

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 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.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998, Lilly Endowment has remained steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic, and economic well-being of Indiana's residents and communities.

Accordingly, Lilly Endowment will provide funding to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) to enable the Community Foundation of Elkhart County to participate with ICI in another round of the scholarship program. For 2024, the Community Foundation of Elkhart County will be eligible to nominate at least **three** recipients for a **full-tuition** scholarship to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private nonprofit Indiana college or university.

One eligible senior will be nominated from each eligible high school in Elkhart County. Students not selected as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars will be awarded the Guy David Gundlach Memorial Scholarship of \$20,000 to be paid over four years (\$5,000 - each year). The scholarship is for **tuition only** at any 4-year accredited **Indiana College**.

ELIGIBILITY

- A resident of Elkhart County
- Neither parent/guardian with whom the student resides has completed a 4-year degree
- Accredited Elkhart County HS graduate by June 2024 student having attained Core 40, Indiana Academic Honors Diploma or equivalent
- Must enroll in an accredited Indiana college in the year of high school graduation
- Planning to enroll in a 4-year (baccalaureate) college degree program in Indiana

TIMELINE

- August 1: Application OPEN
- September 25: Application DUE
- October 6: High Schools report top nominees to Community Foundation
- October 30: Nominee Interview Day (REQUIRED)
- November 3: Community Foundation reports top nominees to Independent Colleges of Indiana
- December 15: Community Foundation announces recipients

Application Scoring Guide

Informational tool for helping students and high school counselors complete and review the scholarship application.

| | Points Possible | Weight % |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Grades | 186 | 38% |
| Activities & Work | 75 | 16% |
| Essay | 75 | 16% |
| Nominee Interview | 50 | 10% |
| Personal Evaluations | 50 | 10% |
| Personal Statement | 25 | 5% |
| Unusual Circumstances | 25 | 5% |
| TOTAL POSSIBLE | 486 | 100% |

Interview Scoring Guide

This is a sample scoring sheet that will be used by the interview committee to evaluate each nominee. Interviews will last between 20-30 minutes and are scheduled for Monday, October 30. Each nominee will be contacted individually to set up an interview time.

| Students will be evaluated based on the following criteria (1=Low, 5= Average, 10=High): | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Passion/Energy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Ability to Communication/Articulation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Depth/Thoughtfulness of Responses | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Ability to Reach (think on one's feet) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Overall Impression | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |