



2008 Scholarship Handbook

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Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2008



Important Information

Eligibility

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria which were defined by the donor when the fund was established. These criteria are described in detail under each of the funds listed on pages 9-15.

Scholarships may require the applicants:

- Graduate from a public or private high school in or be a resident of Hendricks County, Indiana
- Plan to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university
- Be a full-time student
- Demonstrate a financial need
- Be a United States citizen or legal resident

Required Application Material

- Completed common application (pages 4-7)
- Two letters of reference/recommendation
- Transcript of grades
- Personal statement
- Copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report or Tax Form 1040
- Proof of citizenship or legal residency

Application Deadline

All materials must be postmarked by:

5:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2008

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail or deliver completed applications to: Hendricks County Community Foundation
5055 East Main Street, Suite A
Avon, IN 46123

Who should I contact if I have questions?

You may contact Susan Rozzi, Associate Director, at 317.718.1200 or susan@hendrickscountycf.org.



Application Instructions

We recommend you send your application and all of the supporting documents to us in one envelope. Please be sure to mark each item with your name. Please do not staple your application.

1. Application

Applications must be complete to be considered. Attach additional pages if necessary. Do not staple documents. Make sure all pages include applicant's name. All correspondence will go to the address you specify on your application.

2. Letters of Reference

Provide two letters of reference only.

- One letter from a teacher or academic advisor (non-family member);
- One letter from a work or volunteer supervisor, a youth leader or personal acquaintance (non-family member).

Letters from teachers, advisors or employers must be on school or company letterhead. All letters must be signed and dated. Photocopies are acceptable. Letters may be sealed in their own envelopes.

3. Transcripts of Grades *(request your transcript early, it may take several weeks)*

All applications must include an official high school transcript in an official and sealed envelope. If you have taken college courses, an official college transcript must also be included for all work completed. Photocopies and copies from the Internet are unacceptable.

4. Signed and Dated Personal Statement

Include a typed statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words (no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, one inch margin). Put name on each page. In the statement, you should:

- Describe why you want to go to college and three personal attributes you think will help you succeed in college;
- Describe your long-range goals and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals;
- Comment on an accomplishment of which you are proud or activities in which you have been involved;
- Reflect upon any challenges you have faced and how you responded to them.

5. Financial Need

If you applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2007-2008 Student Aid Report (SAR). For more information, see www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent's or guardian's most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent). Please note: this information will be held at the Hendricks County Community Foundation and will not be given to the scholarship advisory committees.

6. Proof of Citizenship or Legal Residency

Please provide documentation of proof of United States citizenship (photocopy of your driver's license, birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers) or documentation of legal residency (photocopy of visa or green card).

7. Additional Requirements

Refer to each scholarship description for additional required materials.

Applicant's Name: _____

Awards and Honors

List awards and honors you have received during high school and briefly explain their significance. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Awards/Honors	Significance	Date Received

School Involvement

Please list school-related activities in which you have participated during high school. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

Community Involvement

Please list principal community activities in which you have been involved during high school. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

Employment

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

To what use have you put your earnings?

Applicant's Name: _____

Household/Financial Information

If you applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2007-2008 Student Aid Report (SAR). For more information, see www.fafsa.ed.gov/ or if you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent's or guardian's most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

Please list any grants/scholarships already received for the upcoming academic year.

Please describe any special circumstances that may affect your family's ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other):

Required Signatures

I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I certify that I am not related to any individual employed by the Hendricks County Community Foundation or anyone who sits on the scholarship advisory committees for the scholarships for which I am applying. I understand this application is subject to verification by Hendricks County Community Foundation at its discretion.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Notification will be mailed by May 2008 to the address provided. Awards will be sent directly to recipient's financial aid office after Hendricks County Community Foundation receives verification of admission and enrollment by the scholarship recipient.

Press and Media Release

If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize the Hendricks County Community Foundation to use my name, photograph and any other information for press and media purposes.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Applicant's Name: _____

I have read the scholarship descriptions on pages 9-14 and I am ELIGIBLE to apply for the following scholarship(s):

**Hendricks County Resident Seniors
Graduating from any Indiana High School**

- Edwards-Rigdon Scholarship
- Charles & Harriett Muston Scholarship
- Gladys V. (Nickell) Pritchett Scholarship
(Students who have graduated from high school or have passed the GED are also eligible for the Pritchett Scholarship)

Clay Township Resident Graduating Seniors

- Amo High School Alumni Education Scholarship

**Any Hendricks County High School
Graduating Seniors**

- Duke Energy Indiana Technical Trade Scholarship
- Hendricks County Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship

Avon High School Graduating Seniors

- V. Lloyd Acton Leadership in Education Scholarship
- Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship
- Logan Parker Memorial Scholarship
- Shelby Rae Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Eli Welch Memorial Scholarship

**Ben Davis Area 31 Career Program
Graduating Seniors**

- Logan Parker Memorial Scholarship

Brownsburg High School Graduating Seniors

- Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship
- Russell M. Webb Memorial Scholarship

Cascade High School Graduating Seniors

- Frank W. and Edna Mae Barnes Scholarship
- Major Steve Long Scholarship
- Smitherman Family Scholarship
- Stilesville High School Alumni Scholarship

Danville High School Graduating Seniors

- Dollens Scholarship
- Max Gibbs Memorial Scholarship

Plainfield High School Graduating Seniors

- Suzi Biggerstaff Memorial Scholarship
- Ginny Buehler Memorial Scholarship
- Kellum-Bly Memorial Scholarship

Tri-West High School Graduating Seniors

- Jennifer N. Atkinson & Melissa S. Ellis Memorial Scholarship
- Gregory Alan Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship
- Milburn and Mildred (Bowman) Smith Memorial Scholarship
- William Wynkoop Scholarship

Application Checklist Did you remember to...

- Indicate which scholarship(s) for which you are applying (page 7)?
- Complete and sign the application form (pages 4-7)?
- Include 2 letters of reference?
- Include an OFFICIAL copy of the required transcript?
- Include personal statement?
- Include financial statements?
- Include proof of citizenship or legal residency?
- Remove staples from the application?

Last Update: 12/27/07



Other Awards Available NOT Using Common Application

Hendricks County Resident Graduating Seniors

Avon Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Scholarship

No application; designated for finalists for Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

State Bank of Lizton Community Banker's Scholarship

For application, contact guidance counselor or available at www.hendrickscountycf.org after February 1; designated for Avon, Bethesda, Brownsburg and Tri-West High Schools

Avon High School

Hal Dunn Outstanding Lineman Award

No application; contact Avon High School Football Coach

Danville High School

Marine Corporal Terry A. Hoffman Memorial Award

Contact Danville High School Guidance Counselor

Plainfield High School

Robert Burks Koho Memorial Scholarship

No application; contact Plainfield High School Athletic Department

Damon T. Leach Memorial Scholarship

No application; contact Plainfield High School Athletic Department

Jim Lovell Memorial Scholarship

No application; contact Plainfield High School Athletic Department

Betty Masselink Memorial Scholarship (Award)

No application; awarded to valedictorian of Plainfield High School graduating class

Pliny & Mildred Randall Scholarship

No application; awarded to valedictorian and salutatorian of Plainfield High School graduating class

Other Scholarships – School or Community Not Designated

Jerry Hinds/Indy Hoops Memorial Scholarship

For application, contact Indy Hoops

Detailed Scholarship Criteria

V. Lloyd Acton Leadership in Education Scholarship

This fund was started by Lloyd's family and friends in celebration of a "special" birthday, his retirement from Eli Lilly, and his re-election to the Avon School Board for a 6th term. Because Lloyd and his family have been so actively involved in education, the proceeds from the fund will provide a scholarship for an Avon High School student who will be entering the field of education. Lloyd and Marsha Acton pictured at right.



Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating Seniors of Avon High School

College Enrollment: Must attend an Indiana college or university (4-year accredited)

Specialized Study: Student must be planning to be an education major

Minimum GPA: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Other Criteria: Outstanding history of leadership involvement

Amount: \$500

Amo High School Alumni Education (Award)

This Fund was started by the Alumni of Amo High School. It is to provide educational grants for citizens of Clay Township.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Any citizen residing in Clay Township, IN

College Enrollment: Not necessary, or any post secondary program/college or university

Amount: \$250-\$500 grant (multiple awards will be given)

Jennifer N. Atkinson & Melissa S. Ellis Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by Jennifer and Melissa's families to give a scholarship to a graduating senior from Tri-West High School in memory of Jennifer and Melissa (pictured at right).



Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating senior of Tri-West High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university; 2-year or 4-year degree

Specialized Study: No

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Amount: \$500 (two will be awarded)

Avon Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Scholarship

This fund was started by Dr. Charles Nelson, Dr. Robert Sexton, Dr. Robert McDonough, and Dr. Kevin Stockton (pictured) to give an educational grant to the Lilly Community Scholarship finalists.



Renewable: No

Designated for: Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists

College Enrollment: Any accredited Indiana College or University

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Top 15% of graduating class

Amount: \$1,000

Frank W. and Edna Mae Barnes Scholarship

This fund was established by Frank Barnes in memory of wife Edna Mae who taught school for many years (pictured). The scholarship is designated for a graduating Cascade Senior attending college. The monetary award will be given to the student at the beginning of his/her sophomore year of college.



Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating senior of Cascade High School

College Enrollment: 4-year college/university degree

Specialized Study: Student must be planning a degree in agriculture or education

Amount: \$1,000

Suzi Biggerstaff Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in memory of Suzi Biggerstaff (pictured). The fund will continue Suzi's legacy of love of children and education by providing a scholarship to a senior of Plainfield High School.

Renewable: Renewable for three years of undergraduate work as long as student maintains a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Designated for: Graduating senior of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: Any post secondary education

Special Preference: Preference given to applicants enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars Program but not a requirement

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA: 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

Amount: \$1,250



Gregory Alan Brown Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by John and Jeri Brown (pictured) in memory of their infant son, Gregory Alan Brown.

Renewable: No, but can reapply each year until graduation from college

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Tri-West High School

College Enrollment: 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university

Other Criteria: Must have attended at least 2 of their 4 years of high school at Tri-West

Amount: \$1,000



Ginny Buehler Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by the Faculty of Brentwood Elementary in honor of their colleague and friend, Ginny Buehler.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university

Minimum GPA: 2.0 GPA

Other Criteria: Must have good character, leadership and community service

Amount: \$500

Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by Richard Crosser.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Avon, Brownsburg, and Tri-West High Schools

College Enrollment: Indiana college or university, 2-year or 4-year degree

Specialized Study: Career in the building trades industry, engineering, business, accounting, finance, real estate and management

Special Preference: Special consideration given to students who live in a Crossman Community.

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 2.5

Other Criteria: Display a strong work ethic and a strong commitment to their school and community.

Amount: \$500 (3 scholarships given – one student from Avon, Brownsburg & Tri-West High Schools)

Dollens Scholarship

This fund was initiated by Ron Dollens, who grew up in Danville with his parents and two sisters. With this scholarship, Dollens wants to make a difference in the life of a graduating senior from Danville High School who plans a career in education, science or engineering.

Renewable: Yes

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Danville High School

College Enrollment: Must attend an Indiana college or university

Specialized Study: Education, Science (nursing, pharmacy, pre-med), or engineering

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 3.0

Other Criteria: Show strong character and significant community service.

Amount: \$2,500

Duke Energy Indiana Technical Trade Scholarship

This fund was established in 2007 by Duke Energy Indiana to provide a scholarship for students going to an Indiana technical trade school.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of any Hendricks County High School

College Enrollment: Indiana Technical Trade School

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 2.0

Amount: \$1,250

Hal Dunn Outstanding Lineman Award

This fund was established by Donna Dunn and family in memory of their husband and father.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Avon High School

College Enrollment: Accredited 4-year program

Special Preference: Avon football lineman

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 2.0

Other Criteria: Good athlete, strong work ethic, displays proper sportsmanship

Amount: \$500

Edwards-Rigdon Scholarship

This fund was started by Thomas N. Edwards Sr. and Jeffery W. Rigdon.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Hendricks County resident graduating seniors

Specialized Study: Must pursue a 4-year degree in a construction-related field: engineering, architecture, engineering or construction technology

Financial Need: Considered but not required

Other Criteria: Significant community service

Amount: \$1,000

Max Gibbs Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Janet and Jaci Gibbs to honor Janet's husband and Jaci's father, Max Gibbs (pictured). Max was a distinguished educator with a 30-year career in the Danville Community School Corporation. He dedicated his life to helping others through education.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Danville High School pursuing a degree in education

College Enrollment: Indiana college or university, 2-year or 4-year degree

Specialized Study: Education

Financial Need: No

Amount: \$1,000



Hendricks County Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by the Hendricks County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 132 to honor the memory of deceased law enforcement officers.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors or current college student of any Hendricks County school

College Enrollment: Indiana college or university, 2-year or 4-year degree

Special Preference: Relatives of an active or retired FOP member

Financial Need: Yes

Minimum GPA: 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale

Other Criteria: Have SAT or ACT scores

Amount: \$500

Marine Corporal Terry A. Hoffman Memorial Award

This fund was established by Edgar and Geraldine Hoffman (both now deceased) in memory of their son, Terry (pictured), and who was killed in Vietnam.

