

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

2026 LILLY ENDOWMENT

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

KICK-OFF EVENT



2025 LECSP SEMI - FINALISTS

First Row (l-r) Addison Puckett, Becca Overleese, Sophia Donnelly, Emily Cockerill, and Addison Thornburg

Second Row (l-r) Drew Simmons, Brianna Williams, Asher Moystner, Elijah Simms, and Marisol Osornio



2025 LECSP FINALISTS

- Finalist Emily Cockerill
- Finalist Sophia Donnelly
- Finalist Asher Moystner
- Recipient Addison Puckett
- Finalist Addison Thornburg

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 7, 2025**



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**2026 LILLY
ENDOWMENT
COMMUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM (LECSP)**

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RANDOLPH COUNTY LECSRP RECIPIENTS

1998

CHRISTOPHER CUNNINGHAM – MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$23,435

1999

JOSHUA HUSMANN – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – DEPAUW UNIVERSITY - \$84,410

CRAIG LEHMAN – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$75,370

2000

MATTHEW HAVIZA – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$82,278

CHRISTOPHER NORDYKE – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - \$96,360

2001

ERIN GROTH – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – HUNTINGTON COLLEGE - \$67,675

POLLY HUSMANN – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - \$110,272

KYLE LEHMAN – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – UNIV. OF INDIANAPOLIS - \$68,230

2002

JILL CLEMENTS – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – HUNTINGTON COLLEGE - \$57,909

MATTHEW DAVIS – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – TRINE (TRI-STATE) - \$75,770

TIFFANY WILLIAMS – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BETHEL COLLEGE - \$61,253.72

2003

A.J. AMSPAUGH – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA UNIVERSITY - \$29,658

LINDSAY MILLER – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$28,100

MATTHEW ROONEY – MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – BALL STATE UNIVERSITY - \$37,008

2004

JENNIFER BERTRAM – MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$100,798

MELISSA ELEY – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA UNIVERSITY - \$27,601

APRIL THORNBURG – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BALL STATE UNIVERSITY - \$37,008

2005

OLIVIA MOTE – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – DEPAUW UNIVERSITY - \$119,868

JILL THREEWITS – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA UNIVERSITY - \$31,614

2006

ANGELA BROUSE – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – DEPAUW UNIVERSITY - \$127,157

KATIE THORNBURG – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA UNIVERSITY - \$40,783

2007

JOHN MICHAEL LUTZ – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – EARLHAM COLLEGE - \$139,967

MARA MOTE – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – DEPAUW UNIVERSITY - \$130,683

2008

SARAH ARMSTRONG – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$36,465

GRACE WALLACE – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$122,633

2009

JACK CUMMINGS – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS - \$93,038

KATHRYN (KATIE) MILLER – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY - \$96,650

2010

KYLER NAYLOR – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$132,622

GABRIEL WINKLE – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$116,212

2011

AMANDA SHORT – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$48,288

2012

MYLIE WINGER – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – TAYLOR UNIVERSITY - \$119,716

2013

TARYN SAULMON – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - \$104,585

2014

JENTRY FLESHER – MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$46,622

2015

RHETT SNYDER – MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA UNIVERSITY - \$51,014

2016

MACKENZIE BALES – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$40,528

2017

ELIZABETH SOWINSKI – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$42,238

2018

EMMA KEESLING – RANDOLPH SOUTHERN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – PURDUE UNIVERSITY - \$36,201

2019

SYDNEY CONN – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – DEPAUW UNIVERSITY - \$213,142

2020

DERICK WILLIAMS – UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - \$246,502

2021

ELLA BALDWIN – WINCHESTER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL – INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - \$126,083

2022

BRAYDON HOGGATT -- UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL -- MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY - \$109,330

2023

KARLY PUCKETT - MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL - INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - \$63,732

2024

AUDREY BLACK - UNION CITY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL - BUTLER UNIVERSITY - \$47,725

2025

ADDISON PUCKETT - MONROE CENTRAL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL - INDIANA UNIVERSITY - TBD

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS PAID: \$3,546,534

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GUIDELINES FOR THE YEAR 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 eligible community foundations in Indiana to participate with ICI in another cohort of the scholarship program. For 2026, each foundation will be eligible to nominate at least one recipient and two alternates for a full-tuition scholarship for an Indiana high school graduate for each county served by the foundation. Each scholarship must be used to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private nonprofit Indiana college or university. The Endowment hopes that this program will continue to encourage many of Indiana's most talented students to attend one of Indiana's higher education institutions and after graduation consider pursuing occupations in Indiana. Lilly Endowment has sought to make this program as manageable and fair as possible. The Endowment expects that as the program enters its twenty-fifth year, questions will continue to arise. The Endowment reserves the exclusive right to resolve such questions.

