

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life of state's residents.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998, Lilly Endowment has remained steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic and economic well-being of Indiana's residents and communities.

Accordingly, Lilly Endowment will provide funding to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) to enable eligible community foundations in Indiana to participate with ICI in another round of the scholarship program. For 2012, each foundation will be eligible to nominate at least one recipient and two alternates for a full-tuition scholarship for an Indiana high school graduate for each county served by the foundation. Each scholarship must be used to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university. The Endowment hopes that this program will continue to encourage many of Indiana's most talented students to attend one of Indiana's fine higher education institutions and after graduation consider pursuing occupations in Indiana.

Each scholarship will provide 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.

Lilly Endowment Inc. has established the following key elements for its Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. Eligible participants must:

- ❑ Be Indiana residents
- ❑ Graduate by the end of June, 2012 with a diploma from a regionally accredited Indiana high school
- ❑ Have been accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana
- ❑ Attest that application will be made to only one community foundation for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Qualified applicants for the program are those who are Ripley County residents and attend any accredited Indiana high school. For example, a student who attends Oldenburg Academy and is a resident of Ripley County would apply to our Foundation. Please note that any legal resident of Franklin County who attends Batesville High School will need to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship with the Franklin County Community Foundation

Please be assured that all information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Scholarship Committee

A local Scholarship Committee will review completed applications turned in by the deadline. This Committee is an independent group that represents a cross-section of Ripley County residents, both professionally and geographically. Members have been selected because they are perceived as well respected and objective. No members of this committee have children attending Ripley County Schools, nor grandchildren beyond sixth grade attending Ripley County Schools. Members cannot be employed by a Ripley County School. Five finalists will be selected from all applicants and these finalists will be asked to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships for Finalists

The Ripley County Community Foundation is offering four \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships to the finalists of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. These scholars will be recognized as Ripley County Community Foundation Scholars, and will also be required to attend an Indiana college.

Evaluation Criteria

The committee reviews all applications turned in by the deadline. Each applicant is evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Community service
- Academic performance
- Leadership ability
- Extra curricular activities
- Written essays
- Financial overview
- Interview for finalists

The Deadline for this Application
to be given to your Guidance
Counselor is:

Friday

November 11, 2011

at 3:00 PM.

You are responsible for having all
parts of the application completed
and returned to your guidance
counselor.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered. Check with
your teacher/coach who is writing your recommendation
to be sure it is turned in on time.**

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application Instructions

Please observe the following directions:

- ❑ Use only one side of each page.
- ❑ Do not staple pages together. Paper-clipped pages are acceptable.
- ❑ Complete this application. This application may be reproduced by a word processor. However, reproduce the same information on each page. An application reproduced by a word processor is still limited to the same space that is used in this application form.
- ❑ This application will be reproduced for the scholarship selection committee. **Applications must be typed.** Any applications that are not typed will not be considered.
- ❑ Do not attach any information not specifically requested in this application.
- ❑ In order for our selection committee to be as objective as possible, please only use the last four digits of your Social Security Number to identify pages. The selection committee will not view the cover page, containing your name.
- ❑ The essay portions of this application will be given on **Wednesday, November 2, 2011**. Your guidance department will inform you of the supervised setting at your high school where you will write these essays. Computers will be available for word processing (these must be typed). Your counselor has the essay questions; they are not included in this application packet. After you have written the essays, your counselor will deliver them directly to the Foundation.
- ❑ To be eligible to receive this scholarship you and your parents (or guardians) must sign the affirmation page.
- ❑ Be sure to include an official transcript with this application.
- ❑ Put your application flat (not folded) in a file folder and give it to your guidance counselor. Completed applications are due to your guidance counselor before the end of the school day on Friday, November 11, 2011.
- ❑ You are responsible for all parts of this application being completed and returned to your guidance counselor by your due date. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
- ❑ Finalists for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships will be notified by mail and will be assigned interview times. Call our office if you cannot meet with the scholarship selection committee at your assigned time.
- ❑ You must be able to participate in the Interview process on the scheduled day or you will not be considered a finalist.
- ❑ **If selected as a finalist you MUST provide the Foundation with a copy of your acceptance letter to the Indiana college or university you will be attending in the fall of 2012 in order to be interviewed**

Financial Overview

“The analysis of financial resources available to help fund postsecondary education is one of the factors considered by the Ripley County Community Foundation’s selection committee for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. In an effort to assess the financial need of applicants, we are requiring that all applicants for this Scholarship:

1. Complete the foundation’s scholarship application;
2. Complete a *College Costs Estimator* form and corresponding release form (*even if one has been completed previously**), by going to the specific URL address shown on the instruction sheet given to you by the foundation.
3. Print and return the confirmation page with your application to the designated location outlined in the scholarship application instructions.

Note: Once completed with steps 1 – 3 above, we recommend that you make a copy for your records. A summary report based on the applicants’ completed *College Costs Estimators* will be generated for the Foundation by The National Center for College Costs. The summary report will provide the Foundation with enough information to evaluate this factor in the selection process. We understand the information you provide to The National Center for College Costs is considered personal and confidential, so the Center’s analysis of your numbers will only be released once they have received a signed release from you. The applicant summary report will be the only financial information seen by the scholarship committee and will be used only during the scholarship selection process.

