

Scholarship Competition Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is eligible?

High-achieving high school seniors, graduating in the Spring of 2023. A minimum of 3.25 GPA or 25 ACT.

What criteria will be considered for those who will receive Ivy Influencers scholarships?

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on rankings within these criteria:

Professional Interview: During the Ivy Influencer event, each contestant will be interviewed by members of Ivy Tech faculty, who will evaluate their impact on the Ivy Tech community.

Essay: Submit a 500-1000 word essay by February 10:

Portfolio/Resume: Submit a portfolio including a resume and list of your accomplishments by Feb 10

What should be included in the portfolio?

The portfolio is your chance to tell us who you are and why you deserve this scholarship. The portfolio may include any of the following:

- Resume
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal information/accomplishments/volunteer work/extra-curricular involvement. Ideas for inclusion are:
 - o What extra-curricular activities do you participate in?
 - Are you an eagle scout, on the robotics team, captain of the basketball team, member of the chess club, member of the band, do you play an instrument?
 - Do you volunteer in the local community at food pantries, churches, shelters, coaching little league?
 - Do you have a part-time job, what leadership roles are you currently in, what are your plans for the future, your aspirations, hopes and dreams?
- This is not an all-inclusive list. Be creative and tell us about yourself in your way.

Portfolios may be submitted in either a Word document, PowerPoint, or a PDF format. If you wish to submit a video as part of your portfolio, please submit a link in a pdf or Word doc to an external source such as Vimeo or YouTube. Pictures should be embedded into a PDF or Word document as well.

What attire is appropriate for the event?

Students will be expected to wear business professional attire for their interview and the banquet.

Do I need to attend the whole event?

Yes. We ask that each student experience the entire event and to stay for the banquet to be eligible for the scholarship

Can family members come with me?

Yes! Parents are encouraged to attend Friday, February 24th for the entire event to learn more about Ivy Tech and for the Friday night banquet. Parents will have sessions to attend during the student interviews.

<u>Can transfer students compete</u>? No, only students applying as freshman for Fall 2023 are eligible to compete.

Is there any cost?

There is no charge for this event.

Will I receive anything for participating?

Ivy Tech will be awarding two full-tuition scholarships to the top two scholars. Students who finish in the top ten will receive a \$750 scholarship. Every student who participates will receive at least a \$250 annual scholarship. These scholarships are renewable each year by meeting financial aid's satisfactory academic progress guidelines and keeping a 3.25 CGPA.

What is the schedule for the event?

The Ivy Cup event will begin at 1 pm on Friday, February 24th. Friday afternoon will have a campus tour, time to meet current students, faculty, and staff. Group interviews with Ivy Tech faculty will begin at approximately 3:30. There will be a banquet on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. for you and your family with our Ivy Tech Faculty.

What do I need to prepare before I arrive?

The following items must be submitted by February 10, 2023 at 11:59pm: Essay and Portfolio. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

When will the Ivy Influencer recipients be announced?

We will announce the winners approximately 10 days after the event. All recipients will receive a letter from the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Laura Hapner, with the results.

What are the requirements for the scholarships?

Maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA to remain eligible for renewal each year.