



# **LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024-2025**



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## **The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program**

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private philanthropic foundation based in Indianapolis: The Endowment was created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly, Sr. and sons Eli and J.K. Jr. – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location.

In community development, education and religion, the Endowment seeks to identify experienced organizations and emerging efforts that have the potential to address effectively important challenges and needs.

In 2024-2025 Lilly Endowment will provide funding to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) to enable eligible community foundations in Indiana, including the Cass County Community Foundation, to participate with ICI in another round of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. Cass County Community Foundation will be eligible to nominate at least one recipient for a full-tuition scholarship. The scholarship must be used to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private nonprofit Indiana college or university.

### **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Mission Statement**

- 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, governmental, educational, nonprofit, and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

## **The Cass County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Criteria**

The Cass County Community Foundation's Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee will nominate one outstanding Cass County resident who will graduate from an accredited Indiana high school by 2025 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2025; and who intends to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.

In Cass County the nominee is selected for academic ability, achievements, activities, character, and citizenship.

### **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Timeline**

#### **July 17-July 27, 2024**

Applications will be distributed at mandatory orientation sessions with students and/or parents

#### **August 27, 2024**

All applications must be in the Cass County Community Foundation Office by 4:30 p.m.

#### **October 6, 2024**

The Committee will meet and conduct personal interviews with students selected as finalists

#### **December 6, 2024**

Independent Colleges of Indiana will notify all community foundations of nominees by mid-December 2024. The Cass County Community Foundation will then notify the recipient.

#### **February 29, 2025**

Recipient must return signed scholarship acceptance letters to ICI.

#### **May 1, 2025**

Recipient must notify the community foundation of their college choice selection.



*The current assets of CCCF are over \$45 million. As the Foundation continues to grow, we will continue to positively impact the charitable sector and the quality of life in Cass County, now and for future generations.*

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*Community Foundations are the philanthropic method of choice for many donors due to their ease, flexibility, maximum tax advantages, and knowledge of community needs. As a depository for charitable funds, a community foundation manages charitable gifts from individuals, groups, corporations, and other foundations. As the steward of endowed funds, a community foundation either acts on the donor's behalf to place funds where community needs are the greatest or considers the donor's recommendations for distribution. Working with a community foundation allows the donor full access to its extensive grants making resources and knowledge.*

*As a grant maker, a community foundation serves as a catalyst for charitable activity. By granting funds where the needs are greatest, a variety of different organizations and initiatives are greatly enhanced.*

*The staff of the Cass County Community Foundation is available to assist donors and professional advisors with a variety of services.*

***Please note – CCCF administers two separate scholarship programs with different criteria – the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, and the CCCF Scholarship Program. Please see the next page for details.***

## **Commonly Asked Questions**

### **WHAT IS THE CCCF?**

The Cass County Community Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization with the following mission:

**“The Cass County Community Foundation honors the spirit of giving and assists donors in building enduring sources of charitable assets to promote education, enhance humanity and advance community development throughout Cass County.”**

### **WHAT IS THE CCCF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?**

The community foundation’s scholarship program contains over 150 different scholarship funds established by individuals, businesses, and organizations. The purpose of the CCCF scholarship program is to assist Cass County high school graduates in obtaining a college education. CCCF also nominates candidates from Cass County to become recipients of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships.

### **WHAT DOES THE LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDE?**

The scholarship provides for otherwise unreimbursed 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 nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP?**

This program is open to all Cass County residents:

- Who are high school seniors in 2024-2025 and will have graduated by the end of June 2025 with a diploma from an accredited Indiana high school
- Who will pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana
- Who have a cumulative six semester GPA of 3.5 or higher on an un-weighted 4.0 scale and score 1100 or more on the SAT or 24 on the ACT.

#### **Please Note:**

If selected for this scholarship, you must continue to pursue the same rigorous academic schedule throughout your senior year of high school as you have during the three previous years.

No lineal descendant of a Community Foundation employee, member of the Board of Directors, or Scholarship Committee member shall be eligible to serve on any scholarship committee under this Cass County Community Foundation Scholarship Program.

### **WHO IS CONSIDERED A CASS COUNTY, INDIANA RESIDENT?**

Anyone with a permanent address in Cass County, Indiana.

### **IS FINANCIAL NEED A CRITERION FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP?**

No. In Cass County, this scholarship is not based on financial need.

### **IF I AM A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOLAR, CAN I APPLY?**

Students who are certified or eligible for other awards such as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars **MAY** apply for the scholarship.

### **WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?**

Application materials must be postmarked no later than **August 27, 2024**. All required materials should be sent together, not folded, in the same envelope.