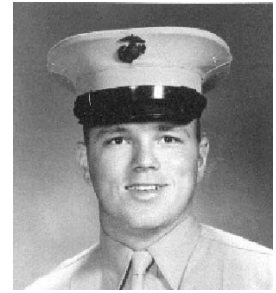
Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Danville High School

College Enrollment: Does not have to go on to college

Special Preference: Award given to student who exemplifies personal characteristics of Marine Corporal Hoffman – love of God, honesty, love of country, kindness, sportsmanship & grades

Amount: \$500



Jerry Hinds/Indy Hoops Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by Indy Hoops Basketball and Larry and Debbie Hendren in memory of Jerry Hinds.

Renewable: No

Designated for: 6th Grade Indy Hoops player in the 6A or 6B league of Indy Hoops

Other Criteria: Must have played in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade Indy Hoops Leagues ; displayed good sportsmanship throughout all three seasons of Indy Hoops participation

Amount: \$1,000 (at the time the student enters college)

Kellum-Bly Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by Paul Kellum & Louise Bly Kellum (pictured) in honor of those who commit their lives to education.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: accredited 4-year college or university

Specialized Study: Education

Special Preference: Exhibits strong character, involved in community service and extracurricular activities.

Amount: \$1,000



Robert Burks Koho Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by Joan Koho for husband, Robert Burks Koho, killed in training for Vietnam (1968).

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university

Special Preference: Basketball player

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 3.0

Other Criteria: Exemplary character and leader

Amount: \$250

Damon T. Leach Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by David and Beth Ann Leach in memory of their son, Damon (pictured).

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university

Special Preference: Qualities that exemplified Damon's life: character, academic achievement, athletic achievement, leadership; participate in football, baseball or track

Other Criteria: Point system executed by athletic director of Plainfield High School

Amount: \$500



Major Steve Long Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Sue Weaver, Steve's mother, and his family in honor of Major Steve Long (pictured) who was killed at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating senior of Cascade High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university

Financial Need: Yes

Other Criteria: Leadership/school activities; good sense of humor

Amount: \$1,945 (two scholarships will be awarded – one to a female student & one to a male student)



Jim Lovell Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by Mildred and Russ Lovell in honor of their son, Jim Lovell, killed in a motorcycle wreck.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating senior from Plainfield High School who has lettered in baseball

College Enrollment: Accredited 4-year program

Amount: \$500

Betty Masselink Memorial Scholarship (Award)

This fund was established by Jack Masselink in memory of his wife, Betty, who taught elementary education (both pictured).

Renewable: No

Designated for: Valedictorian of graduating senior class at Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: No

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Highest grade point

Amount: \$500



The Charles & Harriett Muston Scholarship

This fund was started by the children of Charles and Harriett Muston (pictured) in honor of their parents' 40th wedding anniversary and retirement.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Hendricks County resident graduating seniors

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 2.0

Other Criteria: good character, service to school and community, extra curricular activities

Amount: \$250



Logan Parker Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by Barry and Pamela Parker as a memorial for their son, Logan Parker.

Renewable: No

Designated for: a \$1000 scholarship is designated for a graduating senior of Avon High School enrolled in either a 2-year or 4-year post-secondary education program; a \$500 scholarship is designated for a graduating senior of Ben Davis Area 31 Career program who will be enrolled in the print program at Vincennes University

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: No

Other Criteria: Students with special needs are given preference

Amount: \$1,000 for Avon High School recipient; \$500 for Ben Davis Area 31 Career program recipient

Gladys V. (Nickell) Pritchett Scholarship

This fund was established by Timothy and Janet Whiteman in honor of Janet's mother, Gladys V. (Nickell) Pritchett (pictured to right).

