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## Consumer Debt Collection Research

Recently, Foundation staff met with a group of national foundations about current research in consumer debt collection. The Pew Charitable Trust released its findings on this topic [here](#).

## IU McKinney Law School Scholarships

Applications for two IU McKinney Law School scholarships are being accepted until Friday, May 29. The Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship is awarded based on dedication to the administration of law, financial need, desire to be a practicing trial lawyer, capacity for

## Fishers Junior High Wins We the People Challenge



Congratulations to Fishers Junior High School's We the People team on taking first place at the 2020 National Invitational Challenge! All six units testified and were evaluated by panels of judges from across the country via Zoom. View the announcement [here](#).

## Virtual We the People Summer Institute

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2020 We the People Summer Institute will be held virtually as a webinar on June 30 and July 1. Indiana high, middle, and elementary school teachers can join the Foundation to learn in-depth content and teaching strategies for important concepts when teaching government, history, or social studies classes. Topics include *Checks and Balances: Are They Working?* presented by Dr. Robert Dion and *We the Whole People: Women and Constitutional Change from the 14th Amendment to the ERA* presented by Linda Monk.

More information is available [here](#), and interested teachers should register [here](#).

## Civic Education Inventory of Indiana Schools

Indiana's Civic Education Task Force is conducting a survey to gauge how civic education is being taught in our state. This will provide a snapshot of Hoosier teachers' view about civic education practices, policies, and supports. If you or someone you know is an Indiana social studies teacher, we ask that this [10-minute](#)

leadership, academic achievement, and military service, if any. The Phelps & Fara Scholarship assists a student interested in family law. Law students can apply for one or both scholarships [here](#).

[survey](#) be completed by Friday, June 19. As a token of our appreciation, those completing the survey will be entered into a drawing to receive one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards.

## How You Can Help

One of the results of the current COVID-19 crisis is that in order to help our economy weather the storm, interest rates have been reduced to near zero. Unfortunately, this dramatic rate reduction affects the revenue generated for one of our major funding sources for civil legal aid in Indiana, the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. We anticipate an annual loss of nearly 80% in IOLTA revenue if interest rates stay at their current levels. As the largest private funder of civil legal aid in Indiana, the Foundation provides critical help for Hoosiers to protect their livelihood, their health, and their families.

In these unprecedented times, please consider [making a gift](#) to the Indiana Bar Foundation. Thank you in advance for supporting us as we support our most vulnerable Hoosiers.

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