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The Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. administers a scholarship program that each year helps local students pursue higher education. Over the years the Community Foundation has helped provide scholarships to many Starke County students. We hope to add you to our list of scholarship recipients!


We try to answer all your questions within these pages, but if you need additional assistance contact Corinne Becknell Lucas, Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation at 574.223.2227, cell 574.835.4101 or toll free at 877.432.6423. You can also email questions to 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 March 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

 **Hamblin Scholarship In Honor Of Eleanor G. Hamblin:** Accomplished teacher and participant in the life of Starke County. Eleanor taught English, business studies, shorthand, typing, accounting, and secretarial practice to three generations of students in the Knox Schools. She even wrote the words to the Knox HS alma mater. In 1982 she was named a Sagamore of the Wabash.

**Eligibility**

Graduating seniors of Knox High School, those who have graduated from Knox High School within the previous five years or nontraditional students. The following criteria shall be important.

1. Must have at least a 3.00 high school GPA or, if in college, at least a 3.00 college GPA;
2. Demonstrate meaningful involvement and leadership in high school activities, especially band, chorus, newspaper, debate, or drama;
3. Demonstrate meaningful involvement in his/her community, especially Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, or other civic projects;
4. If in college, demonstrate meaningful involvement & leadership in college activities;
5. Demonstrate dedication toward successful pursuit of a degree through a well-written personal statement describing his/her strategy for making the most of college academically.

**Non traditional student criteria**


1. A reasonable likelihood of success in college as evidenced by relevant success in the workplace, leadership in community activities, or support of a family;
2. Dedication toward the successful pursuit of a degree through a well-written personal statement describing his/her strategy for making the most of the upcoming year in college academically.

**Greater consideration given for those who:**

1. Attend Ball State University, Cottey College, Manchester College, or Purdue University;
2. Major in English, library science, or business studies like secretarial practice, shorthand, or accounting; or
3. Enter the field of secondary school teaching upon graduation.

**Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Eleanor G. Hamblin essay question.


 **Runkle Family Scholarship:** Habo Runkle created this scholarship to honor her children and family who were successful Knox HS students. Habo is a past recipient of the Henry F. Schricker Award.

**Eligibility**

Graduating seniors or nontraditional students of Knox High School within the previous 5 years. Must have a GPA of at least a B; involvement and leadership in high school activities; meaningful involvement in community or church; and demonstrate good citizenship.

**Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Essay question A

 **Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship:** "Winnie" Simpkins was a person of strength, influence and a role model for young women. A Registered Nurse, she believed in her profession and felt women should have no boundaries or limits.

**Eligibility**

Starke County residents and graduates of any Indiana high school (at least 4 years), enrolled in an Indiana accredited Registered Nursing Program, deserving of financial assistance. Active in school, work, community.

**Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Winifred J. Simpkins Essay Question
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

### **Starke Memorial Hospital and Medical Staff Health Occupation/Medical Education Scholarship:**

Starke County residents seeking a career in a health field.

#### **Eligibility**

Residents of Starke County. Good citizenship, deserving of financial assistance. Must have attended high school in Indiana for 4 years, graduated in the highest 20% of their class and pursuing a career in a health-related field.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- One letter of recommendation (From principal or faculty advisor of the high school)
- Essay question B
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

### **Christine and David VanVector Scholarship:**

For Knox or Oregon-Davis High Schools and non-traditional students. Preference to those pursuing a degree in Construction Management or building trades.

#### **The recipient is chosen on a point system.**

- A Child of an individual who is or has been an employee of VanVector Construction, LLC. If yes, 20 points. If no, 0 points;
- Majoring in construction management or building trades: 0 to 50 points;
- Financial Need: 0 to 10 points;
- Complete an essay expressing why they have chosen their specific field of study. 0 to 10 points;
- Attending Purdue University. If yes, 10 points. If no, 0 points.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- Essay question C

### **Forrest and Helen Whitson Scholarship:**

This scholarship was created by John Whitson in memory of his parents Forrest and Helen.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must be qualified sophomore or higher students attending Purdue University in the School of Engineering, Agriculture or Consumer and Family Living (Family Sciences) who have graduated from a Starke County High School, and who are deserving of financial assistance. Students have attended high school in Indiana for at least four years and must have graduated in at least the highest twenty percent (20%) of their high school graduating class. Good character, citizenship and a healthy life style are important criteria.

#### **Attachments**

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- Essay question B
- One Letter of Recommendation from the principal or faculty advisor of the high school you attended
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the report FAFSA returns to you, including the EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number. If ineligible to apply for FAFSA, attach the NICF Financial Form

#### **Reapplication Requirements**

The scholarships may be renewed each year during such student's undergraduate college education, subject to the availability of sufficient funds, only if recipients are full-time students at Purdue University and achieve the following cumulative grade point averages:

- (1) at the end of the freshman year – 2.0
- (2) at the end of the sophomore year – 2.5
- (3) at the end of the junior year – 3.0



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## Starke County Community Foundation 2012 Scholarship Cover page

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamblin Scholarship In Honor Of Eleanor G. Hamblin: | <input type="checkbox"/> Starke Memorial Hospital and Medical Staff Health Occupation/Medical Education Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Runkle Family Scholarship                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship  | <input type="checkbox"/> Forrest and Helen Whitson 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 March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012. Please read the "Instructions for Completing the Application" on page 2 for details.**

# Application Information Part A

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Male       Female      Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years residing in Indiana \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US Citizen?  Yes     No

## Family Information

I am \_\_\_\_\_  Single     Married     Separated/Divorced

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependants? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Information

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Student  Yes     No    Enrollment Status:  Full-time     Part-time     Other

Educational institution you attend or 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?

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

## Essay Questions and Certification Form Part D

Please respond to the following essay questions(s). 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.

- Essay question A.** Describe your plans for the future and the importance of receiving a post-high school education.
- Essay question B.** Briefly describe the person that has been most influential in your life and how they assisted you. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.
- Essay question C.** Describe your desire to pursue a career in your selected field. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.
- Eleanor G. Hamblin essay question.** Describe your strategy for making the most of college academically.
- Winifred J. Simpkins Essay Question.** Briefly describe why you have chosen a career in Nursing, and who, if anyone was influential in your decision to become a Registered Nurse. Also, please express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education regardless of career choice.

## Student Academic Certification

**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 \_\_\_\_\_