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The Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. administers a scholarship program that each year helps local students pursue higher education. Featured on the pages of this publication are scholarships offered by the Miami County Community Foundation through a competitive application process. Many scholarships are listed, so please read the description of each one to see if you are eligible to apply. You can also find our application online at [nicf.org](http://nicf.org). For assistance contact Corinne Becknell Lucas, Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation at 574.223.2227, cell 874.835.4101 or toll free at 877.432.6423. You can also email questions to [corinne@nicf.org](mailto:corinne@nicf.org).

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## Instructions for completing the application. Application Deadline is March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012.

1. **Review the Scholarship Fund Information and Qualification pages** to see if you are eligible to apply for that specific scholarship.
2. Applications should be **typed or legibly printed in ink**.
3. **Complete the Scholarship Cover Page** and mark the boxes next to all of the scholarships for which you are applying.
4. Attach all required documents. See the Scholarship Fund Information pages for required document list.
5. Only **one official school transcript** is required. The Foundation will make additional copies as needed.
6. Provide a quality **wallet size photo** with your name on the back of the photo.
7. **Letters of recommendation.**
  - If you are applying for more than one scholarship, the same recommendations may be used, if appropriate.
  - Explain to the person(s) writing your recommendation(s) that they need to return the recommendation to you so you can submit it with your application.
  - Some scholarships require a letter from a specific person such as a coach or teacher. Please double check the requirements for each scholarship for which you are applying to make sure you have the correct recommendation for that scholarship.
8. **Scholarship Essay Questions**
  - Submit your responses on a separate sheet of plain white paper.
  - If you are applying for more than one scholarship, use a separate sheet of paper for each scholarship essay or set of questions.
  - Include your name on the top left of the page and the name of the scholarship you are applying for on the top right of each page.
9. **Financial Information**
  - If instructed by a particular scholarship, you must provide a FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). The EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included on the report.
  - Helpful tip: Check out the Indiana College Costs Estimator at <http://www.indianacollegecosts.org/>. This site answers many questions you may have before completing the FAFSA. It's easy and it's free. You will still need to complete the FAFSA, but this is just another helpful tool.
10. **Submit one original application and all required attachments. Do not use staples.** Use only paper clips or clamps to attach your application materials to each other. Organize your application and all required materials.
11. **Please return the application to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation** office at 715 Main Street, P.O. Box 807, Rochester, IN 46975. Must be in the NICF office by the deadline.

**Deadline is March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Helen L. Barnett Scholarship:** Ms. Barnett was the sister of Miami County physician Dr. Ralph Barnett and faithfully as his office manager her entire career. Her dedication to the medical community continues to live on through this scholarship.

#### **Eligibility**

Must be a Miami County resident for a minimum of 2 years and completed course prerequisites and already be accepted into and attend accredited 2 or 4 year public or private institutions of higher learning in Indiana. May be full or part-time studying in the following health-related course of study:

Medicine	Nursing	Dentistry
Surgical Technology	Podiatry	Dietetics
Paramedic Science	Medical Imaging	Optometry
Nuclear Medicine	Pharmacy	Health Admin.
Clinical Lab Science	Occupational Therapy	
Physical Therapy	Health Information Technology	
Environmental Health Sciences		

Special consideration will be given to the non-traditional student (i.e., an older student, or one who has previously attended college and is returning after a few years, or one who entered the workforce immediately after high school and is attending college for the first time.)

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Letter of recommendation from an educator or employer.
- Two references with home and work telephone numbers.
- Helen L. Barnett Scholarship Essay Question. Typed or computer generated essay. 350 to 500 words, which addresses each of the following topics:
  1. A brief personal history
  2. Career goals
  3. Financial need, noting any unusual circumstances or hardships that you or your family may have.
  4. Work history
  5. Volunteer and community history
  6. Awards and recognition
  7. Reason to be awarded the Helen L. Barnett Scholarship.
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- Helen L. Barnett Scholarship Essay Question. Typed or computer generated essay. 350 to 500 words, which addresses each of the following topics:
  1. A brief personal history
  2. Career goals
  3. Financial need, noting any unusual circumstances or hardships that you or your family may have.
  4. Work history
  5. Volunteer and community history
  6. Awards and recognition
  7. Reason to be awarded the Helen L. Barnett Scholarship
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

#### **Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship:**

Elaine was a graduate of Peru High School and co-valedictorian of the 1971 class. She graduated with honors from Indiana State University with a degree in accounting.