Details of the program follow: Lilly Endowment, Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr., and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company.

These gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment. Lilly Endowment is a separate entity from the pharmaceutical company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location.

Key Elements

1. The program will provide scholarships 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.
2. Scholarship recipients are to be known as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.



3. The program is open to all Indiana residents:
- who graduate from an accredited high school in Indiana in and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2026 (a high school is considered accredited for purposes of the program if it is accredited by the State Board of Education or by a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the State Board of Education); and,
 - who intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.
4. Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) will receive and invest grant funds, approve nomination criteria and procedures, make final scholarship selections, make the appropriate scholarship payments to the selected colleges and universities, distribute administrative grants to community foundations and book and equipment allocations to scholars, and provide administrative services for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

Qualifying Foundations

All Indiana community foundations that are public charities according to sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and have participated in past rounds of the program are eligible to participate with ICI in this program.

Number of Scholarships

- The number of scholarship nominees that may be submitted by a participating community foundation will be based on the population of each county served by the foundation as follows:

Population	Number of Scholarship Nominees	Required Number of Alternates
1 - 50,000	1	2
50,001 - 150,000	2	2
150,001 - 250,000	3	3
250,001 - 350,000	4	3
350,001 - 450,000	5	3
450,001 - 550,000	6	4
550,001 - 650,000	7	4
650,001 - 750,000	8	4
750,001 or more	9	4

- Although a community foundation may submit the number of scholarship nominees indicated by this table, ICI shall have no obligation to award a specific number of scholarships to students from any county or to award a particular total number of scholarships throughout the state of Indiana.
- The population figures for each county are based on: Population Estimates for Indiana Counties, 2020-2024 as of July 1, 2024. Source: STATS Indiana.

https://www.stats.indiana.edu/Population/PopTotals/2024_cntyest.asp

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY



The Community Foundation of Randolph County is a non-profit, community corporation created by and for the people of Randolph County.

For over 30 years, CFRC has put income generated from donors' investments to work in our community. CFRC has helped strengthen education, support the arts, promote civic life, protect our environment, and ensure strong health and social services. Over 140 funds are held by the Foundation with total assets of nearly \$17 million.

At its simplest, a community foundation serves individuals and organizations who want to make a difference. A community foundation helps connect the philanthropic wishes of donors with opportunities to enhance the quality of life in their community.

Community foundations have the expertise and the flexibility to make the most of charitable giving. They continually convene nonprofits and leaders in the community to stay well informed. The variety of funds for donors is designed to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the area.

Mission

The Community Foundation of Randolph County seeks to bring people and resources together to enrich the lives of Randolph County residents.

To accomplish this mission, the Foundation will,

- Initiate and support programs and organizations.
- Provide philanthropic leadership.
- Effectively direct resources of community donors.
- Administer a permanent pool of endowed funds in a professional manner.
- Be a community convener.
- Give grants and scholarships.
- Provide donor services.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

The Community Foundation of Randolph County is the organization that awards the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship to students both residing in Randolph County and attending an accredited High School in the county. One Lilly Scholarship will be awarded in 2026. The Community Foundation of Randolph County also awards \$1,250 each to four finalists.

The Lilly Scholarship was initiated in 1998 by Lilly Endowment, Inc. in response to Indiana's ranking of 47th out of 50 states in the percentage of residents under age 25 holding bachelor's degrees. The scholarship is to increase the educational attainment of our state. Since 1998, Lilly scholarship recipients in Randolph County have been awarded over \$3.5 million. The Lilly Scholarship Scholar receives:

- Full Tuition to pursue a baccalaureate course of study at an Indiana accredited public or private college or university.
- Required fees.
- \$900 per year for books or equipment.