Renewable: Yes, up to three additional years; student must submit a copy of his/her transcript every year (up to three years) to the Hendricks County Community Foundation. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Designated for: any Hendricks County graduating senior or Hendricks County resident that has graduated from an accredited high school or has passed the GED (high school equivalency test)

College Enrollment: Any accredited Indiana college or university

Specialized Study: Preference given to students pursuing an education degree or a math education degree

Amount: \$1,000



Pliny & Mildred Randall Scholarship

This fund was a bequest by Pliny and Mildred Randall.

Renewable: Yes – four consecutive years; Grades must be sent to Hendricks County Community Foundation at the end of each year (recipient must maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale)

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Plainfield High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university

Special Preference: Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Highest GPA

Other Criteria: Students who receive a "full ride" scholarship will not be considered

Amount: \$1,500

Milburn and Mildred (Bowman) Smith Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by David and Sharon Smith in memory of Milburn and Mildred Smith both graduates of Lizton High School and life-long residents of the Lizton-Pittsboro communities.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Tri-West High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university

Other Criteria: Student must have attended Tri-West two of their four years of high school

Amount: \$1,000



Shelby Rae Smith Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established by Sherry Smith in memory of her daughter, Shelby Rae Smith.

Renewable: No

Designated for: One \$500 scholarship designated for a graduating senior from Avon High School going to a 4-year college or university pursuing a degree in elementary education or special education; one \$500 scholarship designated for a graduating senior from Avon High School (including students attending Ben Davis Area 31 Career program) pursuing a certificate or degree from a trade school.

Amount: \$500

Smitherman Family Scholarship

This fund was established by Dr. Marvin L. and Colleen H. Smitherman.

Renewable: For one semester; grades must be sent to Hendricks County Community Foundation.

Designated for: Clay Township senior graduating from Cascade High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited public Indiana state college or university

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 3.0

Amount: \$500 for first semester; renewable for one semester if 2.5 GPA is achieved.

State Bank of Lizton Community Banker's Scholarship

This fund was started by the State Bank of Lizton through the Community Bankers' scholarship program.

Renewable: Yes, four consecutive years

Designated for: Tri-West, Brownsburg, Avon and Bethesda High School graduating senior

Amount: \$2,000

Stilesville High School Alumni Scholarship

This fund was established by the Stilesville Alumni Association.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Franklin Township citizen of Hendricks County (Cascade High School)

College Enrollment: Higher education (technical, 2-year college/university, 4-year college/university)

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Sufficient to enroll in higher education institution

Other Criteria: Character

Amount: \$500

Russell M. Webb Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in memory of Russell M. Webb (pictured) by his children, Russell M. Webb, Jr., William F. Webb, Gail A. Johnson, and Heidi J. Clements.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Brownsburg High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university 4-year degree program

Special Preference: Must be in top 15% of class

Financial Need Considered: Yes

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Must be in top 15% of class

Amount: \$1,000



Eli Welch Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started by Jim and Phyllis Welch in memory of their son, Eli Welch, a young teacher at Sycamore Elementary School who was tragically killed in an auto accident.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Avon High School

College Enrollment: Any accredited college or university

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: Grades should be good enough to enroll in college

Amount: \$500

William Wynkoop Scholarship

This fund was started by William Wynkoop (pictured) to give back to the families that lived on his Rural Route 1 mail route in Eel River Township.

Renewable: No

Designated for: Graduating seniors of Tri-West High School who live in Eel River Township

College Enrollment: Any 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university

Minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale: 3.0

Amount: \$1,000 (two scholarships will be awarded – one to a female & one to a male student)





Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Hendricks County Community Foundation?

The Hendricks County Community Foundation has been working to improve the quality of life in our community since 1996. It manages an \$8 million collection of funds that are created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. Since 1996, the Hendricks County Community Foundation has awarded over \$2.8 million in scholarships to students.

What is a Scholarship Fund?

Scholarship funds are charitable accounts established at Hendricks County Community Foundation by generous individuals or corporations for the purpose of assisting students in continuing their education. Most funds are designated for Hendricks County residents, some funds are specific to a high school and others are directed to students interested in a specific field of study. Each fund is completely different; no two are the same. In honoring loved ones or providing for a specific area or high school, each scholarship expresses a deep belief in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams. Currently, there are 34 funds that grant scholarships or awards to Hendricks County students.

What is the Common Scholarship Application?

The Common Scholarship Application allows you to apply for several different scholarships using one application and submitting one set of application materials. **The Common Scholarship Application requires an application, two letters of reference/recommendation; a transcript of grades; a personal statement, a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report or Tax Form 1040, and proof of citizenship or legal residency.**

How are eligibility requirements determined?