#### **Eligibility**

Female students who are residents of Miami County and graduates or past graduates of Peru High School who attended for two years prior to graduating. Full time or part time students at an accredited Indiana college, university, trade or vocational school. Involved in school, work and community, display good citizenship and academic accomplishments. Students who have a scholarship that pays for their entire tuition are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B

#### **Amanda Drudge Memorial Scholarship:**

Amanda planned to become a missionary. She was not able to complete this desire but through the generosity of many Christian people, this scholarship has helped those who have been reached more people than Amanda could have alone.

#### **Eligibility**

Students graduating from North Miami, Rochester, and Tippecanoe Valley High Schools. Also home or private school students in the Fulton or Miami County area who have completed the necessary requirements for high school graduates. Financial Need with first priority given to students pursuing a degree in the field of Christian ministry. Second priority will be given to students pursuing a degree in the field of nursing, education (teaching), or social services.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- 2 letters of recommendation
  - o 1 from his/her pastor.
  - o 1 from his/her school counselor.
- Amanda Drudge Essay Question: Write a paragraph for each of the following:
  1. Describe your relationship to Jesus Christ. Include in your statement how you came to make such a commitment.
  2. How do you plan to serve Christ during and after completion of your education?
  3. If you have not personally accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior why should you be considered for this scholarship?
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

#### **LaVonne M. Eddy Nursing Scholarship:**

Thomas Eddy established this scholarship in honor of his wife LaVonne to benefit students planning a career in nursing.

#### **Eligibility**

Resident of Miami County, who attended North Miami, Maconaquah, Peru, or Oak Hill High School for at least 2 years prior to graduation, and pursuing a 4 year nursing degree at an accredited college or university. Must have a C or higher GPA and be in the top, 50% of their graduating class. Involved in school, work and community.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Essay Question: Describe your desire to pursue a career in your selected field. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.

### **Tony Hare Photojournalism Scholarship:**

Tony was a member of the National Press Photographer's Assoc. and the Indiana Press Photographer's Association. He was Outstanding Photographer of the Year and President of the National Press Photographer's Student Association.

#### **Eligibility**

Graduating senior or past graduate from any Miami or White County High School, studying photojournalism at an Indiana college, university or trade school. Seniors in the top 5 of their class **are not** eligible. Must maintain a C or higher GPA.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Essay Question. 500 word essay Describe your desire to pursue a career in your selected field. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.

**J&J Scholarship:** Created for "non-traditional" students who have previously graduated from any high school in Indiana or have obtained a high school equivalency.

#### **Eligibility**

High school graduate or obtained a high school equivalency. "Non-traditional" students who were "home schooled" are also eligible to apply. Must have attended high school in Indiana for at least 4 years, be deserving of financial assistance and likely to succeed as college, university or trade school student. May be renewed.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.
- J & J Scholarship Essay Question.
  - o A three-paragraph essay entitled, "These Are My Aspirations." In addition to the essay, on a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe your educational plans as they relate to you and your career goals. Also include some of the points you would like the Foundation to remember about you when reviewing all the scholarship applications.

### **Harrie and Marty Lanning Memorial**

**Scholarship:** Established by Harrie and Marty's family as a tribute to their lives. They resided on a farm west of Mexico, Indiana for 35 years and long standing members of First Christian Church in Peru. The Family would like for Harrie and Marty to be remembered as a generous and giving couple.

#### **Eligibility**

Resident of Howard or Miami County in Indiana who is graduating or graduated within the previous 5 years from any Howard or Miami County High School in Indiana. At least a 2.7 GPA ( 4.0 scale); class rank of 87% or higher; good citizenship in school, work, community; deserving of financial assistance.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.
- Essay Question: In your own handwriting. Describe your plans for the future and the importance of receiving a post-high school education.

### **Miami County Chamber of Commerce**

**Scholarship:** The Miami County Chamber of Commerce wishes to honor, recognize, and help demonstrate the respect toward the hard work and dedication of individuals who continue their education by establishing this scholarship program.

#### **Eligibility**

Must be a non-traditional student who is a resident of Miami County and who graduated from Peru, North Miami, Maconaquah, or Oak Hill High Schools in Indiana. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA based upon a 4.0 scale; be active and involved in school, work and community; display good citizenship in school, work and community.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Essay Question: In your own handwriting. Describe your plans for the future and the importance of receiving a post-high school education.

