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Giant Dreams Scholarship (\$500)

Giant Dreams aims to support non-citizen, immigrant students who are not eligible for federal or state scholarship funds. Eligible M.S.D. of Wayne Township seniors must be non-citizen immigrant students planning to attend a post-secondary school (vocational, associates, bachelors) in the United States. The Giant Dreams Scholarship believes that non-citizen students are a blessing to our community because they bring strength and resilience. Giant Dreams is seeking non-citizen seniors, ineligible for receiving state or federal funding, who have a firm vision for their future, and the dedication to make this future a reality. This scholarship's establishment pays tribute to long-time educator Ruth Waterfill (grandmother of Chapel Hill teacher Nate Waterfill).

Eligibility

- Must be an M.S.D. of Wayne Township senior, ineligible noncitizen, not eligible to apply for state or federal funding.
 - *This website describes eligibility for noncitizens to apply for state or federal aid. If you do NOT fall in these categories, you MAY apply for this scholarship:*
<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens#not-eligible-noncitizen>

Application Materials

- Completed Application
- A copy of your transcript

Applicant Confidentiality

All application information will be confidential and retained for office use only. Your name will be removed for the review process. Additionally, your teacher reference will only be asked if they recommend, highly recommend or not recommend you for a scholarship. Application must be emailed to Julie.Mecum@wayne.k12.in.us by March 11, 2026.

Giant Dreams Scholarship Application

Email application to Julie.Mecum@wayne.k12.in.us by March 11, 2026

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Personal Information

Applicant Name	
Applicant Home Phone Number	
Applicant Mobile Number	
Applicant E-Mail	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
High School Attending	
Current Cumulative GPA	
Anticipated Graduation Date	
Are you eligible to receive federal or state scholarships or grants to attend college? Yes or No <i>This website describes eligibility for noncitizens to apply for state or federal aid. If you do NOT fall in these categories, you MAY apply for this scholarship:</i> https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens#not-eligible-noncitizen	

College Information

Name of Post-Secondary School (college or vocational school)	City, State	Accepted?
1st Choice:		
2nd Choice:		

If you have not been notified of acceptance, when do you expect to receive notification?	
Intended Course of Study	
Starting Date	

Teacher Reference

Your teacher reference will be contacted by the Wayne Township Education Foundation and asked: if they recommend, highly recommend or not recommend you for a scholarship.

Name of Teacher We May Contact	School

Narratives

Awards and Recognition

List any special honors, awards, recognitions that you have received.

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Activities

List extracurricular school activities, community and church activities in which you have been involved over the past four years.

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Essay Questions

Required Essay: Describe your short term and long-term goals and how post-secondary schooling will move you closer to these goals. (essay should be at least 200 words)

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CHOOSE 1 Additional Essay Question

What have you learned from your immigrant journey? (essay should be at least 200 words)

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OR

What do you cherish about your home culture? (essay should be at least 200 words)

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Checklist

This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when completed in its entirety with all required attachments. Please email all application components in a single pdf file to Julie.Mecum@wayne.k12.in.us

- [] Student Application
- [] Transcript of Grades

TO BE COMPLETED BY: APPLICANT

I understand that the receipt of any award money is contingent upon my attendance at an accredited college or university. I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

E-Signature: Applicant

Date:

Email application to Julie.Mecum@wayne.k12.in.us by midnight on March 11, 2026.
Direct questions to this email address or call 317-988-7966.