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How to Request a Grant from Your Imagine Early Scholarship Fund

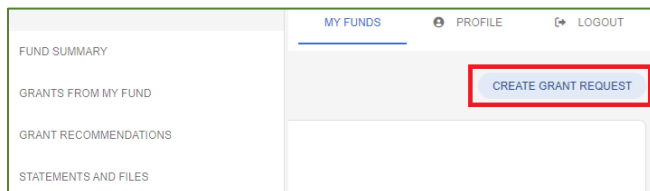
The scholarships and savings matches you earned from 4th-8th grade remain in your Imagine Early scholarship fund until age 26. You earned these scholarships, and they cannot be transferred for the benefit of anyone else.

When you enroll in a qualifying post-secondary vocational school, trade school, or college, you may request a grant from your Imagine Early fund to be paid directly to that school – for tuition and education fees (not room and board).

If you can show us that all your tuition and education fees are covered by financial aid, your scholarships may be used to reimburse you for buying “equipment required for enrollment” such as textbooks, a laptop, a welding helmet, a lab coat, etc.

Follow the steps below.

1. Enroll in a qualifying vocational school, trade school, or college
2. Get an official tuition bill from your student account that shows all charges (tuition, room, board, fees) and all credits (all financial aid, scholarships, loans)
3. Go to **cfwabash.org** → Click **Fund Portal** in the top right corner → Log in with your personal email and the PIN that will be sent to you (*If your personal email address is not on file with the Community Foundation, email us at imagine-early@cfwabash.org or call 260-982-4824*)



4. Click **Create Grant Request** → Click **Manual Grantee** → Type the name and address of your school → Click **Submit**

5. On the **Grant Request** screen, type the amount of money you are requesting, attach your tuition bill (and receipts if you are applying for reimbursement), type a short thank you message in *Special Instructions*, click the check box, then click **Add to Cart**
6. Click **Review Grant Requests** → Click **Submit Grant Requests**

If the request is in order, we will mail a check to your school (or to you if you are applying for reimbursement).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. May I submit an estimate instead of an official bill?

No. Official bills only, please. Be sure the bill shows all charges (tuition, room, board, fees) and all credits (all financial aid, scholarships, loans). Your bill might not arrive until fall.

2. How long does it take for my invoice to be paid?

If there are no issues with your request, the Community Foundation will mail a check to the school where you are enrolled approximately 10 business days after you submit your request.

3. What if I withdraw from classes after the Community Foundation has paid my school?

The school may issue a refund to the Community Foundation. Contact the Community Foundation for assistance.

4. What happens to my Imagine Early scholarship money if I do not request a grant by age 26?

Upon turning 26, the unused money in your Fund will be forfeited to the Community Foundation.

5. What does “qualifying post-secondary school” mean?

Imagine Early scholarship money can only be granted to institutions that accept federal student aid. A list of these qualifying schools is available at CollegeScorecard.ed.gov.

6. What educational expenses can my Imagine Early scholarship pay for?

Your scholarship can be used for tuition and fees. If your tuition and fees have already been paid, submit a tuition bill (showing that tuition is covered by financial aid) and also submit a purchase receipt for required books, supplies, or equipment.

7. What educational expenses can my Indiana529 account pay for?

A list of qualified expenses can be found at this link: indiana529direct.com/home/help-center-withdrawals.html

8. How do I pay educational expenses out of my Indiana529 Direct account?

Call Indiana529 at 1-866-485-9415 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

9. Is *Imagine Early* the same as the *Early Award Scholarships* and *Promise Scholarships*?

Yes. The Community Foundation branded its early award scholarships with the name “Imagine Early.” All elements of the program remain the same.