
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application

2014 Cohort

White County Community Foundation
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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is designed to raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and increase awareness of the potential of Indiana's community foundations to improve the quality of life of the state's residents. Scholarships pay for **full academic tuition and required fees plus an annual \$900 allocation for books and equipment for four years at any accredited Indiana college or university selected by the recipient.** The scholarships are sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by community foundations throughout Indiana. The White County Community Foundation is administering **one** scholarship in White County for the 2014 awards.

The White County Community Foundation

Your White County Community Foundation has been serving the White County area since 1998. Our mission is "to inspire people to strengthen White County through charitable giving" through the establishment of endowments and the use of grants to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Through helping donors fulfill their charitable wishes, we've distributed over \$4.1 million to charitable causes in our community. Administration of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is one more way we help strengthen our community.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Intend to pursue four years of undergraduate study leading to a Baccalaureate degree
- Have graduated from an accredited Indiana high school by the end of June, 2014
- Be a resident of or attending high school in White County
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a 2.75 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or other B- equivalent)
- Have a combined SAT score of 800 or above (critical reading & math)
- Be pursuing a baccalaureate degree

White County Community Foundation Governing Council members, officers, and selection committee members will not be allowed to participate in any aspect of the nomination process if they have relatives applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Criteria for Selection

Initial selection considerations include: financial need; community and school activities; evidence of leadership and good citizenship; grade point average and difficulty of high school courses taken; and an essay. Final selection is made after interviews of finalists.

Progress Criteria

Upon selection as a LECS award recipient, student will be expected to conduct him/herself in a manner that honors his/her status as a White County representative of the LECS Program. To remain eligible for scholarship payments, the recipient must be law-abiding and maintain high standards of conduct consistent with the student code of conduct at the college or university attended, and submit grade reports and reports of expenditures for books and equipment to the White County Community Foundation. Students also will be required to submit a yearly report keeping the White County Community Foundation informed of their progress during college and for at least ten years after graduation from college.

Deadline: 5:00 pm, Thursday, January 9, 2014.

All materials must be in our office or postmarked by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will *not* be considered; no exceptions are made. Responsibility for ensuring the application is complete and received on time rests solely with the applicant.

Application Instructions

READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!!! Failure to follow instructions may eliminate your application from consideration.

- ☑ **All materials, including references, must be postmarked or received by 5:00 pm on Thursday January 9, 2014 or the application will not be considered.**
- ☑ Fill out the application completely and accurately; incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.
- ☑ **Use the application form and the space provided ONLY. Please use black ink.** Please write legibly. (Applications will be copied for committee review, so dark ink is important.)
- ☑ Include all requested materials -- **and ONLY the requested material; additional attachments will NOT be forwarded to the selection committee!** (For example, a separate sheet listing your activities *will not be forwarded*. The application requires you to prioritize, so select carefully!! Your essay could provide insight by introducing additional activities, if meaningful.)
- ☑ You must fill out your own application and write the essay in your own words. It's acceptable to ask someone to review your application, but *all work must be yours*.
- ☑ All pages of application must be single-sided only. Do not use the back of pages to submit information; it will not be considered as part of your application.
- ☑ **Do not tape, staple, or glue any part of or anything to your application.** Please secure your application with a **single paper clip** only – thanks!
- ☑ Completed application should be submitted in a large envelope. Do not fold application.
- ☑ Please keep a copy of the application. *We cannot provide copies of any application materials, including references, once submitted.*

Application Submission

Use this checklist. Your complete application should include:

- application form (pages 4, 5, & 6)
- completed financial form (pages 7 & 8)
- official high school transcripts
- spring class schedule
- your essay (**one page only!** minimum 11-pt. font; *additional pages will not be forwarded*)
- three letters of recommendation (no more than one page; each may be sent separately) (pages 9, 10, & 11)

Notification of awards will be made in early April 2014.

Submit to:

**White County Community Foundation
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
P.O. Box 1154
Monticello, IN 47960-1154**

or deliver in person to:

White County Community Foundation
1001 South Main Street, Monticello

Questions?

Questions may be directed to your guidance counselor or to the White County Community Foundation (574.583.6911 or director@whitecf.org).

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Applicant Information Fill out completely. Remember 4-digit social security # at bottom of page.

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Permanent address (street): _____

(city, state, zip) _____ E-mail address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Cell phone: (_____) _____

Date of birth: _____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ County of residence: _____

Family Information Provide applicable information.

