



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
School of Informatics
and Computing



IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LiFT Scholars Program

LEADING INFORMATICS FOR TOMORROW

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An S-STEM Scholar Program Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF)

Leading Informatics for Tomorrow (LiFT) Scholars receive renewable, unmet-need scholarships to study informatics, either by pursuing a bachelor's degree in informatics at the Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI, or by pursuing an associate's degree from the School of Information Technology at Ivy Tech Community College Central Indiana. Forty students are selected each year—20 for each institution.

This NSF-funded program is funded through August 31, 2021

Benefits

When combined with other student and federal aid, LiFT Scholarships allow students to complete their degrees with limited or no educational debt. The maximum award is \$7,500/year at the School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI and \$2,500/year at Ivy Tech.

In addition to financial support, LiFT scholars benefit from:

- A community of LiFT scholar peers
- Peer and faculty mentoring; cross-institutional industry mentoring
- Career and leadership development
- Participation in research and industry-based internship experiences

LiFT Scholars attending Ivy Tech can also transfer to the School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI to pursue a bachelor's degree in informatics. LiFT Scholars at IUPUI have the opportunity to live on campus with fellow LiFT scholars and SOIC students.

Who Is Eligible

Students must:

- Be current graduating high school seniors when they apply for IUPUI LiFT applicants. Ivy Tech LiFT applicants can be current graduating high school seniors, new Ivy Tech students, or continuing Ivy Tech students who have at least two semesters (fall/spring or spring/fall) remaining at the time of application.
- Be admitted as first-time undergrads to the School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI, or to Ivy Tech.
- Pursue the bachelor's degree in [informatics](#) at the School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI, or pursue any [associate's degree](#) in the School of Information Technology at Ivy Tech Community College Central Indiana — and plan to pursue a career in informatics/information technology.
- Plan to enroll full-time (a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester) in college-level coursework.
- Be U.S. citizens or [eligible noncitizens](#).
- Demonstrate financial need as defined for undergraduate students by the U.S. Department of Education's criteria for need-based federal financial aid. The Financial Aid Office can determine this once a student has filed their FAFSA.

How to Apply

1. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) first to determine if you demonstrate financial need and are eligible to apply. This can be verified by the Financial Aid Office.
2. Fill out and submit the application at soic.iupui.edu/undergraduate/lift-scholars/apply/
3. IUPUI LiFT applicants must acquire and submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or a counselor. No letter of recommendation is needed for current Ivy Tech LiFT applicants at this time.

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