### **Miami County Historical Society**

**Richardson Scholarship:** Honoring Walt and Betty Richardson and Norma and Bill Richardson. Supporting those pursuing a degree in the field of history related subjects.

#### **Eligibility**

Miami County residents who are graduating high school seniors or non-traditional students accepted into a 2 or 4 year educational institution and enrolled in history related subjects, museum studies, or non-profit administration with a history-related goal. Good citizenship, involved in extracurricular activities.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from the following:
  - o 1 letter from a teacher, coach, principal, athletic director, or faculty member.
  - o 1 letter from any other community leader.
- Essay Question Essay Question. 100 word essay on how this schooling will enhance your career pursuit.

### **Wayne R. Parson Memorial Elementary**

**Education Scholarship:** Students must be residents of Miami County and graduates of North Miami High School who attend an accredited college or university pursuing a degree in the field of elementary education. Must have completed at least one year of college.

#### **Eligibility**

Must have a C+ or higher GPA; display good citizenship in school, work and community and be likely to start and complete their course of study.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Essay Question: In your own handwriting. Describe your plans for the future and the importance of receiving a post-high school education.



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## Miami County Community Foundation

### 2012 College and Non-Traditional Students Scholarship Cover page

**I am applying for the following Miami County Community Foundation scholarships**  
(check the appropriate boxes of **all scholarships** for which you are applying)

- Helen L. Barnett Scholarship
- Elaine Cultice Bright Memorial Scholarship
- Amanda Drudge Memorial Scholarship
- LaVonne M. Eddy Nursing Scholarship
- Tony Hare Photojournalism Scholarship
- J & J Scholarship
- Harrie and Marty Lanning Memorial Scholarship
- Miami County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Miami County Historical Society Richardson Scholarship
- Wayne R. Parson Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship

In signing this application, I hereby certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have fulfilled all of the requirements for the application and I am enclosing required attachments as requested on the **instructions page and the scholarship description sections** of this document. I am aware that the Northern Indiana Community Foundation scholarships may be used at an accredited education institution. I also understand that the awards will be announced in the spring and summer of 2012. In addition, I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship committee and / or the scholarship fund founder. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent's signature is required.

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Applicant's Name (please print)

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

**Application Deadline is Monday March 12, 2012. Please read the "Instructions for Completing the Application" on page 2 for details.**

# Application Information Part A

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only

Male  Female      Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_      County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Township of Residence \_\_\_\_\_      Number of years residing in Indiana \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_      Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_      Recipient of the J&J Character Award.?  Yes  No

Father's / Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from you) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_      Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's / Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from you) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_      Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_      Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_      # of Year's attended \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School (list school name and dates attended) \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college in the coming academic year:  Fresh.  Soph.  Jr  Sr.  Grad. School  Other

1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Student? (parents or immediate family has no college or university experience)  Yes  No

Enrollment Status:  Full-time  Part-time  Other

1<sup>st</sup> choice educational institution you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_      Accepted?  Yes  No

2<sup>nd</sup> choice educational institution you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_      Accepted?  Yes  No

Major field of College Study \_\_\_\_\_

As of this date, do you have a tuition package that pays for more than half of you college tuition per year?  Yes  No



## Estimated Expenses & Resources Part C

Name of College/University you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

### Estimated Resources

Have you received an award letter from this school? If so please attach. If no, please estimate your eligibility to the best of your ability.

Parent Contribution	\$
University Scholarship or Grants	\$
Federal Pell Grant	\$
Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant	\$
Federal Supplemental Grant (SEOG)	\$
Indiana Grants	\$
Federal Stafford Loan	\$
Federal Perkins Loan	\$
School Job	\$
Other (specify)	\$
Total Aid	\$

### Estimated Expenses

Tuition & Fees	\$
Room & Board	\$
Books & Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$
Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, clothing, etc.)	\$
Total Costs	\$

Do you have any other expense of which you would like to make us aware?

If your estimated expenses exceed your financial aid, how do you plan to pay the difference?

How much do you plan to earn working this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Special Circumstances: Please describe any special circumstances you or your family are experiencing.

# Student Academic Certification Form Part D

**I graduated high school with the following diploma:**

G.E.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ CORE 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Honors \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

GED recipients: Score on Section #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Score: Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score composite \_\_\_\_\_

Current College Cumulative GPA if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date