

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.

Scholar Week/Mentor to Success

This program will engage and empower you as you begin your freshman year. We will connect you with a cohort of peers in similar majors, experienced student mentors, and assist you in your transition to college. In your first year, you will:

- Connect with professors and staff who care about your success.
- Tour campus and find your class locations.
- Learn academic success skills
- Meet and spend time with your peer mentor.

Scholar Work-Force Development

Since work-force development is important to some scholars, we provide all scholars with the opportunity to work in the Office of 21st Century Scholars or other offices on campus. In partnership with The Exchange, we offer resume building,

community mentoring, and positions such as Scholar Interns for Social Change, Scholar Mentors, and scholar office workers.

Scholar Lounge

The 21st Century Scholar Lounge serves as a home base for our scholars. It is a safe space for students to relax, engage with other students, or study. We keep the office stocked with school supplies, personal items, and food for students. We encourage students to get familiar with our office.

Success Coaching

Success coaching is a collaborative effort between scholars and an academic success coach to assess students' academic standing. Our success coaches are here to ensure our students are successful in the classroom.

Marian University offers academically challenging, faith-filled, and life-changing opportunities for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars. In fact, we awarded over \$30.9 million in grants, scholarships, and financial aid last year.



“My favorite part about being a scholar mentor is seeing people come into the program and excel at what they want to do in life. With being a 21st Century Scholar mentor, I have grown to be more loving, compassionate, and willing to work with a team to do greater things. I learned to be a strong leader, an active listener, and overall more understanding that not everyone has the same background and we all have a different story to tell.

HANNAH SNYDER '23

“The events that the Office of 21st Century Scholars has put together are nothing short of amazing. I feel they are inclusive and the pre-o week is where I met some individuals who will be my friends for life.”

JOMAR SEALS '22

“If I was not a scholar, I would not have been involved as much as I am. I wouldn't have resources or people to reach out to. It would have been different.”

GRACE IANG '22

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. Visit scholars.in.gov for details.
- Complete the free Marian University undergraduate admission application at marian.edu/apply.
- 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.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at 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 to Marian University no later than September 15.
- 2** Complete and submit the Marian University 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship application at marian.edu/21stcentury by November 5. 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.
- 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 benefit from the program. The committee evaluates your transcripts, scholarship application, and responses during the interview process.

Award notifications will begin Monday, February 22. If you are not selected for a 21st Century Scholar Tuition Scholarship, you will still be considered for other Marian University financial aid.

→ “To be a scholar means having a safe space to learn and grow. It goes beyond having the scholarship to help pay for college. It opens a variety of doors to job opportunities, network growth, and academic achievements.”

MEGAN GARCIA '23

RENEWAL

Our 21st Century Full-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.
- For transfer students, scholarship renewability is based on meeting the requirements and remaining state eligible.

Additionally, 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.

Find out what you are made of.

Learn more about the opportunities for 21st Century Scholars at Marian University. Contact DeLeon Ayeni, director of the 21st Century Scholars Program, at 317.955.6330 or 21stcentury@marian.edu.

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