Public Notification of the LECSP

Eligible students must reside in Indiana and are identified through their school guidance offices. The Community Foundation of Randolph County (CFRC) will host a Scholarship Information Session on August 7, 2025. CFRC will mail invitations directly to students who attend an accredited High School in Randolph County Indiana and meet the minimum 3.7 grade point average criteria. Students, parents, guidance counselors, and educators will be invited to attend the kick-off. Students will receive information regarding the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program and the application link will be made available via guidance counselors following the kick-off event. A news release will also be sent to local media outlets.

Nomination Procedures

Students may only apply for the LECSP in one county. The scholarship applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or higher. The scholarship applicant must reside in Randolph County, Indiana; graduate by the end of June 2026 from an accredited High School in Randolph County, Indiana (Randolph Central, Randolph Southern, Randolph Eastern, Monroe Central, or Union; we will also accept Randolph County residents who attend Indiana Academy); and be a U.S. Citizen. The scholarship applicant must provide a high school transcript through their junior year and a class schedule for their senior year. The scholarship applicant must agree to participate in an interview process with the selection committee. The scholarship applicant must intend to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college, or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A student's eligibility for other scholarship assistance (such as participation in Indiana's Twenty-First Century Scholars Program) shall not be a basis for excluding the student from eligibility for a scholarship under the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. However, financial need is **not** a criterion of the Community Foundation of Randolph County. Financial information **should not** be included in the application.

Selection Procedures

Applications are numbered when submitted and a copy is made. Applications will have names redacted, and copies are made for each member of the review committee. Incomplete applications will be scored. However, students will receive a 0 for each missing item. Letters of Recommendation are an exception to this rule. Students will receive 5 points for 3 letters, 0 points for 0 letters and 2 points for 1 or 2 letters.

Applicants will be scored on the following (100 points possible)

Letters of Recommendation	0 - 5 points	Weight - 5%
Goals and Aspirations	0 - 10 points	Weight - 10%
Self-Expression Essay	0 - 15 points	Weight - 15%
Extracurricular Activities	0 - 15 points	Weight - 15%
Honors & Awards	0 - 10 points	Weight - 10%
Work/Community Effort	0 - 15 points	Weight - 15%
Academic Ability (grades)	0 - 20 points	Weight - 20%
ACT/SAT Scores	0 - 10 points	Weight - 10%



After the applications are scored, the score sheets will be checked for accuracy. Next, each applicant's scores will be tabulated, and the applications will be ranked. Only the Top 5 students will be interviewed (more if there is a tie). Interviews will be scored as follows (100 pts possible—see rubric)

Professional Demeanor 10 points maximum
Presentation Skills 20 points maximum
Content (Q & A) 70 points maximum (10 per question)

After the interviews, each member of the committee will submit their score sheet. The scores will be checked for accuracy and tabulated. Then, the interview scores will be added to the application scores and the finalists will be ranked. If there is a tie after the interviews, the student with the highest score before the interviews would be the nominee. If a tie still exists, the committee will discuss and vote on who will be the nominee.

The LECSP Scholarship Committee shall consist of nine members, the majority of which will be CFRC board members. The remaining committee members shall be community volunteers selected by the committee chair. Every effort will be made to ensure that each school district is represented by at least one member of the committee and, if possible, the number will correspond with the population of the school district. (Winchester = 3, MC = 2, UC = 2, RS = 1, Union = 1) For the purpose of acknowledging Conflict of Interest during the application and selection process of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, relatives of board, staff, and committee members shall be defined as lineal descendants and members of the immediate household. Such persons may not be applicants. Committee members shall recuse themselves if the perception of conflict will be detrimental to the selection process and/or the Foundation. These perceptions may include employees, nieces, nephews, or any other relationship.

