

# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



**Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and**

Going away to college is exciting for most people today that is until the bill comes due! Where can families today find the necessary funds to finance a college education?

The Twenty-First Century Scholars Program Began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all families can afford a college education for their children.

Income-eligible 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of the college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution.

## The following are goals of the 21st Century Scholars Program

- Help more students continue their education
- Reduce the high school dropout rate,
- Prepare students for the workforce
- Decrease the use of drugs and alcohol among middle and high school students, and
- Improve individual economic productivity and the quality of life for all Indiana residents

Your student should be bringing an application home. Please take a moment to fill out the application and return it to me. Thank you for your time and commitment towards your child's education. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kim Milner-Fegely Guidance Counselor