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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 Alison Heyde, Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation at 574.223.2227, or toll free at 877.432.6423. You can also email questions to alison@nicf.org.

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Instructions for completing the application. Application Deadline is July 5, 2019

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 227 E. 9th St., P.O, Box 807, Rochester, IN 46975. Must be in the NICF office by the July 5th deadline.

Back Home Again in Indiana:

Specifically for Non-traditional students. A Non-Traditional Student is defined as one who did NOT begin their college immediately upon the completion of their high school career, but rather is one who graduated from high school or received their GED and delayed the entrance into college.

The fund is designed to give preference to non-traditional students who wish to further their education and/or training as a way of enhancing their employment skills.

Qualified recipients include adult students who wish to re-enter the job market, advance in their current field, or enter the job market for the first time after hardship circumstances, such as divorce, health complications involving family members, loss of employment, or other obstacles. This scholarship also supports students who are invested in their communities as well as working towards a college degree.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Live in Fulton, Miami or Starke County;
2. Non-traditional student as outlined above;
3. GPA of 2.5 or higher

Reapplication requirements:

The scholarship may be renewed, subject to the availability of sufficient funds. To reapply, interested recipients must write a letter to the committee asking to be considered for renewal along with a copy of their most current semester grades and return to the NICF office by the scholarship deadline date.

Please Make Sure the Following documents are completed and attached.


Application Information Part A

Application Information Part B

Application Information Part C

A copy of your high school or most recent college transcript.

If you are a GED student and do not have a high school or college transcript, then please submit a copy of your GED test scores.


 **Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship:** Megan loved music and to laugh. She was part of the North Judson San Pierre class of 2006. Megan's positive attitude is remembered by everyone who knew and loved her. Megan's family created this scholarship to honor Megan and support NJ-SP students who are planning a music related field of study.

Eligibility

Must be graduating seniors of North Judson San Pierre High School pursuing a career with a major or minor in the field of music or a music related field, (i.e. Band, Choir, Theater, etc.) show good citizenship and financial need.

Attachments

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

 **LaVergne M. Brown and Lois L. Spenner Educational Scholarship:** This scholarship was created in 2004 and honors the legacy of these two great women who valued education and the pursuit of excellence in teaching.

Eligibility

For graduating Seniors from NJ-SP High School pursuing a degree in the field of education. Must have attended high school in Indiana for at least 4 years and plan to attend an Indiana college or university. Preference given to those pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. Must also be active and involved in school, work and community.

Attachments

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- One Letter of Recommendation from a non-relative.
- Brown Spenner Educational Scholarship Essay Question: Describe why you have chosen to pursue a Degree in Education and who has been most influential in helping you make that decision. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.



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Starke County Community Foundation 2019 Summer 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)

- Back Home Again in Indiana
- Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship
- LaVergne M. Brown and Lois L. Spenner Educational 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 2019. 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.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Application Deadline is July 5, 2019. 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

1st Generation College Student Yes No Enrollment Status: Full-time Part-time Other

Educational institution you attend or plan to attend _____ Accepted? Yes No

2nd 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

Application Information Part B: School and Community Activities

Using only the space below, please list school, extracurricular, community and religious activities in which you have participated. Please list the activities in order of importance to you.

Activity	Type: School, Community, Church or other (name)	# of years	Hours of participation per year (estimate)	Awards & Honors

Work Experience

Using only the space below, list your paid work experience, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates	Hours per week

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.

Certification Form Part D

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 _____