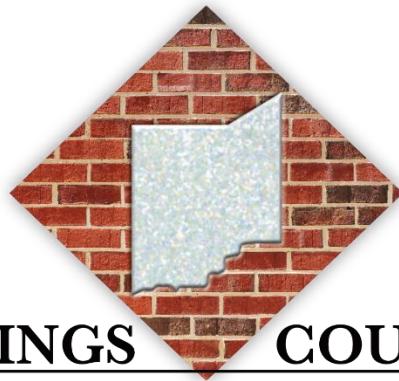


Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

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JENNINGS COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2024-2025

Scholarship Information

The Jennings County Community Foundation will award one (1) Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in 2024-2025.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship covers full tuition and required fees for four (4) years of study toward a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college or university.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship **does not cover** room and board expenses.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship **must be used** for a **four (4) year, consecutive** baccalaureate program at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

Applications must include the required essay, certification, one letter of recommendation and transcript report **at the time of submission** to be considered for selection.

Completed packets are due in the Jennings County High School Guidance Office on or before Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 3:00 pm.

All applicants will be notified by **email** regarding the status of receiving an interview.

Finalist will be interviewed in October by the scholarship committee.

ICI will notify all community foundations of whether their nominees are approved by December 2024.

Criteria for Eligibility

To be considered for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 8.50 (B) on a 12.0 scale, or its equivalent.
- Be a resident of and attend school in Jennings County and a 2025 graduate of an accredited Indiana high school.
- Provide evidence of Leadership and Extracurricular Activities during your high school career (scholastic honors and awards and school-related extracurricular participation offices held, including athletics, performing arts, clubs and similar activities.)
- Provide evidence of Community Involvement and Volunteer Service during your high school career (non-school-related activities and employment, for example, church, scouts, athletics, arts, clubs, volunteer, civic and similar activities, including honors and awards, offices held and other evidence of leadership).
- Submit one letter of recommendation: one letter from school personnel or from an acquaintance, excluding family members. **Include letter of recommendation with application.**
- Submit essays following the guidelines listed on page 12.
- If selected as a finalist the applicant agrees to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee.
- Provide a copy of your most recent high school transcript and complete financial information.

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Certification

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 2025-2026 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 Jennings County Community Foundation immediately upon receipt all invoices received for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship.

I understand that the special allocation provided to me is to be used to pay required books and required equipment for my courses of instruction. I will personally keep receipts and other documentation to verify that the special allocation was used only for this intended purpose and will provide those receipts and documents to Independent Colleges of Indiana upon request. If the amount remaining exceeds \$25, I will return to Independent Colleges of Indiana the balance of the special allocation 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 Jennings 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 Jennings 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 any surveys or forms as may be provided by ICI or the community foundation.

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any information may result in termination of any scholarship awarded. I hereby certify that I am a legal resident of Jennings County, Indiana and I authorize school personnel and/or other individuals to provide data or information about me as part of this application directly to the Jennings County Community Foundation and I waive the right to review any such submissions. The Jennings County Community Foundation has my permission to use my photograph and any general, non-financial information included in this application for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
_____ City State Zip

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address (if different from above): _____
_____ City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address (if different from above): _____
_____ City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Income

When trying to determine income towards college expense we must know annual income of both parents (even if divorced) or other sources if it is not your parent. Please check all that apply.

Single parent _____ Dual parent _____ (married or divorced please provide all parents income)

Grandparent _____ Legal guardian _____ Other _____

Please place an "X" to indicate all income in the following boxes:

<i>Amount of Income</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Grandparent</i>	<i>Legal Guardian</i>	<i>Other</i>
\$0-\$24,999					
\$25,000 - \$39,999					
\$40,000 - \$69,999					
\$70,000- \$99,999					
\$99,999-\$120,000					
\$120,000 & Above					

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(We reserve the right to ask for previous year tax returns or current FAFSA forms to verify financial information.)

GENERAL INFORMATION (cont.)