Scholarships are available through Hendricks County Community Foundation thanks to the generosity of donors who have established scholarship funds. Each donor determines the eligibility criteria of his or her scholarship. Scholarships may focus on academic achievement, academic potential, community service or financial need. Please read the specific requirements for each scholarship to determine if you are eligible. **Please note: Family members (including spouse, brothers and sisters by whole or half blood, ancestors, children, step-children, grandchildren, great grandchildren) of a person who is currently serving as a member of the Hendricks County Community Foundation Board of Directors or staff are NOT eligible for these scholarships.** Also, individuals related to members of the scholarship advisory committee are ineligible to apply for that particular fund. Please contact the Hendricks County Community Foundation for more information at 317.718.1200.

How much does it cost to apply for a Scholarship?

It's free! There is no charge to apply.

What if I am not a "straight A" student?

Hendricks County Community Foundation offers scholarships for a variety of students while academic performance is important to the scholarship advisory committees; it is not the only criteria for scholarship applicants.

What if I am not sure where I will be going to school?

If you are unsure, you should indicate your first and second choice. Once you have made your final decision, please notify the Hendricks County Community Foundation.

May I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes, so long as you meet the criteria for each scholarship to which you are applying. On the common application, simply check all the scholarships for which you qualify on page 7.

How much will I receive if I am selected as a recipient?

Awards for each scholarship vary depending upon the criteria. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500, with the average award being \$1,000. Please see specific scholarship information for award amount.

Do I receive a check if I am awarded a scholarship?

No. All scholarship checks are made payable to your school and go directly to recipient's financial aid office. Checks are sent to schools in early August upon receipt of necessary paperwork and other verification requirements provided by the recipients.

Are scholarships taxable?

For degree-seeking students who use the scholarship for tuition, fees, books and required supplies, the scholarship is not taxable. However, if the scholarship is used for room, board, travel or miscellaneous expenses, it is taxable to the student. The Hendricks County Community Foundation recommends that you and/or your parents consult a tax expert or your school's financial aid office for advice.

If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive it the following year?

No. While a few scholarships are renewable, others are one-time. Each scholarship varies; please check scholarship specifics.

Does Hendricks County Community Foundation make the decisions about who is awarded?

Each scholarship fund has its own scholarship advisory committee who makes recommendations to the Hendricks County Community Foundation Board of Directors for their approval.

Will my personal information be shared?

No, application information will not be shared with anyone except Hendricks County Community Foundation staff and the designated scholarship advisory committee. Financial information (SAR or 1040 form) will be held at the Hendricks County Community Foundation and will not be shared with the scholarship advisory committees. For security reasons, we do not require your social security number on your application. Please mark out your social security number if it appears on any of the documents you submit with your application.

When will I be notified?

All applicants are notified in writing that their application has been received (early April) as well as the status of their application (by end of May).

If I want to send a thank you note, where do I send it?

We ask that all recipients send a thank you note to the individuals who made their scholarship possible. The contact information will be included in the award letter. Or you may address your envelope to the name of your scholarship and send it to the Hendricks County Community Foundation.



Scholarship Tips & College Costs

Skills for Success

- Reading, writing, thinking, listening, speaking
- Community service and volunteer activities
- Extracurricular activities
- Character traits: Responsibility, respect, courtesy, kindness, honesty, dependability, leadership, integrity
- Grade point average and weighted courses
- Work experience
- SAT/ACT scores

Helpful Tips for Applying for Scholarships

- Start early
- Read your essay out loud to yourself and have a family member or friend proofread it before you send it
- Make copies of all applications and materials to save for your own records
- Write down and keep track of all community service hours. You will need this accurate information when you apply!

Murray & Associates and The National Center for College Costs

College Costs Estimator FREE to Hendricks County Residents

Murray & Associates and The National Center for College Costs is an organization focused on helping families understand that **college can be affordable** as well as how to prepare for the college process. **The College Costs Estimator** program provides a critical piece by showing families how to finance a college education which takes the fear out of the college cost issue. In 2007, the Hendricks County Community Foundation provided Murray & Associates a grant which allows all Hendricks County residents to receive the College Costs Estimator Service at no charge. Led by President Dave Murray, staff at Murray & Associates draw from a wide range of talents and expertise in order to help students and families plan and prepare for the complicated college financial aid process and to educate families across the socioeconomic spectrum that college **is** an option. Murray & Associates will be in all Hendricks County schools explaining the service to students. For more information visit www.hendrickscountycf.org or www.collegecosts.com.

