



Community  
Foundation of  
Wabash County

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Early Award  
Scholarships

## Encourage Families to Enroll and Participate in the Community Foundation's Early Award Scholarship Program



**Step 1: Enroll** in a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Account at [www.CollegeChoiceDirect.com](http://www.CollegeChoiceDirect.com).

(This is the family-owned 529 savings account into which family and/or friends can deposit money if they are able.)



**Step 2: Agree to Participate** in the Early Award Scholarship Program at [www.cfwabash.org/Early-Award-Scholarships](http://www.cfwabash.org/Early-Award-Scholarships).

(Completing the Participation Agreement opens a Community Foundation-owned Scholarship Fund into which the Community Foundation deposits scholarships and savings matches.)

## Talk to Your Students about *Their Future* and about *Early Award Scholarships*

### Remind students they have money in their Scholarship Funds

- Each time you complete your assignments, you are one step closer to earning scholarships this quarter.
- From 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, you can earn up to \$1,000 for future job training.
- To earn early award scholarships, just finish all your assignments on time.
- You have money in your scholarship fund because you have worked hard, and because your community wants to help you build a bright future.
- Look at your Progress Report and Fund Statement to see the scholarships you are earning.
- How much money have you saved for career training or college by doing your schoolwork? I can tell you what your current balance is. Or, look at your latest Fund Statement.

### Encourage Enrollment

- Early Award Scholarships are for all students. You don't have to have extra money or be super smart.
- More than 60% of students in Wabash County schools are earning early award scholarships. You can do it too! Don't leave money on the table.

### Encourage Savings

- It's never too early or too late to save for your future job training.
- If you can find \$20 to put in your 529 account, you will get a \$20 savings match, every semester!

### Orient Students toward the Future

- You are saving for college just by doing your assignments. You are a college saver!
- What kind of work will you do after high school? What kind of training will you need to get your dream job?
- It's okay if you don't know what career to choose right now. Early Award Scholarships are available until you turn 26, so you have time to figure it out.
- Early Award Scholarships pay for all kinds of training at different schools: welding school, heavy equipment operator license, cosmetology certification, associate's degree, college degree, etc.
- School is getting harder, but you know by now that important things are often hard.