



Partner Institution  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

# POSSE VIRTUAL PROGRAM INDIANA POSSE





Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner university for Indiana, Purdue University. If selected for this award, you will have the opportunity to attend Purdue as part of a team of students—a Posse—from Gary, Hammond, Mashawaka, Michigan City, Portage and South Bend.

This booklet presents a brief profile of Purdue. We hope you get excited about it; it is among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research the school further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,  
Posse







## CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

**“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”**

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

## THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.







**LOCATION:** West Lafayette, Indiana

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Indianapolis, IN and Chicago, IL

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 34,920

**WEBSITE:** [www.purdue.edu](http://www.purdue.edu)

Purdue University is recognized for academic excellence, meaningful research, and graduate achievement. Our students and alumni enjoy a global network of leaders in business, healthcare, science, technology, education, the arts, agriculture, communication, politics and much more. Purdue is a vast laboratory for discovery. The university is known not only for science, technology, engineering, and math programs, but also for our imagination, ingenuity, and innovation. It's a place where those who seek an education come to make their ideas real—especially when those transformative discoveries lead to scientific, technological, social, or humanitarian impact.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Named a Top 10 Public University in America by Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education (2021)
- » Students from all 50 states and more than 130 countries bring rich diversity to the main campus in West Lafayette
- » 43.5% of the university's classes have fewer than 20 students
- » Boilermakers have access to nearly 1,000 student clubs and organizations
- » Known as the "Cradle of Astronauts," Purdue has had 25 alumni become astronauts; the university is now a member of the U.S. Space Force's University Partnership Program











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