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Steuben County Community Foundation 2012 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

The Purpose

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state's residents.

The Award

The program will provide one scholarship for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college/university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Scholarship recipients are to be known as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Criteria for Eligibility

A high school senior, graduating by the end of June 2012, with a diploma from an accredited Indiana High School.

Currently reside in Steuben County and have lived in Steuben County for a period of at least three continuous years prior to graduation.

Apply and be accepted for a full-time baccalaureate course of study by June 1, 2012, to begin no later than in the fall of 2012 at a public or private college or university in Indiana accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Siblings of current and previous Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply.

Based upon the most current official school transcript, the applicant must have a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0-point scale or 8.0 or higher on a 12.0-point scale and must provide SAT and/or ACT test scores.

Completed application with all requested attachments submitted to the Steuben County Community Foundation office by **close of business (4:30 p.m) on Monday, January 9, 2012**

► **Recipient will be notified no later than the end of the first week in April, 2012**

Nomination Process: The Steuben County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee is comprised of select members of the Steuben County Community. The nomination of the scholarship recipient is based on the following criteria each of which is weighted as listed:

First Phase of the Nomination Process: Academic Performance-Weight 30%, Community Service/Volunteer Activities-Weight 20%, Work Experience-Weight 10%, School Activities-Weight 20%, Essay-Weight 20%.

Second Phase of the Nomination Process for Finalists: Impromptu Essay-Weight 20%, Portfolio Presentation-Weight 30%, Interview-Weight 50%

The name of the applicant and personal information will be removed or blacked out (blinded) from the application.

From the pool of “blinded” applications, the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will select 5-7 Finalists for the Final Phase of the Nomination Process.

The 5-7 finalists will write an impromptu essay, participate in an oral interview process, and present a portfolio--scrapbook, PowerPoint presentation, or a video of their work that represents the applicant’s personal statement about their talents, abilities and major accomplishments (15 minute maximum length.)

The Committee will nominate a recipient and an alternate for one full tuition scholarship.

A separate, statewide committee, appointed by Independent Colleges of Indiana, will make the final selection of the recipient in accordance with the criteria and procedures consistent with applicable law and the overall goals of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

Application Checklist: Application is valid only when filled out in its entirety and required documents are attached. **If you are going to type text into the application please use Time New Roman font size 12.**

- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application (Pages 3 through 10)
- Community Service and Volunteer Activities Sheet(s) (Page 5)
- Awards and Honors Sheet(s) (Page 6)
- Work Experience (paid and unpaid) (page 7)
- School Activities Sheet(s) (Page 8)
- Essay (page 9)
- Certification, Statements and Agreements Sheet (Page 10)
- Two letters of recommendation (Page 11)
One from a community member who is familiar with your community service and your volunteerism or a **current** or previous employer who can attest to your work history and work ethics, **and one** from a high school staff person who can attest to your involvement and participation in your **high school** activities.
All letters must be signed, dated and the title of the individual given. (ex. director, shift supervisor, volunteer coordinator, pastor, science teacher, etc.)
- Curriculum Difficulty Certification Sheet: completed/signed by your high school guidance counselor. (Page 12)
- Official, signed high school transcript. (Photo copies, scanned copies or faxed copies will NOT be accepted)



Applicant # _____

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

All personal information is limited to this page so that it may be removed before the application is presented to our Scholarship Committee.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program requires you to provide the committee with a copy of your high school transcripts so we may verify your test scores, GPA and graduation from an accredited Indiana high school.

FAMILY INFORMATION (Provide the following information where applicable)

Name of father/ stepfather/ guardian _____

Address _____

Name of mother/ stepmother/ guardian _____

Address _____

Applicant # _____

GPA _____ on a 4.0 scale or 12.0 scale (circle one that applies)

Complete all scores that apply:

SAT Scores: Writing _____ Math _____ Critical Reading _____ Total _____

ACT Scores: Comp _____ English _____ Math _____ Reading _____
Sci. Reasoning _____ Writing _____

PSAT Scores: Crit Read. _____ Writing _____ Math _____

ISTEP Scores: English _____ Math _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

College you plan to attend _____

Major Field of Study _____

Colleges you have been accepted to _____

Are there any other members of your household (living with you) attending college? If so, list their relationship to you, (parent, spouse, sibling, dependents), and anticipated graduation date:

Relationship to you

Graduation Date

Community and School Related Awards and Honors

List in order of importance all school and community related awards and honors and explain why you received them and from whom. Please type or print neatly in ink. You may make additional copies of this form as needed.

| Name of Award or Honor | Community Check Box | School Check Box | | | | | Explanation of Award or Honor (Why & from Whom?) |
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| <p>Examples: These are only examples. Please list whatever awards you have received that you feel would belong in this section Community Awards: leadership, art/music, participation, School Awards: scholastic, art/music, sports, leadership, pageants.</p> | | | | | | | |

ESSAY

Using no more than two pages total; the space provided below and one attached additional page, and a 12 pt. font only, please provide an essay regarding the following:

**Giving of ones time, talent or treasure is the cornerstone of philanthropy.
What have you accomplished that would be considered philanthropic,
and what are your plans to "pay it forward" in the future?**

Student/Parent/Guardian Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will disqualify candidates. I further understand that it is my obligation to abide by the following eight statements, as well as, the other criteria mentioned within this certification:

Statements and Agreements

“If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college.”

