: for an idea of the most up-to-date numbers, visit Student Central <<https://studentcentral.indiana.edu/pay-for-college/cost-of-iu/estimated-cost.html>> .

It is possible to combine other campus awards with the Wells Scholars Program; however, a student's total award package cannot exceed the official cost of attendance at IU. WSP and Office of Student Financial Assistance staff work together to assist each student with their individual award package.

Wells Scholars may pursue any course of study that leads to a bachelor's degree offered by IUB. Each Scholar works with a Hutton Honors College <<https://hutton.indiana.edu/>> advisor and an additional advisor in their major field area(s) to design a course of study that takes into consideration the student's interests, goals, and strengths.

Freshman Scholars enroll in a program-specific seminar in fall and in spring. During the year, Scholars develop intellectual and personal bonds with their classmates while they read major works and discuss challenging ideas. Senior Scholars also have the option to take a spring seminar to wrap up their time in the program and at IU.

The Wells Scholars Program also offers:

- Close interaction with faculty across IU
- Frequent academic and social extracurricular activities, often with distinguished visitors
- Financial support for study abroad through IU Overseas Study <<https://overseas.iu.edu/>>
- Opportunities for involvement in community service with fellow Scholars
- Academic and career mentoring

- Financial support for a summer experience like an internship, research or volunteer project, or creative activity
- Optional additional funding for summer courses on the IUB campus
- Opportunities to interact and network with alumni
- A combination of the best features of a large research university and a small liberal arts college

Wells Scholars must:

- Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work each semester
- Maintain a minimum cumulative and semester GPA of at least 3.4
- Abide by the highest levels of ethical personal and academic conduct at all times

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Wells Scholars Program

Domestic High School Seniors

Domestic High School Senior Nomination Process

This process is for:

- All US residents and US passport holders, whether they attend a US high school or an international high school
- Non-US residents and non-US passport holders attending a US high school

General Selection Criteria

In addition to a pattern of serious commitment to one or more activities outside of class, past successful nominees generally place in the top 5% by class rank, have a GPA of at least 3.9 out of 4.0, and (optionally) a 1430+ SAT score and/or 32+ ACT score. The Wells Scholars Program does follow IU Admissions' policy of test-optional application <https://admissions.indiana.edu/test-optional/index.html> , and your completed file will be considered whether or not you choose to submit SAT or ACT scores to us. However, unlike the Office of Admissions, the Wells Scholars Program cannot accept changes after the November 1 deadline.

Students who apply by early-binding decision to other institutions are not eligible for the Wells Scholars Program. Early-action or other non-binding applications to other institutions do not affect WSP eligibility.

Domestic Nomination Processes

The Wells Scholars Program is moving to a **nomination highly encouraged** process. All nomination materials from both student and counselor are due through our online portal by 11:59pm EST on November 1. Additionally, the student must complete their application for admission to IU <https://admissions.indiana.edu/apply/freshman/index.html> by November 1. Visit our Deadlines <https://wellsscholars.indiana.edu/deadlines/high-school-nomination.html> page for more details on other important dates.

In early August, WSP will circulate nomination materials and instructions to counselors and administrators at all Indiana high schools and out-of-state high schools already on our email list. Counselors at other US high schools should contact us at wellssch@indiana.edu immediately for

information on how to nominate. Each school may select up to 2 nominees per year. This is still the preferred path.

Students not selected by their school or who otherwise wish to participate (i.e. homeschool, etc.) may self-nominate without the initial counselor endorsement. A counselor or administrator will still need to attach a transcript and letters of recommendation. Interested students should email admissions@indiana.edu to confirm their eligibility and include the following information:

1. Subject line: Wells Scholars Program Self-Nomination
2. Student's full first and last name
3. Student's email address
4. Student's high school full name
5. Counselor's email address

The student will receive a reply with instructions on how to proceed. It is strongly recommended that you begin at minimum several business days before the November 1 deadline to give your materials time to make it through the entire process.

Please contact Wells Scholars Program staff with any questions at wellssch@indiana.edu or 812-855-9491.

