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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!

If you need additional assistance, please contact Corinne Becknell Lucas, Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (NICF) at 574.223.2227 or toll free at 877.432.6423. You can also email questions to [corinne@nicf.org](mailto:corinne@nicf.org). You can find our application online at [nicf.org](http://nicf.org).

## **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.

### **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

### **Please Make Sure the Following documents are completed and attached.**

- Provide a quality wallet size photo with your name on the back of the photo.
- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Financial Information Summary -
- FASFA's Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the report FASFA returns to you, including the EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number. If ineligible to apply for FASFA, attach the NICF Financial Form
- One Letter of Recommendation from the principal or faculty advisor of the high school you attended.
- Essay Question:
  - 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.
    - Submit your response on a separate sheet of plain white paper. 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 the page.
- Copy of your class schedule and most current grade report from Purdue University.

**Submit one original application and all required attachments.** The NICF office will make all necessary copies.

**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.

Please return the application to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation office at P.O, Box 807, 715 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Applications must be in the NICF office by **March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.**







## Forrest and Helen Whitson Scholarship Signiture Page

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 and scholarship description section** 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 2010. 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

Date

**Please return the application to the NICF office by the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 deadline date.**