



## FACT SHEET

*The mission of Indiana Dollars for Scholars is to promote access to higher education for Indiana students.*

### About Indiana Dollars for Scholars

- Indiana Dollars for Scholars is a regional program of Scholarship America, the nation's largest private sector scholarship and educational support organization. Indiana Dollars for Scholars is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Since it was founded in 1958, Scholarship America programs have distributed more than \$2 billion to nearly two million students through scholarship and student support programs.
- Indiana Dollars for Scholars is supported through grants from Lumina Foundation for Education, USA Funds, the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, and individual contributors.
- In 2008 over \$3.4 million was distributed through scholarships to Indiana students by Dollars for Scholars chapters throughout the state.
- There are 107 Dollars for Scholars chapters in the state of Indiana, more than 1,200 nationally.
- Robert C. Ballard, Senior VP, Program and Corporate Development for USA Funds serves as Chair of Indiana Dollars for Scholars.

### Indiana Dollars for Scholars Initiatives

- **Dollars for Scholars**—Dollars for Scholars are grassroots community scholarship foundations, managed by a board of local volunteers who raise funds from the community to support local students. Indiana Dollars for Scholars works with interest groups to form chapters and provides ongoing support and training for chapters in the state.
- **ScholarShops**—Indiana Dollars for Scholars provides grant funding for the implementation of ScholarShop programs—a curriculum and resource library designed for students grades 6-12—in schools and after-school programs in Indiana to promote access to postsecondary education.
- **Hoosier Heroes**—Program for Indiana junior and senior high school students to nominate an Indiana citizen who has made significant contributions to society and/or who serves as a role model and inspirational figure. The program awarded more than \$46,000 in scholarships for students in Indiana in 2009. A Hoosier Heroes Celebration was held in May to honor the students and their heroes and to celebrate Scholarship Month in Indiana.