

# Become a Networks Scholar in the Scott College of Business.

*It's More than the Money.  
It's your Future.*

A professional development

and full-tuition scholarship

opportunity for incoming

freshmen at Indiana State

University interested in a

career in financial services



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**Differentiate yourself from other college graduates with the knowledge, skills and leadership activities you'll experience as a Networks Financial Institute Scholar.**

***Take the step to help secure your future. Become a Networks Scholar.***

*Networks Scholars participate in international study and travel opportunities. Pictured here is a group of scholars visiting China.*



# What makes the Networks Scholarship different?

- A four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Indiana State University
- A professional development account worth \$3,000 and a laptop computer
- Four years of leadership and professional development
- Access to internships
- International travel opportunities
- Faculty and corporate mentor support

## Set Yourself Apart

Networks Financial Institute (NFI) 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 recognized 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.

## Careers in Financial Services

If you choose to study financial services, what are your options for a career? Networks Scholars choose from careers in all business areas, such as management, financial analysis and planning, information systems, marketing and sales, accounting, and insurance and risk management. The Scott College of Business offers a variety of highly-rated academic programs as majors and minors in these areas. Financial services, itself, may be taken as a major, and all Scott College of Business students complete a solid business core of courses in addition to courses in their selected majors. Your coursework along with the exceptional activities designed specifically for Networks Scholars will help ensure you are prepared for a wide variety of career options.





### **To qualify as a Networks Scholar, you must:**

- Apply and be admitted to Indiana State University as an incoming freshman for the fall semester
- Major in one of the academic programs offered in the Scott 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) after seven semesters
- Achieve an SATV+SATM (or equivalent exam) combined score of at least 1000
- 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 in the Scott College of Business
- Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.2 GPA in business courses
- Participate in the Networks Professional Development program activities and Scott College of Business events
- Engage with both faculty and corporate mentors
- Aim to participate in an international experience
- Participate in designated Indiana State University activities

## What sets Networks Scholarships apart from other scholarship opportunities?

In addition to financial support, Networks Scholars are expected to participate in a comprehensive professional development program. An array of formal and informal experiences prepares you to succeed in your career in financial services. The program has a strong experiential approach based upon problem-based learning. Students are placed into increasingly complex and challenging situations, addressing them as individuals and teams and then engaging in an extensive reflection and learning phase with peers and coaches.

A professional development account with \$3,000 is available to each Networks Scholar to expand their experiences beyond the classroom, such as international travel and study abroad.

## Faculty and Corporate Mentoring

Receive personal attention from dedicated Scott College of Business faculty and staff, Networks Financial Institute staff and business professionals from the financial services industry. These individuals are here to help ensure your success.

## 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 and scholars. You'll have a chance to gain insight first hand through:

- Industry visits to local, regional and international financial services providers
- Student-led events with industry professionals
- Career preparation including resumé building, interviewing skills, job search strategies, self-marketing, and negotiation



## International Internships

*My international internship in Munich, Germany was a direct result of the spring 2009 international Networks Scholars' trip. My enthusiasm during our visits helped me secure a position at UniCredit Group, one of Europe's largest investment banks.*

*Throughout my internship I was challenged with tasks and provided opportunities to use the knowledge I gained in my finance major. The UniCredit staff was impressed with my ability to adapt quickly – undoubtedly a direct result of my training and guidance through the Networks Scholars program.*

*Thanks to Networks, my international career has had a jumpstart. I've received potential job offers in places such as London, Munich and Milan. And with the help of UniCredit, the foundation has been laid for future Networks Scholars to have the same opportunity.*

—Tony Askins, 2010 Networks Scholars graduate



## Leadership Development and International Travel

*Networks Scholars' program has provided valuable experiences for me through team events, such as the Ethics Conference and the Industry Speakers team. My personal development account supported my attendance at an international business program in Pennsylvania where I interacted with 108 students representing over 50 countries. The opportunity to represent Indiana State University and Networks Financial Institute on a trip to China was an eye-opening and memorable experience. The financial and professional support provided to Networks Scholars is invaluable.*

—Allison Myers, Networks Scholar

## 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 and Corporate Social Responsibility

## 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-led 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
- Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Conference and Ethics Week—designed, developed and executed by Networks Scholars as a program capstone, these events provide an outreach to the campus and local communities
- Peer Coaching
- NFI leadership internships

## Networking and Experiential Learning

Interact with fellow students, NFI staff, ISU faculty, staff and administrators as well as community and industry professionals. Through hands-on learning experiences, you will gain knowledgeable insights and skills as well as how you can use them effectively in the workplace. Activities that provide these opportunities include:

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



A photograph of three students in a hallway. On the left, a young man in a white polo shirt looks towards the center. In the middle, the back of a young man in a blue polo shirt is visible. On the right, a young woman in a white polo shirt smiles. The hallway has a wooden door and recessed lighting.