If you would like to learn more about the College Cost Estimator, please attend one of the seminars listed below. There are NO costs associated with the College Cost Estimator or the seminar. A grant from the Hendricks County Community Foundation allows this service to be available to all Hendricks County residents at no charge.

College Cost Estimator Seminar

April 29, 2008 & May 5, 2008 -- Sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Center in Danville



Scholarship Search...Where to Start

Many students and parents hope they will find scholarships to help reduce college costs and minimize the level of borrowing that might otherwise be necessary. However, many aren't sure how to go about the process of finding scholarships, and many don't realize how much time it can take to explore the opportunities.

So how **do** wise students start their scholarship search? First and foremost - **start early** - paying close attention to application deadlines, which often come much earlier in the senior year (or even before) than most people think. The high school guidance office can often be a first step in the journey. Most scholarship providers have high school guidance addresses on their mailing lists, and counselors generally have an established way to advertise the available scholarships to students and parents. Another good idea is to look at a copy of the high school honors program at the end of the year, which will generally list names of scholarships that students from that school have won. Ask the guidance counselor how to find out about a particular scholarship or contact the granting agency itself for additional information.

Some other sources OF POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS to investigate include:

- Community resources (local trust funds, civic associations, community foundations, social and professional clubs, fraternal organizations {e.g., Elks, Moose, Kiwanis, Sertoma}, patriotic and veteran's organizations)
- Faith-based organizations
- Extra-curricular organizations (4-H, Boy Scouts, music organizations, civic theaters, community service organizations, etc.)
- Hospitals or other health service providers
- Parent's and student's employers

Still not having any luck? Try any of the great web sites listed on page 19 that feature scholarship and financial aid information. Remember: There are **many** different types of scholarships available for all types of students meeting a variety of criteria. Take the time to research scholarships that might be a good match. Also, keep in mind that local scholarships will generally have smaller applicant pools, increasing your chances of receiving an award. Take the time to research local scholarships that might be a match.

Word of Caution: There are many companies who are willing to sell students their scholarship search services for \$39, \$89 or even hundreds of dollars. Some of these companies are reputable, but many prey on willing students and parents. These companies can find scholarships for students, but enterprising students and parents can find the same scholarships on their own with a little initiative and dedicated time.

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Web Sites of Interest (Indiana)

Free Scholarship Searches

Broke Scholar
FastWeb
CollegeNET—Mach 25
ScholarSite
Next Student
Scholarships.com
College Board's Fund Finder

www.brokescholar.com
www.fastweb.com
www.collegenet.com
www.scholarsite.com
www.nextstudent.com
www.scholarships.com
www.collegeboard.com

Financial Aid & College Savings Information

The National Center for College Costs (*Estimator* website)
FAFSA on the Web (online FAFSA completion website)
Federal Student Aid
The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid
State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana
Student Gateway to the U.S. Government
The Internet Guide to 529 & Other College Savings Plans

www.collegecosts.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.finaid.com
www.in.gov/ssaci
www.students.gov
www.savingforcollege.com

College Selection and Preparation Web Sites

Trip to College
College Board (including SAT Test registration)
ACT (including ACT Test registration)
XAP
Learn More Indiana
Peterson's Planner
Princeton Review
The Collegiate Websource
Indiana College Answer
American Education Services
Number2.com (free test preparation website)
Common Application

www.triptocollege.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.act.org
www.xap.com
www.learnmoreindiana.org
www.petersons.com
www.princetonreview.com
www.gocollege.com
www.indiana.collegeanswer.com
www.educationplanner.com
www.number2.com
www.commonapp.org

Career Exploration

Drive of Your Life (career exploration for middle schoolers)
The Career Key
America's Career Info Net
Bureau of Labor Statistics—Occupational Outlook Handbook
Indiana's New Economy Workforce Statistics

www.driveofyourlife.org
www.careerkey.org
www.acinet.org
www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm
www.in.gov/dwd.inews

Minority Web Sites

Black Excel: College Help Network
Hispanic Scholarship Fund
The Gates Millenium Scholars Program

www.blackexcel.org
www.hsf.net
www.gmsp.org

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