“I understand that the total amount of my scholarship is calculated on the basis of my chosen college’s tuition and required fees beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.”

“To assist with the processing of my scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees, I will forward to the Steuben County Community Foundation immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship”

"I will account for and return to Independent Colleges of Indiana any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment remaining at the end of each school year."

“I agree to notify Independent Colleges of Indiana of any scholarship award I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.”

"I will keep the Steuben County Community Foundation apprised annually by June 1st of my enrollment and academic status during college by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the Community Foundation."

“Upon graduation, I will keep the Steuben County Community Foundation apprised annually by June 1st of my education and/or employment status for at least ten years after graduation, by completing and returning an alumni survey or other forms as may be provided by the Community Foundation.”

"If I receive this scholarship, I understand that I represent the Steuben County Community Foundation, and therefore, I am expected to maintain high standards of conduct in accordance with state and federal laws. I further understand that failure to do so may result in termination of this scholarship."

My signature indicates permission for the high school to release all personal references and academic records to the Steuben County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee. I give permission for my photograph to be published in newspapers and other publications if I am a scholarship recipient.

If I am a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that my parents and I will be expected to attend Steuben County Community Foundation functions, as requested.

I understand that the scholarship will provide for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

I will inform the Steuben County Community Foundation of any personal address changes.

I certify that I have lived in Steuben County for at least three (3) continuous years prior to graduation, and I am applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship only in Steuben County.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

(I/we have read and agree with the above statements)

A parent/guardian's signature is required if the student is under the age of eighteen.

Instructions for the Community Service & Volunteer Activities Letter of Recommendation

The scholarship committee would like to thank you for your time in preparing this letter of recommendation. Please use the following guidelines.

Since the name of the student will be “blacked-out” and not revealed to the committee until the finalists have been chosen, please put the student’s name on the top, right-hand corner of your letter, and **do not** refer to the student by name in the body of your recommendation letter. Please refer to them as "student" or "applicant".

Include how long you have known this student and the circumstances under which you came to know the him/her. What thoughts come to mind as you consider this student's community service and volunteerism? Consider the student’s intensity and longevity of service, the number of and variety of organizations and any leadership positions. How does the student get along with other volunteers? Is the student able to handle multiple tasks, etc.? Please note any unusual circumstances or other factors (positive or negative) that might assist the committee's evaluation of this applicant.

Your evaluation of this applicant will be considered in determining the recipient of this full-tuition scholarship. **Please return your letter of recommendation directly to the applicant or to the applicant's school guidance counselor by the schools deadline but no later than Monday, January 9, 2012.**



Instructions for the Employer Letter of Recommendation

The scholarship committee would like to thank you for your time in preparing this letter of recommendation. Please use the following guidelines.

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Include how long you have known this student and the circumstances under which you came to know the him/her. What thoughts come to mind as you consider this student's work history and work ethics? Consider the student’s consistency and longevity of employment, the number of and variety of positions held. Is the student a “team player” and works well with other co-workers? Is the student organized and able to handle multiple tasks, etc.? Please note any unusual circumstances or other factors (positive or negative) that might assist the committee's evaluation of this applicant.

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Instructions for the School Activities Letter of Recommendation

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Include how long you have known this student and the circumstances under which you came to know the him/her. What thoughts come to mind as you consider this student's involvement in his/her high school activities? Consider the student’s time commitment and longevity of participation; the number of and variety of activities and organizations; offices held and leadership skills; responsibilities and demands; and the student’s ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks. How does the student get along with other students? Is the student a team player, etc.? Please note any unusual circumstances or other factors (positive or negative) that might assist the committee's evaluation of this applicant.

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Academic Certification Form

(To Be Completed By Your High School Guidance Counselor)

Name of Student: _____

Diploma: The student will graduate with the Following (circle all that apply):

General Diploma CORE 40 Technical Honors Academic Honors

Advanced Placement Classes:

Number of College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement, Weighted Courses offered at this high school:

Number taken by student:

General Testing and Scholarship:

Did this student pass both required sections of the ISTEP GQE? Yes No

21st Century Scholar? Yes No

Likely to be a recipient of the award? Yes No

Required SAT/ACT Test Scores & Cumulative GPA:

Highest SAT Scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Total _____

Highest Composite ACT Score: _____

GPA _____ on a scale of _____ Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

Current GPA based on how many semesters: _____

Guidance Counselor Signature Date