## Apply today for a Networks Scholarship

### **1. Apply and be admitted to Indiana State University.**

To be considered for a Networks Scholarship, you must first apply and be admitted as a full-time student at Indiana State. Admission applications are available through high school guidance offices, from the University by calling 800-GO-TO-ISU or online at [www.indstate.edu](http://www.indstate.edu)

### **2. Complete the Networks Scholars application form.**

The enclosed Networks Scholarship application form must be completed and mailed to the Networks Scholars Selection Committee. All application packets must be postmarked by **December 1** to receive full consideration from the Networks Scholars Selection Committee.

### **3. Include a transcript.**

A sealed transcript from your high school guidance counselor must be obtained and included with each application.

### **4. Tell us your career goals.**

A one-page essay entitled "My Career in Financial Services" must accompany your application form. Essays must describe in detail your interest in a career in the financial services industry. Tips to help compose essays are available online at [www.isunetworks.org](http://www.isunetworks.org)

### **5. Come recommended.**

Two (2) letters of recommendation that specifically address your leadership accomplishments must accompany your application. Letters must be sealed and mailed with your application to the Networks Scholars Selection Committee and can come from anyone familiar with your accomplishments, including high school teachers, guidance counselors, or past employers. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.

### **6. Highlight your qualifications.**

An up-to-date resume that demonstrates your leadership roles and activities must be included. A sample resume is available online at [www.isunetworks.org](http://www.isunetworks.org)

# Networks Scholarship Application



**This application will not be considered complete unless accompanied by all supporting documents.**  
*See a helpful check list on back of this application form.*

FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER (PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE)

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER (PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE)

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

STREET ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL

CITY OF HIGH SCHOOL

STATE

ZIP CODE

SAT REASONING TEST SCORE (OUT OF 1600)

MATH

VERBAL

(WRITING SCORE NOT INCLUDED)

OR

ACT SCORE

CLASS RANK

OUT OF

CLASS SIZE

CUMULATIVE (UNWEIGHTED) GRADE POINT AVERAGE

(ON A 4.0 SCALE)

ANTICIPATED MAJOR (IN SCOTT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS)

ANTICIPATED MINOR (IN SCOTT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, IF APPLICABLE)

PARENT OR NEXT OF KIN NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST)

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (CHECK ONE):  PARENT  STEP-PARENT  GUARDIAN  SPOUSE  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT'S ADDRESS)

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER (PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE)

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER (PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE)

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date application completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Networks Scholarship Application Checklist

Candidates who apply for a Networks Scholarship must first apply and be admitted as a full-time student at Indiana State University by **December 1** and submit a complete scholarship application packet. Use this checklist to make sure you've completed all the steps, then sign and date the application form.

- I have applied to become a full-time student at Indiana State University.
- I have completed the Networks Scholarship application legibly and in its entirety.
- I have included my one-page essay entitled "My Career in Financial Services."
- I have included or mailed to the committee 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.
- I have signed the application.

## 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-GO-TO-ISU or online at [www.indstate.edu](http://www.indstate.edu). You must first apply for admission to Indiana State University before submitting your Networks Scholarship application packet.

Please submit your complete scholarship packet, including all the items from the checklist above, as well as a signed application, to:

Networks Scholars Selection Committee  
Scott 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.

## What's next?

All applications for Networks Scholarships will be reviewed by the Networks Scholars Selection Committee in December. Applicants will receive written notice of their status in late January or early February. Leading candidates will be invited to attend an Interview Day in February on the campus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute. Applicants selected as Networks Scholars will be notified by March 1.

## Questions?

Call the associate dean of the Scott College of Business at 812-237-3606.



## NETWORKS FINANCIAL INSTITUTE

Networks Financial Institute in the Scott College of Business 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 [www.isunetworks.org](http://www.isunetworks.org)



## Indiana State University

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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 as well as 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 is 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.



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