2025-2026 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LILLY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Board Representatives: Suzan Dillon Myers, chairperson; Greg Beumer; Pete Haviza, Rosie Shoemaker, Marla Threewits, and Conan Wallace

Community Reviewers: Curtis Cunningham, Lauren Peacock, and Janice Powers

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (LECSP)

2025-2026 TIMELINE

Thursday, August 7, 2025	6:30 p.m.	Kick-Off Event – Towne Square Community Center. All school corporation superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, eligible high school seniors, and parents.
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	4:00 p.m.	LECSP applications must be submitted on the Community Foundation website by 4:00 p.m.
Friday, September 5, 2025	4:30 p.m.	LECSP Scholarship Committee meets to distribute applications for review.
Thursday, September 18, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Deadline for Scholarship Committee to submit scores to the Community Foundation Office.
Thursday, September 18, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Foundation staff and committee volunteers check score sheets for accuracy, total scores, and rank the applicants.
Friday, September 19, 2025		Top 10 (Semi-Finalists) invited to banquet by email.
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Between 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Top 10 (Semi-Finalists) are photographed. B. Photography. 1187 N 375 W, Winchester, IN 47394 <i>If date & time doesn't work, please call 765-546-7246 and make an appointment.</i>
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Banquet for Top 10 students, parents, board members, guest speaker.
Thursday, September 25, 2025	4:00 p.m.	Top 5 (Finalists) are called for interviews. Semi-Finalists will receive an email notification.
Thursday, October 2, 2025	5:00–9:00 p.m.	LECSP interviews. Nominee and alternates are identified.
Early December, 2025		ICI will notify foundations of nominee approval. The finalists will be notified of their final standing. Public announcement will be made at the recipient's school.
Monday, December 8, 2025 Subject to change pending when we hear back from ICI.	4:00 p.m.	Recipient called and notified. Finalists will receive an email notification.
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Subject to change pending when we hear back from ICI.	10:00 a.m.	CFRC will go to the recipient's school. Announcement will be made on social media after school visit.
Estimated, late Feb 2026		Scholarship recipient must sign and return acceptance letter to ICI.

CANCELLATION POLICY---ANY SCHEDULED LECSP EVENT (INCLUDING INTERVIEWS) CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCY WILL BE RESCHEDULED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

*WILL BE MADE VIRTUAL IF NECESSARY



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COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

REVISED JULY 2025



Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation of Randolph County for the initial selection of finalists by 4:00pm on September 2, 2025.

Program Officer
Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc.
120 W Washington Street
Winchester, IN 47394
765.584.9077 ext. 201

2026 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

"*" indicates required fields

Personal Data

Name *

First

Middle

Last

Permanent Mailing Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

Indiana



City

State

ZIP Code

County of Residence

Date of Birth *

mm/dd/yyyy



Phone *

Cell Phone *

Email *

Scholastic Profile

High School Name *

High School Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

Indiana



City

State

ZIP Code

Select Your High School Counselor *

Select your counselor



Graduation Date *

mm/dd/yyyy



What is your high school rank? *

SAT Score *

ACT Score *

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name and Relationship to Applicant *

Parent(s) / Guardian Cell Phone Number *

Parent(s) / Guardian Cell Phone Number *

List the 4-Yr Indiana College(s) or University(s) you have or intend to apply to & indicate whether or not you have been accepted. *

Ball State University - accepted
Trine University - pending
Purdue University - accepted
Butler University - intend to apply

What is your major course of study? If undecided, indicate areas of interest. *

Animal Science

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, HONORS, COMMUNITY, CIVIC, CHURCH ACTIVITIES, AND WORK HISTORY

List your extracurricular activities. *

Activity	If you held a leadership position, please list or enter "No."	Grade	Number of weeks	Hours per week spent in each activity
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please note: You do not need to list the same thing under multiple sections, just put it under the section that it best fits.

List all awards & honors over past 4yrs. *

Award or Honor	Grade
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

List all community, civic, and church activities and work history. (This does not have to be a paid position.) *

Activity/Work History	Grade	Number of weeks	Hours per week spent in each activity
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

DOCUMENTS TO UPLOAD

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Describe your educational goals including plans for your career and future. Be sure to answer this question in your response; How would this scholarship impact your goals and aspirations? 250 words or less double spaced, 1-inch margins, using Calibri (body) 11 font.

Goals and Aspirations *

Drop files here or

Select files

Max. file size: 25 MB.