Please list ages and schools currently attended by your brothers and sisters, including stepfamily members.
Please do not enter names.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Current School</i>	<i>Grade</i>

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from high school or had any disciplinary action taken?
Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please explain)

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (actually convicted, not simply arrested) or have you been adjudicated a "juvenile delinquent"?
Yes _____ No _____ (If Yes, please explain)

Have you filed, or do you intend to file, a FAFSA form for this school year?
Yes _____ No _____

How long have you resided in Jennings County? _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Have you been accepted?
Yes No Still Waiting

1st _____

2nd _____

Intended Major Course of Study: _____

HIGH SCHOOL-RELATED LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List **all** extracurricular activities including honors and awards, offices held and leadership. For example: Marching Band – per year outside of classroom time. School related leadership & extracurricular activities should not duplicate on other pages.

We must receive dates of participation & approximate number of hours per activity.

<u>High School Activity</u>	<u>Type:</u> Clubs, Sports, Etc.	<u># of Years</u>	<u>Hours of Participation</u>	<u>Awards & Honors</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT &
VOLUNTEER SERVICE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL**

Provide a brief description of specific activities and/or responsibilities and service. Community involvement and volunteer service should not duplicate on other pages.

We must receive dates of participation & approximate number of hours per activity.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type:</u> Community, Church or other (Name)	<u># of Years</u>	<u>Hours of Participation</u>	<u>Awards & Honors</u>

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EMPLOYMENT DURING HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

List places of employment, length of time worked and number of hours worked per week (including summers) during your high school years.

Also, give a brief description of jobs performed. If never employed write “n/a” in space provided.

<u>Place of Employment</u>	<u>Length of Employment</u>	<u>Number of hours per week</u>	<u>Brief Job Description</u>

REQUIRED ESSAY

You will include one essay in your Lilly Scholarship application.

1) What does it mean to be a good student in the classroom and in the community? What traits do you possess that will enhance your education, future career, and the community?

Requirements for the second essay:

- minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 750 words
- typed, double-spaced, 12 size font
- include your student ID number at the top of every page
- refer to the Evaluation Sheet/Scoring Guide for clarification of essay requirements and expectations

Lilly Scholarship Essay Scoring Guide

Exceptional (-2 points)	Good (-1 points)	Average (-.5 points)	Does NOT Meet Expectations (-0 points)
Answers both parts of the essay question with a strong central focus.	Answers both parts of the essay question with a clear focus.	Answers only one part of the essay question and/or inconsistent or meandering focus.	Does not answer the essay questions at all.
Exhibits personal passion.	Reveals character.	Underdeveloped voice (character)	There is little development of the topic; short answers.
Establishes a definite point.	A sense of audience is clear.	Point of view is unclear.	Point of view is confusing.
Sentences are clear and varied; uses appropriate vocabulary.	Uses appropriate details with clear and correct sentence structure.	Frequent shifts in tense and person.	Writer appears not to care to communicate his/her message.
Minimal mechanical errors; uses complete sentences- EXCELLENT content.	Few mechanical errors- GOOD content.	Mechanical errors interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting language, incorrect punctuation, little to no proofreading.	Mechanical errors are abundant and interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting language, no punctuation, and no proofreading.

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current Grade Point Average: _____ Current Class Rank: _____ / _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants should submit **with this application** one (1) letter of recommendation from school personnel or from an acquaintance, *excluding* family members.

A letter of recommendation should describe the applicant’s character and how it would apply to the applicant’s future goals. **After stating the student’s name at the beginning of the letter, please refer to them as “he” or “she”.**

The letter of recommendation that is written on behalf of the student should be addressed to:

LECS Selection Committee Members
Jennings County Community Foundation, Inc.
111 N. State Street
North Vernon, IN 47265

CHECKLIST

Turn in the following documents to the JCHS guidance office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.
Please note that no late applications will be accepted.

- **Completed application with signatures**
- **One letter of recommendation**
- **Required Essays**
- **Certified High School Transcript (to be completed by JCHS Guidance Office)**