**If you have completed a College Costs Estimator after September 1, 2011 contact the National Center for College Costs at 877-687-7291 to see if your previously submitted form can be used for scholarship purposes.*

Accurate, up-to-date information is required for all applicants and a new Estimator may be required even if one was submitted previously. Signed release forms MUST be submitted by all scholarship applicants.

An added benefit for your family: By completing the *College Costs Estimator* form for this scholarship, you and your family will receive a customized report summarizing the results of your *Estimator* analysis. You and your family also will have access to the staff at The National Center for College Costs via a toll free line and email in the months/years ahead at no cost to you should you need assistance dealing with college costs and financial aid issues.

For Estimators submitted online, family reports will be mailed or emailed depending upon the student’s selection. If a paper Estimator is submitted, a family report will be mailed.

Last 4 digits of SS#: _____

Number of family members living in your home: _____

Indicate siblings currently living in your home and current grade in school or year in college. Include relationship but **not name** (B-brother, S-sister, SB-stepbrother, etc.)
If an adult child lives at home but works outside of the home, indicate by putting "WO".

Relationship	Year in School	School Attending (if in college)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Academic Aptitude

List any advanced placement, honors, or college credit courses taken. What year did you take the course? What grade did you receive?

<u>Course</u>	<u>Year Taken/ Grade</u>

List all colleges or universities (in order of preference) where you have filed entrance applications, in order of preference at this time:

	College or University	Date Applied
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Have you been accepted at your first choice? _____

Have you been accepted at your second choice? _____

Have you been accepted at your third choice? _____

Have you been accepted at your fourth choice? _____

What do you intend to study if you attend an Indiana college or university?

Last 4 digits of SS#: _____

**Please do not mention the name of your school in listing activities e.g.
"my HS School" Highsteppers. Instead say, "dance team".**

From your list of high school activities, which have meant the most to you and why?
Describe no more than five and list in order of importance to you:

Describe in detail your community service involvement. Was your service required by another organization? When and where have you done this community service?

Last 4 digits of SS# _____

What one class or school activity do you wish you had participated in but did not during high school? Why?

Student Employment

Did you work during your high school years?

Summers _____ Vacations _____ School Year _____

<u>Where Employed</u>	<u>Name of Supervisor</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>	<u># of Hours Worked/Week</u>	<u>Weekly Income</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Will it be necessary for you to work while pursuing a higher education? _____

Have you ever been suspended, expelled, or dismissed from school, or been on in-school suspension? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (not just arrested), or have you ever been placed on probation with any court system? _____

Last 4 digits of Student's SS#: _____

If your answer is "yes" to either of these questions, explain why this factor should not affect your entrance to college and should not be a consideration under this application.

List the high school courses you are taking first and second semester of your senior year:

**Instructions for Teacher/Coach
Letter of Recommendation for**

Student Name _____

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Teacher or Coach: Your assessment of this student's potential for success in a four-year baccalaureate program is a very important part of this application for a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The strength of this recommendation is weighed equally with all other criteria during the evaluation process.

What makes this student different or special, and why should this student be chosen as a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar representing our County?

Please answer this question based on your knowledge of this student and give personal examples where possible:

Include examples of leadership/work ethic/character evaluation also.

Please do not use the student's name or refer to the student's high school in your recommendation. You may refer to the student by "he" or "she" or "this student". There is no need to be gender-neutral since most activities will indicate gender.

When you are finished, DO NOT give your recommendation to the student. Please give the recommendation by November 11th to the Guidance Counselor at your school to have it included in the scholarship application package submitted to the Ripley County Community Foundation.

**Please do not sign or put your name or the school's name
anywhere on the separate sheet.**

**Include this signed sheet with your attached (using a paper clip, not a staple)
typed recommendation on a separate sheet of paper.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Position: _____

When you have completed this recommendation return it to the
Guidance Department at the school where this student attends.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION -to be completed by guidance counselor

LAST FOUR DIGITS OF STUDENT SS# _____

Academic Standing after Six Semesters

Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale: _____

Cumulative Credit: _____

Will this student be receiving:

Indiana Academic Honors Diploma? _____

Core 40? _____

Test Record

Test	Date	Scores

Attendance Record

Year	Absences	Tardiness

Please include an explanation for excessive absences or tardiness.

Please attach an official transcript to this sheet for this student.

Signature: _____

(Guidance Counselor)

Date: _____

Affirmation

I, _____, (*print your name*) affirm that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that I am not applying for a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship from any other Community Foundation.

Under this application, you are applying for one of two Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships. You must agree to the following to be eligible to receive this scholarship:

- “If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college.”
- “I understand that the total amount of my scholarship is calculated on the basis of my chosen college’s tuition and required fees beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.”
- “To assist with the processing of my scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees, I will forward immediately to the Ripley County Community Foundation upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship.”
- “I will account for and return to Independent Colleges of Indiana any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment remaining at the end of each school year.”
- “I agree to notify Independent Colleges of Indiana of any scholarship awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.”
- “I will keep the Ripley County Community Foundation apprised annually by June 1st of my enrollment and academic status during college, by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the community foundation.”
- “Upon graduation, I will keep the Ripley County Community Foundation apprised annually by June 1st of my education and /or employment for at least ten years after graduation, by completing and returning an alumni survey or other forms as may be provided by the community foundation.”

Affirmation (continued)

Signed and agreed this _____ day of _____ 2011.

Signature of Lilly Endowment
Community Scholarship Applicant

Print Name of Applicant

Last four digits of Student SS #

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

All parties involved in this application must sign this affirmation
in order to have the application be considered.