Full name of father/guardian: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Full name of mother/guardian: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Transcripts Please include an original of your high school transcripts through 6th semester (if later transcripts are available, please include them). We will request Fall Semester transcripts if you become a finalist.

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm, January 9, 2014 (delivered or postmarked)
No exceptions!

Certification Please read carefully, sign, and date the following:

- 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 2014-2015 school year.
- To assist with the processing of my scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees, I will forward to the White County Community Foundation immediately 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 White 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 White County Community Foundation apprised annually by June 1st of my education and/or employment status 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.
- If selected, I will notify the White County Community Foundation no later than April 25, 2014 on where I will attend college.
- I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, that I have completed the application and written the essay myself, and that I understand falsification of information will result in termination of my scholarship.
- I also affirm that I have not applied for a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship through any other source.
- I give permission for the release of my transcripts to the scholarship selection committee.
- I understand that all information submitted by me or on my behalf is confidential.

Signature of applicant _____

Date _____

Last 4 digits of applicant's Social Security Number - _____

School Activities (*Clubs, student government, National Honor Society, sports, music, drama, etc.*) Using only the space below, list the most important school-related activities you have participated in the last four years. **Please list in order of importance to you** (most important first).

Activity	# of Years	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.

Community Service/Activities (***NOT SCHOOL-RELATED*** - *Volunteer work, scouts, religious, sports, 4-H, music, drama, etc.*) Using only the space below, list the most important activities you have participated in the last four years. **Please list in order of importance to you** (most important first).

Activity	# of Years	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.

Additional School/Community Recognitions (*DAR Citizenship Award, Hoosier Girls/Boys State, etc.*) Using only the space below, list the most important additional recognitions you have received in the last four years. **Please list in order of importance to you** (most important first).

Activity	# of Years	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.

Work Experience Using only the space below, please list paid work experience in chronological order, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of work	Dates of Employment	Hours/wk

Academic Information Fill out completely.

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (on a scale of _____)

Counselor: _____ Phone (include extension #): _____

SAT Scores: _____ (critical reading) _____ (math) _____ (writing) **OR** ACT Scores: _____ (combined)

Class Rank : _____ out of a graduating class of _____ students

College Application Status Please list all colleges and universities to which you have applied. Also **indicate admission status** (admitted, pending, denied admittance).

Major What are your anticipated major and profession?

Other Awards

Are you a recipient of the Twenty-first Century Scholars Award? yes no

Have you made a commitment to any branch of the military that will pay for your college tuition?
 yes no

Essay Using **ONE PAGE ONLY**, please tell us about your goals and how this scholarship will help you reach them. Are there any unique circumstances (*such as family situations, participation or inability to participate in certain activities, etc.*) or special achievements? Your essay should open a door to your personality and reveal what is important to you, not simply reiterate a resume of activities. Give us any information about yourself that you believe would help in our selection of a scholarship recipient.

Applicant must write his or her own essay or application will be disqualified. Please use only standard white 8 1/2 x 11 paper -- no card stock, and no colored or designed paper! Your one-page essay may be handwritten – but must be legible. If you type or use a computer, please do not use anything smaller than a size 11 font.

Please note: The last four digits of your social security number MUST be in the lower right corner of the essay page. Do not include your name or any family member's name on the essay page. Remember – ONE PAGE ONLY! (Additional pages will not be forwarded to the committee.)

Last four digits of applicant's Social Security number: _____

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Financial Form

Name (last, first) _____

Date of birth _____

Marital status as of today: single divorced widowed married/remarried separated

Do you have dependent children? no yes

Are you an orphan or a ward of the court, or were you a court ward until age 18? no yes

If you are married or separated or answered yes to the last question, do not complete this form until you've contacted the White County Community Foundation at 574.583.6911 for further instructions.

Please read and follow all directions carefully!

- Fill out all information. *An incomplete form may result in disqualification.*
- If a question does not apply, please indicate with N/A. **Do not leave any space blank.**
- Use information from your 2012, not 2013, tax returns. *(See FAQ note re finalists below.)*
- Return this form along with your scholarship application no later than **5:00 pm, January 9, 2014.**

Answers to frequently asked questions

- "Parent income" means the income of the parent(s) with whom you live. If you live with a parent who has remarried, the step-parent's income must also be included.
- On this application, financial information is requested from your 2012, not 2013, tax returns. We do this because most people will not have their 2013 taxes finished by the January 9 scholarship deadline. ***However...***
- If selected as a finalist (early February), you will be required to provide supporting documentation that will include both 2012 and 2013 tax returns with supporting schedules and W-2's. Please consider this when planning your 2013 tax preparation schedule!!!***
- If you feel you have special circumstances that significantly impact your finances that will not be reflected in this form, please contact the foundation.
- Submitting a completed financial form is a requirement for this scholarship. All information will remain strictly confidential.

