

# 21st Century Scholars Program

An affordable education  
is within your reach



## Why choose Marian University's 21st Century Scholars Program?

Here are a few of the programs and services we offer.

### Mentor to Success

This program will engage and empower you as you begin your freshman year. We'll connect you with experienced students who can answer your questions and offer advice about campus life. You will have:

- Support and encouragement from a successful upperclassman as you transition from high school to college.
- Direct access to campus resources, faculty, and staff who will help you grow academically and socially.
- Opportunities to stretch yourself, like building leadership skills through campus involvement.

### Student Success Seminars

These seminars include a series of workshops to help you successfully navigate the university. You'll receive valuable information, ideas, recommendations, and suggestions from the campus community.

### Social Events

We plan social, cultural, and other events to enrich your college experience. Most are free or have a nominal fee for participation. Examples include attending Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Indians, and other sports events, going downtown for a Broadway musical, and trips to the movies, ice skating, and bowling. We also host on-campus social and networking opportunities.

### Community Mentoring Program

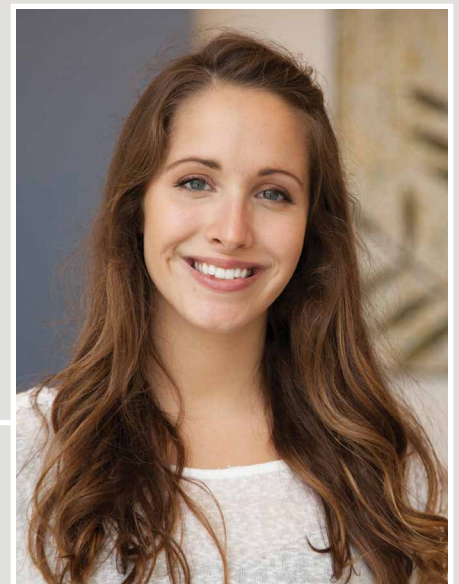
The Community Mentoring Program connects Marian University's sophomore and junior 21st Century scholars with experienced local professionals in fields like business, education, healthcare, and the sciences. Offering real-world perspectives, career advice, and more, these community mentors want to help you achieve your career aspirations.

Marian University offers academically challenging, faith-filled, and life-changing opportunities for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars. In fact, we awarded over \$27 million in grants, scholarships, and financial aid last year.

As a 21st Century Scholar, you will be surrounded by peers who are on similar journeys. Faculty and staff will give you support, guidance, and encouragement every step of the way. You'll also have access to support services, programs, and resources designed to help you meet your academic and career goals.

“The 21st Century Scholars Program provided me with a support group of my peers and professionals who wanted me to succeed. I made my closest friends through the program and the mentoring relationships I developed helped me to push through the challenging times in my college career. I also loved all the social activities which allowed me to explore Indianapolis and become friends with more of the scholars in the program.”

Samantha Collins '16 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Minor in Global Studies. She is back at Marian University, studying to become a doctor in the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine.



# Scholarships and financial aid are available.

Marian University's 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship is an incredible opportunity for students who want a high-quality private university experience. Up to 25 incoming students are awarded this scholarship each year, which is funded through a combination of federal, state, and university aid.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Meet the requirements and be recognized as an eligible 21st Century Scholar by the State of Indiana. Go to [scholars.in.gov](http://scholars.in.gov) for details.
- Complete the Marian University undergraduate admission application. It's easy and free to complete the application online at [marian.edu/apply-now](http://marian.edu/apply-now).
- If you will be a first-time, full-time freshman, you must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- If you will be a new transfer student (you have earned 12 or more college credits from another accredited college or university), you must have a minimum cumulative college or university GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- Be admitted to the university as a student in good standing.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) by the state deadline of April 15.
- Demonstrate social involvement through employment, extracurricular activities, or volunteer experience.
- Commit to an educational experience framed within the context of Marian University's Catholic faith and Franciscan values of dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1** Complete the admission application and be admitted to Marian University no later than October 15.
- 2** Complete and submit the Marian University 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship application at [marian.edu/21stcentury](http://marian.edu/21stcentury) by October 15. If you need help with writing an essay for your application, contact the Marian University Writing Center at 317.955.6244 or [writingcenter@marian.edu](mailto:writingcenter@marian.edu).
- 3** Participate in an individual interview with Marian University's director of the 21st Century Scholars Program and selection committee members.

## SELECTION

Scholarships are awarded by the selection committee based on your record of achievement, potential contribution to Marian University, and potential to benefit from the program. The committee evaluates your transcripts, scholarship application, references, and responses during the on-campus interview.

Award notifications will begin Monday, February 19. If you are not selected for a 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship, you will still be considered for other Marian University financial aid. This process begins in mid-March.

## RENEWAL

Our 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship is renewable for seven consecutive semesters if you meet these criteria each year.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15.
- Enroll as a full-time student each semester.
- Maintain Indiana residency.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the university.

In addition, you must meet other completion requirements, including:

- Complete at least 30 credit hours during your first year of college to remain eligible for the maximum financial aid award. If you complete at least 24 credit hours during your first year, you will remain eligible for financial aid, but it will be less than that offered to students who complete 30 credit hours.
- Actively participate in the Mentor to Success Program.
- Attend at least one Student Success Seminar each semester.
- Attend at least one Students Taking Active Reflective Roles (STARR) session each semester.
- Attend at least one social outing sponsored by the Office of 21st Century Scholars each semester.

If you are a transfer student, the scholarship is renewable if you:

- Enroll as a full-time student each semester.
- Maintain State of Indiana eligibility for the 21st Century Scholars program.
- Remain a student in good academic and social standing at Marian University.



## Find out what you are made of.

Learn more about the opportunities for 21st Century Scholars at Marian University. Contact Kalyn Miller, director of the 21st Century Scholars Program, at 317.955.6330 or [kmiller2@marian.edu](mailto:kmiller2@marian.edu).

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