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Domestic Student Deadlines

High school student nomination deadlines

Early August

Nomination Submission Opens

Nomination information is emailed to all high schools eligible to nominate for the Wells. Nominating high schools that have not received their nomination materials by mid-August should contact the Wells Scholars Program immediately to request another email.

Schools not already on our list should contact the Wells Scholars Program immediately for information on how to nominate their students.

Students who are not selected by their schools or who otherwise wish to be nominated should follow the instructions on our Domestic High School Senior Nomination Process

<<https://wellsscholars.indiana.edu/nomination-process/domestic-high-school-seniors.html>> page.

November 1

Deadline for Nominations

This is the deadline for receipt of fully completed electronic nominations and supplementary materials from eligible high schools, including letters of recommendation and student essays. Complete nominations that include all required items must be submitted through our online portal.

November 1

Deadline for IU Bloomington Application

To be eligible for other opportunities at IU Bloomington, students should apply for admission to IU Bloomington as soon as possible. The final deadline is November 1. For additional information, including IU deadlines, visit the sites for the Office of Admissions

<<https://www.indiana.edu/admissions/index.html>> and Office of Scholarships <<https://scholarships.indiana.edu/index.html>> .

Mid-November

Finalist Selection

Approximately 40 finalists are selected for interviews. All nominees are notified of their status via email.

Mid-December

Finalist Interviews

Finalists participate in video interviews with faculty and staff. There will be no on-campus Interview Weekend in 2020.

Late December

Notification of Status

Around 18 Wells Scholars will be selected from the finalist group, and each finalist will receive notification of their status.

May 1

Deadline for Acceptance

This is the deadline for students to accept or decline the offer of a place in the Wells Scholars Program.

June

Orientation

New student advising and registration at IU Bloomington will take place in June.

Late August

Welcome Reception

A Welcome Reception for new Wells Scholars will be held during Welcome Week.

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PART I

GENERAL INFORMATION. Please provide the information requested below.

Name: _____ Preferred First Name: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Gender: _____

Ethnic Background (optional): _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone (area code first): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Anticipated Major(s): _____

High School Name: _____ Principal: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone (area code first): _____

Counselor: _____ Counselor's Email: _____

Please list your current grade point average (GPA) and class rank as well as your highest SAT and/or ACT scores.

Note that it is acceptable for both the SAT and the ACT to list scores from tests taken on different dates.

All information below must be verified by your high school counselor with a signature.

Current GPA and scale used (e.g., 4.0 pt., 100 pt., 12.0 pt.): _____ / _____

Is GPA calculation weighted? (Please circle one): YES NO

Class rank/size: _____ / _____ (Please list class size even if school does not rank.)

(To the Guidance Counselor: If school does not rank, please provide student's class percentile or decile if available.)

SAT Critical Reading: _____ SAT Math: _____ SAT Writing: _____

SAT combined score of highest SAT Critical Reading AND Math scores: _____

ACT English: _____ ACT Math: _____ ACT Reading: _____ ACT Science: _____ ACT Writing (2-12): _____

ACT Composite (the average of highest scores in English, Math, Reading, and Science): _____

I affirm that the information provided above is correct:

Signature of High School Counselor: _____ Date: _____

PART III

EXTRACURRICULAR STATEMENT. Please tell us about one of your extracurricular activities that you found particularly fulfilling and what made it so; or tell us about what you consider to be your most significant involvement in or contribution to your school or community. (200-300 words)

PART IV

INTEREST STATEMENT. Briefly describe what you would most like to study and what additional interests you would like to pursue at Indiana University, and please tell us why. (200-300 words)

PART V

ESSAY. Please formulate a question about an issue of significance about which thoughtful people disagree. Then in an original essay of approximately 600 to 800 words, present your analysis of the issue and your response to the question, noting the strongest competing arguments.

Our faculty committee will place special emphasis on the significance and clear focus of the question you pose as well as on your account of competing arguments and on the quality of the evidence, thinking, and writing shown in your analysis and response. Please provide appropriate acknowledgment of any sources on which you have relied.

Question:

Essay:

PART V (CONTINUED)