

# FULTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholars program (LECS) are 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, government, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state. 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 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 2021, with a diploma from an accredited Indiana High School.

\*student must be accepted for a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.

\*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.

### Selection Process

1. Applications will be "blinded" and then reviewed by the Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee, comprised of select members of the Fulton County Community Foundation and citizens of Fulton County.
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 400 word maximum impromptu essay and participate in an oral interview process.
4. The Scholarship Committee will nominate one recipient and two alternates 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

**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%, School Activities-Weight 15%,Community/Volunteer/Church Activities Weight 15%, Essay-Weight 30%.

**Second Phase of the Nomination Process for Finalists:** Impromptu Essay-Weight 40 points, Interview-Weight 60 points.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the FCCF website for a link to the online scholarship application. Then follow the instructions provided in the application. The application will be available August 3. The deadline for the application, all required attachments and recommendation forms is September 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm. You must apply online.

[www.nicf.org](http://www.nicf.org)

## HELPFUL HINTS:

- **Before you apply, gather all required documents.** The following document must be uploaded to your application and formatted as a .pdf with the exception of the photo which must be formatted as a jpg.
  - A high quality **photo** of yourself from your shoulders up. Your junior yearbook photo works great!
- **Start Early!** Begin filling out your application early. If you wait until the deadline or near the deadline, your counselor may not be able to get their information submitted in time which will make your application incomplete.
- **Keep record of your work, community service and extracurricular activities.** Your ability to demonstrate that you have invested your time wisely and for the benefit of others is meaningful to scholarship committees.
- **Spend time on your essays.** These are what can set you apart from others and gives insight to the scholarship committee about you!
- **Follow deadlines.**
  - **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application: September 3, 2020 @ 3:00 pm**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Fulton County Community Foundation staff at 574-223-2227 or [Alison@nicf.org](mailto:Alison@nicf.org)