Learn more about the amazing opportunities to become a Summit Scholar

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Learn more about Summit Scholars

At Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) we welcome outstanding students like you. Summit Scholars is the overarching program that includes the Chapman Scholars Program (for all majors), the Doermer Distinguished Scholars Program (business majors), the Weitzman Scholars Program (engineering and education majors), and the Auer Visual and Performing Arts Scholars Program (visual and performing arts majors).

These premier competitive, merit-based scholarships can make a real difference in your amazing future. The Chapman, Doermer, Weitzman, and Auer scholarships offer full tuition, housing, stipend for food, textbooks, and fees paid for up to four years while you earn an Indiana University or Purdue University degree.

Summit Scholars:

- Network with community, business, and government leaders
- Attend special events on and off campus
- Engage in invaluable campus leadership and community volunteer experiences
- Receive assistance connecting with post-baccalaureate awards, study abroad options, and the Honors Program, as well as research and internship opportunities
- Make friends with other high-achieving students
- Live in IPFW’s great apartment-style campus housing

Are You Eligible?

You must apply to IPFW by December 15 and meet these requirements:

- Current year high school graduate
- Minimum Core 40 diploma type (Indiana students) or college prep curriculum (out-of-state students)
- SAT score of 1380 or ACT score of 29 AND 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale OR SAT score of 1470 or ACT score of 32 with NO consideration of GPA*
- Participate in the IPFW Summit Scholars Competition
  - If you are competing for the Chapman Scholarship, an audition and/or portfolio review will be required
  - If you are competing for the Auer Scholarship, an audition and/or portfolio review will be required

*SAT scores reflect new SAT scoring. SAT requirements under the former scoring (prior to March 2016): 1950 and 2100 respectively

How Are Students Selected?

- If you meet these requirements, you will be invited to participate in the IPFW Summit Scholars Competition on campus in February
- Five Chapman Scholars, one Doermer Distinguished Scholar, two Weitzman Scholars, and three Auer Scholars will be chosen based on academic record and competition performance

What You Need to Know to Compete

Who can compete for the Chapman, Doermer, Weitzman, and Auer Scholarships?

High school students graduating in 2017 who meet the academic requirements and have applied to IPFW by December 15, 2016, are invited by the chancellor to compete.

When and where is the IPFW Summit Scholars Competition?

The IPFW Summit Scholars Competition will be Saturday, February 18, 2017, in the Rhinehart Music Center and Walb Student Union on the IPFW campus (ipfw.edu/maps).

What does the competition involve?

During the competition, students will take part in an interview and group problem-solving activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and current students and tour the IPFW campus and student housing facilities. The Auer Scholarship also requires an audition and/or portfolio review.

How does a student apply for the competition and what is the deadline?

Students must complete the online application and registration forms, which include an essay, by January 16. The application is a key component in the selection process.

Should parents and guardians accompany their student to the competition?

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. While students are busy with the competition, special programs are planned for parents and guardians.

What is the proper attire for the competition?

This is an opportunity for students to put their best foot forward. Students should dress for success as well as comfort.

What happens after the competition weekend?

Once the results of the competition are finalized, five Chapman Scholars, one Doermer Distinguished Scholar, two Weitzman Scholars, and three Auer Scholars will be selected and offered scholarships.

What do students who are offered scholarships have to do?

Students will have to notify the Summit Scholars Program if they plan to accept the offered Summit Scholarship OR if they are declining the offer. No response is considered a rejection of the offer. Students must accept or decline by the deadline provided when the offer is made.

Will scholarship activities interfere with academics?

Academics always come first, and the scholarship experience will enhance learning in the classroom. Some events are required and others are optional.

What is the value of the Chapman, Doermer, Weitzman, and Auer Scholarships?

The Chapman, Doermer, Weitzman, and Auer Scholarships are full-ride scholarships to IPFW for up to four years that provide full tuition, housing, a stipend for food, textbooks, and fees.

What if I have other questions?

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