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2012 Fulton County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

The Purpose

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholars program (LECS) is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and also to leverage the ability of Indiana's Community Foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state's residents. With this purpose in mind, the Fulton County Community Foundation scholarship committee seeks candidates who exhibit the ability to succeed at the post-secondary level, who show potential in their chosen field of study, and who exhibit potential as a future leader.

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 or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Student must be a Fulton County high school senior, graduating by the end of June 2012, with a diploma from an accredited Indiana High School.
- Student must be accepted for a full-time baccalaureate course of study at a public or private college or university in Indiana accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and schools by May 3rd 2012, to begin studies no later than fall of 2012.
- Student must have been a resident of Fulton County at least three continuous years prior to high school graduation. The applicant must be a current resident.
- Submit a completed application to your Guidance Counselor by **Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.**
- The student cannot be a child, stepchild, grandchild, great grandchild, spouse, brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of one (or the spouse of one) who serves currently or served during the immediate past year prior to the application deadline date as any of the following: a member of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (NICF) Board, a member of the Fulton County Community Foundation (FCCF) Steering Committee, the NICF Executive Director, a county Associate Director, a staff member of the NICF or FCCF or a member of the Fulton County Community Foundation Scholarship committee. ***Note:** If you are a sibling of a current or previous Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, you are eligible to apply if you meet all other requirements.

Selection Process

1. Applications will be "blinded" and then reviewed by the Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee.
2. From the pool of "blinded" applications, the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will select Finalists for the Final Phase of the Nomination Process.
3. All Finalists will write a 100-125 word impromptu essay and participate in an oral interview process.
4. The Scholarship Committee will nominate one recipient and one alternate for one full tuition scholarship.
5. A separate, statewide committee, appointed by Independent Colleges of Indiana, will make the final selection of all recipients in accordance with the criteria and procedures consistent with applicable law and the overall goals of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

Scoring Process: The Fulton County Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee uses a scoring process that is based on the following criteria each of which is weighted as listed:

First Phase of the Nomination Process: Academic Performance-Weight 40%, Community, School and Work Activity-Weight 30%, Essay-Weight 30%.

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

Important dates to remember

- ▶ Applications must be in your Guidance Counselor's office by: 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.
- ▶ Finalists will be notified in the first week of February 2012.
- ▶ The one recipient will be notified in writing after March 31, 2012. The four non-recipients will be notified in writing as well.

Steps for Completing the Scholarship Packet

1. Determine your eligibility. Check off the boxes on page one.
2. The application **must** be typed or completed on a computer using TIMES NEW ROMAN font size 12.
3. Complete the Personal Data Sheet (page 3).
4. Complete the Community, Work and School Activities Form (page 4). Use only the space provided and list activities in order of importance to you. **Do not include any additional pages.**
5. Seriously consider whom you will ask to submit letters of recommendation. Choose someone who knows you well enough to write a letter. You will need two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member and another from someone who has supervised you in a volunteer or extra-curricular activity or someone who has supervised you as an employer. Please provide the Recommender with the **Recommendation Form** (page 5 and 6). The Recommender must return the form and letter to you and you must attach them to this application.
6. Cooperate with your Guidance Counselor who will complete the Academic Certification form. (Page 7).
7. Request an official copy (with seal) of your School transcript (7 semesters) and SAT &/or ACT scores.
8. Read and sign the Certification, Statements, and Agreements (page 8).
9. Write a two part essay (page 9). We encourage you to make your essay strong, concise, and well-organized. Keep to 400 words or less. Essay must follow the same font type description as listed above.

Scholarship Application Packet Checklist

Check off all of the following boxes before submitting your application packet to your Guidance office. Submit all items in the order listed. Paperclip the application packet together and make a copy for yourself.

- Completed LECS Personal Data Sheet (page 3).
- Community, Work and School Activities Form (page 4)
- Recommendation Forms (pages 5 and 6)
 - Two Letters of Recommendation. The forms and letters must be attached with your application.
- Academic Certification form (page 7).
- Signed Student/Parent/Guardian Certification and Statements and Agreements (page 8)
- Two part essay (page 9)
- Official School transcript with SAT and/or ACT scores
- Provide a quality wallet size photo with your name on the back of the photo. The photograph will become property of the Foundation for publicity purposes should you be chosen as the scholarship recipient.

Questions concerning this application can be directed to the NICF Office by calling 223-2227 or toll free at (877)-432-6423.

Fulton County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Personal Data Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Birth Date _____

Email address _____ Citizenship: United States _____ Other _____

Father/Guardian's Name, Address & Phone # _____

Father's Occupation _____

Firm Name _____

Mother/Guardian's Name, Address & Phone # _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Firm Name _____

Name of high school _____ Date of high school graduation _____

List colleges and universities, which you are considering _____

Have you been accepted to a college in Indiana for a four-year degree? Yes _____ No _____

List those institutions of which you have been accepted _____

Area of college study _____

List any other scholarships or financial awards you anticipate receiving _____

Are You A First Generation College Student? Yes _____ No _____
(First person in your immediate family to attend college.)

Are you a 21st Century Scholar? Yes _____ No _____



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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recommendation Form

Faculty Member Form

To the applicants: Please fill in your name and address before giving this form to the person you have asked for a recommendation.

Name _____

Address _____

To the recommender: The student named on this form is applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and has asked you to provide the Fulton County Community Foundation with any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing their application. You may be assured that the information will be considered confidential. If you are unable to complete this form by the deadline, please notify the applicant so that they may secure another reference.

Name of Reference _____ **Phone:** _____

Signature of Reference _____

When providing a recommendation, please do the following:

1. Write your letter of recommendation on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper. Please sign it and include it with this form. Do not use staples.
2. 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.
3. Incorporate the following in your recommendation:
 - Compare this college-bound student to others you have known.
 - Describe the qualities or characteristics you feel sets this student apart.
 - Any special circumstances you feel are relevant.

Please return this form to the applicant before the January 10th deadline.



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Supervisor, Administrator, Employer Form: someone who has supervised this student in a volunteer or extra-curricular activity or as an employer.

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Name _____

Address _____

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Signature of Reference _____

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3. Incorporate the following in your recommendation:
 - Strengths, skills, and talents
 - Initiative, dedication, integrity, reliability, etc.
 - Ability to work with a team
 - Ability to work independently

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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:

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 Test and SAT/ACT 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

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 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 Northern Indiana Community Foundation immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship" (updated 8/5/09)

"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 awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship."

"I will keep the Northern Indiana 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 Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. 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 Fulton 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 Fulton 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 or guardians and I are expected to attend the Fulton County Community Foundation scholarship reception.

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 Northern Indiana Community Foundation of any address changes.

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

Career and Leadership Essay - Two part essay. Both subjects combined should not exceed 400 words. Again, the essay must be typed using TIMES NEW ROMAN 12-point font.

1) In the first part of the essay discuss why you chose this area of college study and what personal characteristics you possess that will help you succeed.

2) The second part of the essay should address the importance of leadership. Discuss what leadership skills will be necessary in your future career.