### **WHAT COLLEGE CHOICES DO I HAVE?**

The scholarship can be used at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that offers four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?**

There is no charge to apply.

### **IS THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TAXABLE?**

In general, for degree-seeking students, a scholarship used for tuition, and required fees is not taxable. Consult a tax expert for advice.

### **DO I NEED TO PAY MY SCHOLARSHIP MONEY BACK?**

No. These are charitable awards that do not need to be paid back.

### **MAY I APPLY FOR AWARDS FROM MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?**

Yes, you may apply to all the eligible scholarship funds. If you receive additional scholarship awards, those additional scholarships will be reviewed in order to ensure that each Lilly Scholar receives the full scholarship amount(s) that are due. The amount awarded under the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program may be adjusted to avoid having a scholar's total award package exceed the Cost of Attendance.

### **HOW TUITION AND THE BOOK ALLOCATION PAID?**

To assist with the processing of scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees as required, the recipient will forward to the community foundation immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by the scholarship, as required. The \$900 allocation for required books and equipment will be provided to you before the school term begins.

### **WHO CAN I CONTACT REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS?**

If you have questions, you can talk to your guidance counselor. In addition, you can call the CCCF OFFICE at 574-722-2200 with questions or to request additional information.

### **WHERE SHOULD I MAIL MY APPLICATION?**

*Mail completed applications to:*

**CCCF**

**Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**

**P.O. Box 441**

**Logansport, In 46947**

**Or applications may be hand-delivered** to the CCCF office, located at 729 E. Market Street, Logansport. If you choose to hand deliver your application, we will offer to check it for completeness. Please try to plan and give yourself plenty of time in the event that you forget a document.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS**

**August 27, 2024**



## LILLY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST

To submit a completed application, you must send to the CCCF office the following items, not folded, in one envelope **postmarked no later than August 27, 2024**. Please use ink, not pencil, for all written materials.

- ☐ The original Application Form A
- ☐ The original Application Form B
- ☐ The original Statement Signature Page
- ☐ 6-semester academic transcript, still in the sealed envelope as provided by the school
- ☐ Two (2) original letters of recommendation
- ☐ Original “Personal Statement of Activities”
- ☐ A statement of your goals for the future and your plans to achieve those goals-**no more than one page**.
- ☐ Original essay- minimum two pages-maximum four pages

### ESSAY QUESTION:

*Each student applying for the Lilly Scholarship has a unique background, identity, interest, or talent that has motivated and shaped them into the person they are today. Please share your story with us. How will this affect your future?*

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SCHOLARSHIPS P.O. BOX 441, LOGANSPORT, IN 46947**



## DIRECTIONS FOR SUPPORT MATERIALS

### 1. Transcript of Grades

Send an original copy of your 6-semester high school transcript. The transcript must be an **official copy** from your school. An official copy will have a raised seal and will be given to you by the school in a sealed envelope; **you should not open this envelope.**

Please give the school at least one week to process your transcript request.

**\* Include the transcript with your application and be sure your GPA is computed on an unweighted 4.0 scale.**

### 2. Statement of Goals

Please submit a brief statement about your future educational and career goals. No more than one page. Write **“Statement of Goals”** at the top of your paper. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME.** Your Statement of Goals should be a computer printout (**not handwritten**).

### 3. Essay

The original essay is to be double spaced, a minimum of two (2) pages and a maximum of four (4) pages. It is to be **typed (printed)**, not handwritten. Your name is not to appear on any page of the essay, and family members are not to be referred to by given name. (Use generic references - e.g., my brother, sister, mother, dad, aunt, uncle.)

### 4. Personal Statement of Activities

Please write **“Personal Statement of Activities”** at the top of your paper. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME.** Your personal statement should be a computer printout (**not handwritten**) and be a maximum of two pages. Please include the following **high school** information with years and headers **in the following order**:

- a) Outstanding attributes and talents
- b) Achievements, awards, and honors
- c) Service to school and/or community
- d) Extracurricular and leadership activities
- e) Work experience (paid or volunteer)

### 5. Two Letters of Recommendation

Ask two people to each write a letter in support of your application for this scholarship. Teachers, counselors, ministers, and employers are good choices as they can usually comment on overall character, achievement, and promise. Please do not submit letters written by relatives. Letters must have been written within the last year (**August 27, 2023, to August 27, 2024**), must contain your full name, be dated, and must be signed. **You should submit no more than two letters.**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **WEBSITE INFORMATION**

High School counselors and financial aid offices can also provide information on federal and school financial aid and other community-based scholarships.

### **OTHER CCCF SCHOLARSHIPS**

With the generosity of donors, CCCF is able to provide many other scholarship opportunities. Please refer to the CCCF Scholarship Application Booklet for additional information.