

MIAMI 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 Miami 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/university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Scholarship recipients are to be known as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Criteria for Eligibility:

* Student must be a Miami 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 Miami County at least three continuous years prior to high school graduation. The applicant must be a current resident.

* Based upon the most current official school transcript, the applicant must have a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0-point scale or 10.5.0 or higher on a 12.0-point scale.

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 Miami County Community Foundation and citizens of Miami 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. Finalists will write a 200 word maximum impromptu essay, participate in an oral interview process, and present a portfolio--scrapbook, a PowerPoint presentation, or a video of their work that represents the applicant's personal statement about their talents, abilities and major accomplishments (15 minute maximum length.)
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 the recipient 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 Miami 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 30%, Personal Statement of Need-Weight 10%, Community Service/Volunteer/Church Activities-Weight 20%, Work Experience-Weight 5%, School Activities-Weight 15%, Honors, Awards & Recognitions-Weight 10%, Application Essay-Weight 10%.

Second Phase of the Nomination Process for Finalists: Impromptu Essay-Weight 30%, Portfolio Presentation-Weight 30%, Interview-Weight 40%

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the MCCF 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.

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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 the transcript 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 Miami County Community Foundation scholarship coordinator at 574-223-2227 or Alison@nicf.org