Our Economic Transformation

Our Success

Our Story

Our Regional Impact

Questa Educati Founda Partnering together.

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## Northeast Indiana's economy is worth fighting for.

Questa Education Foundation believes that improving the economy starts with growing our workforce and keeping talent in our area. By investing in people, we can make a difference in the regional economy.

We are dedicated to helping individuals in Northeast Indiana further their education, graduate with less debt, and contribute to the region's workforce.



Our programs provide an incentive for students to stay in the area and become contributing members of Northeast Indiana's workforce. Questa scholars receive 50% loan forgiveness when they live and work in the region for five years after graduation. Scholars attending partner schools receive up to 75% forgiveness.

Graduating with less debt gives scholars the financial freedom to invest in the Northeast Indiana economy. The region benefits from retaining these talented graduates in our workforce.

Our scholars are working at regional companies, including:

Allen County Public Library
Aptera Software, Inc.
DePuy Synthes
Fort Wayne Metals
Fort Wayne Community Schools
Indiana Physical Therapy
Lincoln Financial Group
Medical Protective
Parkview Health
Swisslog Logistics
Warsaw Community Schools
Zimmer Biomet

Since 2007, Questa Education Foundation has:

Granted close to \$1.5 million in scholarships.

\$1.5M

forgivable loans.

Provided nearly \$13 million in \$13 Million in

Maintained a graduation rate of 85%, compared to the national average of 60%.



Served over 1,000 students

400+ \$4.4M+

Given in debt forgiveness

Current Scholars

700+

Graduates

400+

Scholarship + **Grant Recipients** 

Retained 2/3 of our Scholar graduates in Northeast Indiana.





"Today the battlefront in

John Sampson, President & CEO of Northeast Indiana







### Making an Investment

When you partner with us, you are investing in human capital, growing your business, and hiring local talent.

Questa Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Your contributions go to our scholars and are tax deductible.



When you partner with Questa, we all win with a thriving economy in Northeast Indiana sustained by a skilled, educated workforce.

We are transforming the economic landscape one person at a time, reminding the community that our most important asset is our people.

Make this transformation possible. Partner with us to invest in and retain the talent needed for Northeast Indiana to grow and thrive.

#### Testimonials

"I decided to stay in Northeast Indiana in large part due to Questa and the loan forgiveness I am receiving. Questa's encouragement meant a lot to me, and there is a community culture here in the area."

Lydia Neff, Class of 2017 Senior Operations Analyst Brotherhood Mutual



"Being a Questa Scholar solidified my decision to stay in Northeast Indiana. Without having the loan forgiveness program, years would have been added to my loan repayments and stunted my progress after college."

Jacob Scheele, Class of 2019 Business Development Coordinator Weigand Construction



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#### Our Partner Schools

- Anderson University
- Grace College
- Huntington University
- ► Indiana Tech
- ► Indiana University, Fort Wayne
- ► Indiana Wesleyan University
- ► Ivy Tech Community College
- Manchester University
- Purdue University, Fort Wayne
- Taylor University
- ► Trine University
- University of Saint Francis



# Invest in **talent.**Invest in **the economy.**Invest in **Questa.**

