



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR PARTNERS FOR CLEAN AIR SCHOLARSHIP

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### About This Scholarship

Partners for Clean Air (PCA), coordinated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), is a coalition of businesses, industries, local and regional organizations, government entities, and individuals that are committed to improving overall air quality and public health through voluntary actions in Northwest Indiana. This scholarship allows the coalition to give back to Northwest Indiana by helping qualified students succeed in post-secondary education goals aligned with clean air and public health. PCA will award one (1) or more scholarship award(s) in the amount of \$2,500 to help with post-secondary education expenses, which will be publicly announced at the PCA Awards Ceremony in June 2025, with the financial distribution occurring in August. This scholarship will be a one-time award.

### Qualifications

To be considered for a PCA Scholarship, applicants must:

1. Timely submit the PCA Scholarship Application.
2. At the time of application, be a senior at a high school in Lake, Porter or LaPorte counties, Indiana.
3. Have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher.
4. Be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2025.
5. Be pursuing a two-year or four-year college degree or two-year trade school certification or degree. Any applicant will be considered provided that the applicant demonstrates how their planned field of study aligns with clean air and public health.

### Criteria Used for Awarding the Scholarship

Applications will be accepted beginning on September 30, 2024. Consideration for this scholarship opportunity will be limited to the first 100 applications received by PCA and/or those received by 5:00 pm CST on April 30, 2025, whichever comes first. Applications must be submitted electronically to [idepartnersforcleanair@idem.in.gov](mailto:idepartnersforcleanair@idem.in.gov). To be considered, applicants must meet the criteria identified above. Preference may be given to students who have:

1. Engaged in community service.
2. Participated in environmental programs or clubs.
3. Demonstrated a sincere interest in improving air quality, as supported by the responses to the questions in *Part II – Narrative Responses* of the application.

Note: IDEM, as coordinator of the PCA program, is collecting the applications. However, the scholarships are made available by the PCA program. The PCA Steering Committee will evaluate and select the scholarship recipient(s).

### Contact Information

Please direct questions regarding this scholarship opportunity to Malorie Medellin, PCA Coordinator, at (219) 250-0119 or [mmedelli@idem.in.gov](mailto:mmedelli@idem.in.gov).



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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



I. APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Legal Name of Applicant	Preferred Name of Applicant (if different)
Address of Applicant (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)	
E-mail Address	Primary Telephone Number (     )
Name of High School Currently Attending	Current Cumulative Grade Point Average
Name of University, College, or Trade School You Plan to Attend	
Have you been Accepted to Attend this University, College, or Trade School? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Intended Major / Field of Study	

II. NARRATIVE RESPONSES
Please provide answers to the following questions in an attached document. Please keep your answers as concise as possible, while providing enough information to enable Partners for Clean Air (PCA) to make an informed decision.
A. Describe your involvement in community-based programs/organizations, environmental organizations, or clubs, highlighting any leadership roles in which you served.
B. Describe why clean air is important to you.
C. Provide at least three ideas / concepts that you believe would help to reduce air pollution.
D. Explain how, after graduating from your college or trade school, you see yourself implementing and/or participating in activities – work related or social – that you believe will help keep our air clean, protect the environment and provide for a better quality of life.
E. Explain how you believe northwest Indiana can achieve greater environmental justice and why doing so is important to you. <i>* Environmental justice, sometimes referred to as EJ, is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.</i>

III. SIGNATURE	
By signing this document, I give permission to Partners for Clean Air to request and obtain my personal documentation, such as transcripts, as needed to verify the information provided in this application. I agree that if awarded a scholarship, Partners for Clean Air may use my writings, and photographs or videos of me without royalty and with or without my name, for publicity, illustration, advertising, and digital content. I also agree that if awarded a scholarship, I will attend the Partners for Clean Air Annual Awards Ceremony, in June 2025 (subject to change), to publicly receive my scholarship award or provide a video or letter of acceptance to be played/read at the awards ceremony. If I do not attend the awards ceremony or provide an acceptance video or letter, my right to receive the reward may be forfeited.	
I have read and understand the above.	
Applicant Signature	Date (month, day, year)
Applicant Printed Name	

**IV. PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT** *(If under the age of 18 at time of application submittal)*

By signing this document, I give permission to Partners for Clean Air to request and obtain my child's personal documentation, such as transcripts, as needed to verify the information provided in this application. I agree that if awarded a scholarship, Partners for Clean Air may use my child's writings, and photographs or videos of my child without royalty and with or without their name, for publicity, illustration, advertising, and digital content. I also agree that if awarded a scholarship, my child will attend the Partners for Clean Air Annual Awards Ceremony, in June 2025 (subject to change), to publicly receive their scholarship award or provide a video or letter of acceptance to be played/read at the awards ceremony. If they do not attend the awards ceremony or provide an acceptance video or letter, their right to receive the reward may be forfeited.

I have read and understand the above and allow my child to participate in the Partners for Clean Air Scholarship.

Legal Name of Parent / Guardian

Preferred Name of Parent / Guardian *(if different)*

Address of Parent / Guardian *(number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)*

E-mail Address

Primary Telephone Number

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Parent / Guardian Signature

Date *(month, day, year)*

Parent / Guardian Printed Name