



*Become a Networks Scholar. It's More Than the Money.*  
*It's Your Future*

A full-tuition scholarship opportunity for new students interested in a career in financial services at Indiana State University





*Differentiate yourself from other college graduates through the knowledge, skills and experience of the Networks Scholars Program.*

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## What makes the Networks Scholarship different?

- A four-year, full-tuition\* scholarship to Indiana State University
- A professional development account worth \$3,000
- A laptop computer
- Leadership and professional development training and opportunities
- Access to internship opportunities
- Opportunities for international travel
- Faculty and corporate mentor support



\* A four-year full-tuition Networks Scholarship at Indiana State University covers in-state tuition only.

## Set Yourself Apart!

Networks Financial Institute provides four-year scholarships for qualified, incoming Indiana State University freshmen who choose to pursue a career in financial services. In its mission to prepare students for financial services careers, NFI recognizes that the best entry-level positions in the industry are available for graduates who distinguish themselves with the right attitude, knowledge, skills, leadership and experiences.

The choices are many for an exciting, challenging financial services career: financial planning, marketing, sales, product development, financial analysis, operations management, accounting, information systems and many other financial services-related fields. In addition to the current menu of top notch academic programs, including accounting, finance, insurance, operations management, marketing and others, Indiana State now offers a new major and minor – Financial Services – through its College of Business. A degree from Indiana State University provides students with a broad education. Coupled with the Networks Scholars Program, you will be prepared for a wide variety of exciting career options in financial services.



### To qualify to be a Networks Scholar, you must:

- Apply and be admitted to Indiana State as an incoming freshman in fall 2008
- Major or minor in one of the academic programs offered in the College of Business
- Intend to pursue a career in the financial services industry
- Have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher (non-weighted)
- Achieve an SAT Reasoning Test Verbal and Math score of at least 1000 out of 1600 (or at least 21 ACT: writing score not included)
- Have demonstrated leadership success

### As a Networks Scholar, you'll expect more from yourself. Participants will, at a minimum:

- Intend to pursue a career in financial services
- Maintain enrollment as a full-time student at Indiana State University
- Major or minor in the College of Business
- Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.2 GPA in business courses
- Participate in at least one financial services-related internship
- Aim to participate in an international experience
- Engage with both faculty and corporate mentors
- Participate in the Networks Professional Development Program activities and College of Business events
- Participate in designated University opportunities

## It's Your Future!

In addition to financial support, Networks Scholars participate in a comprehensive professional development program. An array of formal and informal experiences prepares you to succeed in your career in financial services.

## Faculty and Corporate Mentoring

Receive personal attention from dedicated College of Business faculty and staff, Networks Financial Institute (NFI) staff and business professionals from the financial services industry who volunteer their time and talent.

## Career and Educational Planning

Learn more about yourself through a number of learning opportunities designed to test, refine and further develop your professional interests and leadership potential. Learn about the financial services industry and its career possibilities from local and nationally recognized industry thought leaders. Gain insight first hand through:

- Industry Visits
- Speaker Series
- Career Preparation Package: Resume Building, Interviewing Skills, Job Search Strategies



*"Networks has been of great help in developing the skills I will need in the financial services sector. They have also helped to broaden my views of the business world with a recent trip to New York City and Zurich, Switzerland to examine various financial institutions."*

Zachary Goodman; Linton, Indiana

*"As a Networks Scholar, I have had an opportunity to participate in many life changing experiences. Since my freshman year I have had numerous international experiences including visiting Taiwan twice, Hong Kong, and even studying abroad in Greece."*

Whitney Lewis; Alexandria, Indiana



## Professional Development

Develop the skills, knowledge and experience employers within the financial services industry expect from today's college graduates, such as:

- Time Management
- Team and Personal Communication
- Team and Personal Problem Solving
- Business Etiquette
- Leadership
- Ethics

## Student Leadership Experiences

Engage in leadership activities on campus and in the community. You will explore and follow your own interests through student-initiated and student-run leadership and entrepreneurial activities, such as:

- NFI Student Teams: accounting/finance, industry speakers, international dining and cultures, marketing, recruiting, service learning and team building
- Campus Organizations
- Junior Conference
- Peer Coaching

## Networking and Experiential Learning

Interact with fellow students, NFI staff, ISU faculty, staff, administrators, community and industry professionals. You will gain knowledge through hands-on learning experiences and learn to put those skills to use in the workplace.

- Job Shadowing
- Internships
- NFI Events
- International Travel/Study Experience



# NETWORKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM CHECK LIST

Candidates who apply for a Networks Scholarship must first apply to become a full-time student at Indiana State University and submit a complete scholarship application packet. Use this check list to make sure you've completed all the steps, then sign and date this application form.

- I have applied to become a full-time student at Indiana State University.
- I have filled out the Networks Scholarship application completely and legibly.
- I have included my one-page essay titled "My Career in Financial Services."
- I have included or mailed my high school transcript in a sealed envelope provided by my guidance counselor.
- I have included my up-to-date resume.
- I have enclosed two sealed letters of recommendation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Submit your application packet.

Applications for admission to Indiana State University are available through your high school guidance office, from the University by calling 800-472-0891 or online at [indstate.edu](http://indstate.edu). You must first apply for admission to Indiana State University before submitting your Networks Scholarship application packet.

Please submit your complete scholarship application packet, including all items from the check list above to:

Networks Scholars Selection Committee  
College of Business  
Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, IN 47809

## Don't miss the deadline.

Completed application packets must be postmarked by **DECEMBER 1** to receive full consideration from the Networks Scholars Selection Committee.

## Now what?

All applications for Networks Scholarships will be reviewed by the Networks Scholars Selection Committee in December. Leading candidates will be scheduled to attend Interview Day on the campus of Indiana State University, scheduled for February.

Questions? Call 812-237-3606 or 800-603-7113.



Networks Financial Institute at Indiana State University was founded in 2003 through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. and strives to facilitate broad, collaborative thinking, dialogue and progress in the evolving financial services marketplace, focusing on the areas of education, outreach and research. NFI is a leader in preparing students for careers in the financial services industry. NFI connects Indiana State's financial, business and educational expertise and resources with today's needs in the financial services marketplace. NFI is a primary source for objective and applied research within the financial services industry. For more, visit NFI online at [networksfinancialinstitute.org](http://networksfinancialinstitute.org).



Indiana State University, established in 1865, is a four-year public university that embraces its mission to educate the leaders of tomorrow with focus on research, experiential learning and civic engagement. Its five colleges and the School of Graduate Studies offer courses leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates in arts and sciences, business, education, health and human performance, nursing and technology. Financial services is one of many distinctive programs you'll find at Indiana State. It was one of two programs designated Programs of National Distinction for achieving a national reputation for the quality of their work and reflecting the values of Indiana State while meeting state and national needs. To learn more, visit [www.indstate.edu](http://www.indstate.edu) or call 800-GO-TO-ISU.