



LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2018-2019



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**Cass County Community Foundation
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
Mission Statement**

“To promote higher education for the citizens of Cass County”

**The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and
the Cass County Community Foundation Scholarship
Criteria**

The Cass County Community Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee is to select one outstanding Cass County resident who is attending an Indiana accredited high school system and in the fall will be enrolled in an accredited Indiana college or university for a baccalaureate degree. The award is based on academic ability, achievements, activities, high moral values and citizenship.

*LILLY ENDOWMENT INCORPORATED
AND THE
LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM*

In 1937 three members of the Lilly family: J. K. Lilly, Sr., and his sons, J. K., Jr. and Eli, created from gifts of their Eli Lilly pharmaceutical stock, LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. Today it still exists and is based in Indianapolis as a private philanthropic foundation.

The foremost philanthropic priority of the Lilly family was to help the citizens of their cities and state build a better life. Lilly Endowment provides financial matches to Indiana communities including the Cass County Community Foundation. The foundation funds are used to promote projects in order to benefit the youth, leadership education and financial self-sufficiency of the nonprofit charitable sector. Therefore, financial grants are awarded to non-profits and provide a partnership with the foundation. To help further their goal, Lilly Endowment Inc. provides funding to eligible community foundations in Indiana to offer the LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

In 2019 each community foundation will be eligible to offer at least one full-tuition scholarship for Indiana high school graduates to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university. Student requirements include hard work, excellent academic skills, activity involvement, outstanding citizenship, and a commitment to higher education. The LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM provides recipients with full tuition and required fees for four years, plus \$900 per year for books and required equipment.

**Time Line for the Lilly Endowment
Community Scholarship Program**

July 23-August 1, 2018

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

August 24, 2018

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

October 7, 2018

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

December 7, 2018

Independent Colleges of Indiana will notify all community foundations of approval of nominees by December 7, 2018. Community foundations will immediately thereafter announce the names of the approved scholarship recipients for each county

March 1, 2019

Deadline for Lilly Community Scholarship recipients to notify community foundations of their final college selection



The current assets of CCCF are over \$21 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 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?

Our scholarship program contains over 120 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 IS THE LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. It is administered by Independent Colleges Inc. and partnering community foundations throughout the state of Indiana to promote higher education for state residents.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

This program is open to all Cass County permanent residents:

- Who are high school seniors in 2018-2019 and will have graduated by the end of June 2019 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 6 semester **GPA of 3.5 or higher on an un-weighted 4.0 scale and score 1100 or higher on the verbal and math portions of the SAT or 24 and higher on the ACT composite**

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 receive any scholarship award 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 21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR, CAN I APPLY?

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

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Application materials must be postmarked no later than **August 24, 2018**. All required materials should be sent together, not folded, in the same envelope.

WHAT COLLEGE CHOICES DO I HAVE?

Student recipient is free to choose which **Indiana** College he/she would like to attend.

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 (according to the Higher Education Act, Sec. 472, <http://ifap.ed.gov/sfahandbooks/attachments/0607Vol3Ch2.pdf>)

IF I'M AWARDED THE LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP, WHAT WILL BE PAID?

The program will provide a scholarship for full tuition and required fees 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 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, plus a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment.

IF I AM SELECTED, DO I RECEIVE THE CHECK?

No. The checks are made out to the school of your choice in your name. The checks are mailed directly to the college or university in early August, after we receive your fall tuition statement. The \$900 book stipend check will be mailed directly to you.

UPON WHAT IS THE FINAL AWARD BASED?

The final award of this scholarship is based upon the CCCF nominations, which will be reviewed by Independent Colleges of Indiana for consistency of applicable laws.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA OR THE APPLICATION?

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 ahead and give yourself plenty of time in the event that you forget a document.

DEADLINE IS AUGUST 24, 2018

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 un-weighted 4.0 scale.**

2. Statement of Goals

Please submit a brief statement of 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 hand written**).

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 hand written. 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 print out (**not hand written**) and be a maximum of 2 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 25, 2017 to August 24, 2018**), must contain your full name, be dated, and must be signed. **You should submit no more than two letters.**



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 24, 2018**. Please use ink, not pencil, for all written materials.

- The original **Application Form A**
- 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**
- The original **Application Form B**
- Original **“Personal Statement of Activities”**
- A brief **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 applicant for the Lilly Scholarship has a unique background, identity, interest, or talent that has shaped them into the person they are today and influenced their future career path. What is your story and how will your previous experiences affect your future?

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
CCCF LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS
P.O. BOX 441, LOGANSPORT, IN 46947**



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.

For helpful websites:

- ❖ www.fastweb.com - *A free searchable scholarship database*
- ❖ www.fafsa.ed.gov - *Interactive web version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid*
- ❖ www.finaid.org - *General financial aid information page*
- ❖ www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP - *Financial aid primer from the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs*

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.