Feel free to contact the White County Community Foundation (574.583.6911 or director@whitecf.org) if you have any questions.

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2012 Financial Information

Parents' current marital status (check one) Married/Remarried Single Separated/Divorced Widowed

Number in household (include yourself, siblings, parents) _____ Parents' state of legal residence _____

Number of college students from number above who will be enrolled at least half-time (exclude parents; include yourself) _____ Birth date of oldest parent ____/____/____

In 2012 and 2013, did anyone in your household receive benefits from any of the federal programs?

SSI Food Stamps Free or Reduced Lunch TANF WIC

Are either of your parents a dislocated worker? Yes No

Fill in completely (do not leave blanks; enter "0" if not applicable) student parent

Did you file a 2012 income tax return? yes no yes no

If you filed a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ? yes no yes no

* "Yes" if: income was below \$50,000, you did not itemize, you did not receive income from business or farm, alimony or capital gains.

2012 adjusted gross income (1040, line 37; 1040EZ, line 4; 1040A, line 21) \$ _____ \$ _____

2012 U.S. income tax paid (1040, line 61; 1040EZ, line 10; 1040A, line 35) \$ _____ \$ _____

2012 number of exemptions _____ _____

Answer the next three questions whether or not you filed tax returns:

2012 student's income earned from work \$ _____

2012 father's income earned from work \$ _____

Father's employer: _____

2012 mother's income earned from work \$ _____

Mother's employer: _____

2012 additional financial information:

Child support paid; Education credits (line 49, IRS Form 1040 or line 31, Form 1040A);

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs;

Student grant and scholarship aid reported in adjusted gross income;

Taxable combat or special combat pay **Total** \$ _____ \$ _____

2012 untaxed income:

Child support received; Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans;

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed and other IRS-qualified plans;

Tax exempt interest income; Untaxed portions of pension or IRA distributions;

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy,

and others; Veterans' non-education benefits (disability, etc.); Other untaxed

income (workers' compensation, disability, etc.) **Total** \$ _____ \$ _____

Asset Information *Please read information below; all values are as of today.*

Cash, savings and checking accounts \$ _____ \$ _____

Net worth of investments** value \$ _____ \$ _____

Net worth = current value minus debt¹

Net worth of current businesses/investment farms*** \$ _____ \$ _____

Net worth = current value minus debt²

"Debt" means only those debts ¹related to investments or ²for which the business or farm was used as collateral.

"Net worth" means current value minus debt. If net worth is one million or more, enter \$999,999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

** Investments include real estate (but not the home you live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, education IRAs, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Exclude the home you live in, the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension plans, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or the value of prepaid tuition plans. Do not include cash and savings on this line.

*** Businesses and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Do not include a farm that you live on and operate or the value of a small business that you own and control that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

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Recommendation Instructions

To the Applicant

Your application must include three (and only three) letters of recommendation. The recommendation is to be completed by a teacher, minister, coach, employer, family friend, etc. Do not submit recommendation letters written by family members! **Please give this sheet to the recommender.** Completed recommendations must be received at the White County Community Foundation or postmarked **by the deadline** for your application to be considered; you may want to give the recommender an addressed, stamped envelope. Please be considerate and allow the recommender ample time to write your letter of recommendation.

All recommendations are confidential. We do not release copies to applicants.

To the Recommender

Please read and follow all instructions carefully.

1. Please ***do not use the applicant's name*** when writing your recommendation; refer only to 'he' or 'she.' We use a blind application process.
2. Please discuss the applicant's ***character, leadership, personal initiative, work habits, and any other attributes*** you think qualifies the individual for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. ***Please help us become acquainted with this person, not just provide a list of his/her activities.*** Include any unique factors that make this applicant especially worthy of this scholarship.
3. **Limit your recommendation to one page.** Anything longer than one page is not considered.
4. **Use standard letter-weight paper** (no heavy paper or cardstock). Do not attach anything to the letter.
5. **E-mail recommendations are not accepted.**
6. **The recommendation should include the following:**
 - your full name (printed)
 - your signature
 - your relationship to applicant
 - your phone number
 - the date
7. **The last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security number must be in the lower right corner of your letter** so the recommendation can be matched to the student's application.

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