

Ancilla/SCILL Fund

With the assistance of Ancilla College, the Starke County Initiative for Lifelong Learning (SCILL) was established by the Board of Directors of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation (SCEDF) in 1996, to create and nurture a trained workforce for the growing industrial base in the County.

SCILL's mission is to assist in meeting the needs of local businesses, industry, and the general population by fulfilling four basic functions and to assist the governmental agencies of Starke County, the City of Knox, the towns of Hamlet and North Judson and local educational institutions in providing education and training to the citizens of Starke County and its neighboring areas. To assist in meeting these needs, SCILL fulfills four basic functions: workforce basic skills training, industry training, credit course work, and personal enrichment.

SCILL's mission is to offer learning opportunities that are close by, flexible and promptly responsive to the needs of employers, employees, the underemployed, the discouraged and the unemployed.

SCILL's vision is focused on developing a well-trained workforce to which employers are assured access. To achieve these goals, SCILL partners with area schools, businesses, and industries, as well as local government, to continuously develop both the existing labor force and those about to enter it.

Now, SCILL continues to be faithful to its original mission of helping Starke Country residents attain life and job skills to become more productive employees and citizens and of helping industrial businesses grow and prosper in Starke County.