

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

The Community Foundation

of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program provides funds for Indiana community foundations to offer four-year undergraduate scholarships to students within the counties they serve. The scholarship program supports students who enroll in Indiana public or private colleges and universities accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Community Foundation *of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.*, will establish procedures and selection criteria and promote the scholarship to Delaware County high schools. A scholarship committee of The Community Foundation will review candidate applications and announce the recipients.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are selected from students who have earned a diploma from an accredited Delaware County high school and who will begin their university studies in the fall of the same year. The candidate must pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

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General Information

Awards: The program will provide scholarships for full tuition (not including room and board), fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Eligibility: Awards are available to Delaware County residents who are attending an accredited high school within the county and who will have graduated by the end of June of the award year. Candidates must be in the upper 20 percent of their class and meet one of the following criteria.

(1) Combined *Scholastic Achievement Test* (SAT) verbal and math scores of 1050 or higher. Please do not include the writing score in this calculation.

(2) *American College Test* (ACT) composite score of 23 or above.

Applicants must be accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Applications: Students must apply directly through their high school guidance office for information and application materials.

Application Procedure:

1. High school guidance offices will make available information and application forms to students.
2. To establish candidacy, applicants must complete and return all application materials to the guidance office. *Each school will establish a due date for applications.*

3. Guidance offices will review applications and make recommendations to the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. Guidance offices from each high school may submit one recommendation for every 300 high school students enrolled in grades 9-12 by January 15th of the award year.
4. The Community Foundation Lilly Scholarship Committee will review candidate applications and announce the recipients.

Please visit the Scholarship section of The Community Foundation's website at www.cfmdin.org for helpful hints for completing this application form as well as samples of suggested formats.

Deadlines (see application for specific dates):

January. The Community Foundation Scholarship Committee receives recommendations from guidance offices.

April. Notification of scholarship recipients.

May. Recipients notify the Community Foundation of their choice of college or university.

Selection Criteria: Applicants will be evaluated on academic ability; school activities, achievements, and recognitions; community service and recognition; leadership and potential for leadership; and overall impression.

Recipient Obligation: The recipient intends to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college. The recipient agrees to forward all invoices received for tuition and eligible fees to The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc. The recipient will also account for and return any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment remaining at the end of each school year to Independent Colleges of Indiana. The recipient must notify Independent Colleges of Indiana of any scholarships awards received for tuition or related fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The recipient will keep The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc., apprised annually of his or her academic status during college and for at least ten years after graduation (education and/or employment.)

Lilly Endowment Inc., initiated the scholarship program 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 the state's residents.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Whenever a pool of potential scholarship nominees includes a family member (including spouse, brothers and sisters by whole or half blood, ancestors, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren) of any of the following groups, said member shall recuse himself or herself from the entire scholarship nomination process for that pool, including all meetings, discussions, debates, and votes regarding nominations.

1. High School's selection committee
 2. Foundation's directors, officers, or staff
 3. Foundation's scholarship selection committee
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The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.
is proud to encourage higher education in the State of Indiana.



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