Upload one double spaced document with 1-inch margins, using Calibri (body) 11 font in 250 words or less.

SELF EXPRESSION ESSAY

Describe what makes you unique and special. This portion is designed for you to elaborate on topic(s) that uniquely make you, you. Please do not include financial information. Upload up to 2 pages, double spaced, 1-inch margins, using Calibri (body) 11 font.

SELF EXPRESSION ESSAY *

Drop files here or

Select files

Max. file size: 25 MB.

Upload up to 2 pages, double spaced document, 1-inch margins, using Calibri (body) 11 font.

THREE SIGNED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (From someone other than a relative.) *

Drop files here or

Select files

Max. file size: 25 MB.

THESE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE RECOMMENDER (Any letter received without a signature will not be accepted)

Application Checklist *

- ☐ Student application
- ☐ 3 Signed Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Self Expression Essay
- ☐ Goals & Aspirations

Next



Save and Continue Later

2026 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

"*" indicates required fields

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Certification Statements

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program requires students to acknowledge the following statements.

"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 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MY SCHOLARSHIP IS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF MY CHOSEN COLLEGE'S TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOLYEAR."

"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 AND I WILL RETURN TO INDEPENDENT COLLEGES OF INDIANA ANY AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ALLOCATION REMAINING 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."

Lilly Statements Acknowledgement *

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Lilly certification statements by placing my initials in the space provided above.

Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. Certification Statements

CFRC, Inc. requires students to acknowledge the following statements.

"TO ASSIST WITH THE PROCESSING OF MY SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS EACH SEMESTER OR QUARTER AND TO AVOID LATE FEES, I WILL FORWARD TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, ALL INVOICES FOR TUITION AND ANY ELIGIBLE FEES THAT MAY BE COVERED BY MY SCHOLARSHIP."

"I WILL KEEP THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INC. 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 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY APPRISED ANNUALLY BY JUNE 1ST OF MY EDUCATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING AN ALUMNI SURVEY OR OTHER FORMS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION."

"I AM NOT A LINEAL DESCENDENT (CHILD OR GRANDCHILD) OF ANY CURRENT DIRECTOR, BOARD MEMBER, STAFF OR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, INC."

"I AGREE TO NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IMMEDIATELY OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING"

- TRANSFER FROM ONE COLLEGE TO ANOTHER FOR ANY REASON
- NON COMPLETION OF A SEMESTER OR A YEAR
- THE POTENTIAL OF A SEMESTER AWAY FROM CAMPUS DUE TO INTERNSHIPS, OR STUDY ABROAD. (SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTINUATION IS DETERMINED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS)

"I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY RULINGS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY INDEPENDENT COLLEGES OF INDIANA SHALL BE DEEMED ABSOLUTE AND FINAL" "IN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED."

Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. Acknowledgement *

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the CFRC certification statements by placing my initials in the space provided above.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Enter your initials to acknowledge and agree to each code of conduct.

I understand that my character and conduct at any time prior to and after the selection process may impact my eligibility to become or remain the recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. *

Enter your initials to acknowledge and agree with the code of conduct #1.

I understand my character & conduct, at any given time, is vital for the LECSP. *

Enter your initials to acknowledge and agree with the code of conduct #2.

I authorize CFRC, educational institutions, employers, entities or individuals, to release & exchange information about me including, but not limited to, my academic history, grades, disciplinary record, character & ethical qualifications. This authorization specifically includes any required authorization under FERPA (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act). *

Enter your initials to acknowledge and agree with the code of conduct #3.

I understand CFRC will not take any action based on unconfirmed information or information provided by anonymous sources. *

Enter your initials to acknowledge and agree with the code of conduct #4.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: "I have reviewed this application & determined that it is correct & complete. I further promise to attend the banquet on September 24th at 6pm and the interviews scheduled for October 2nd if I am invited to do so." *

Date *

mm/dd/yyyy



PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE - "I have reviewed this application and have determined that it is correct & complete." *

Do not click SUBMIT!

“SAVE AND CONTINUE LATER”

Triggers the system to prompt you for your email address.

Please use the following link to return and complete the Lilly application from any computer.

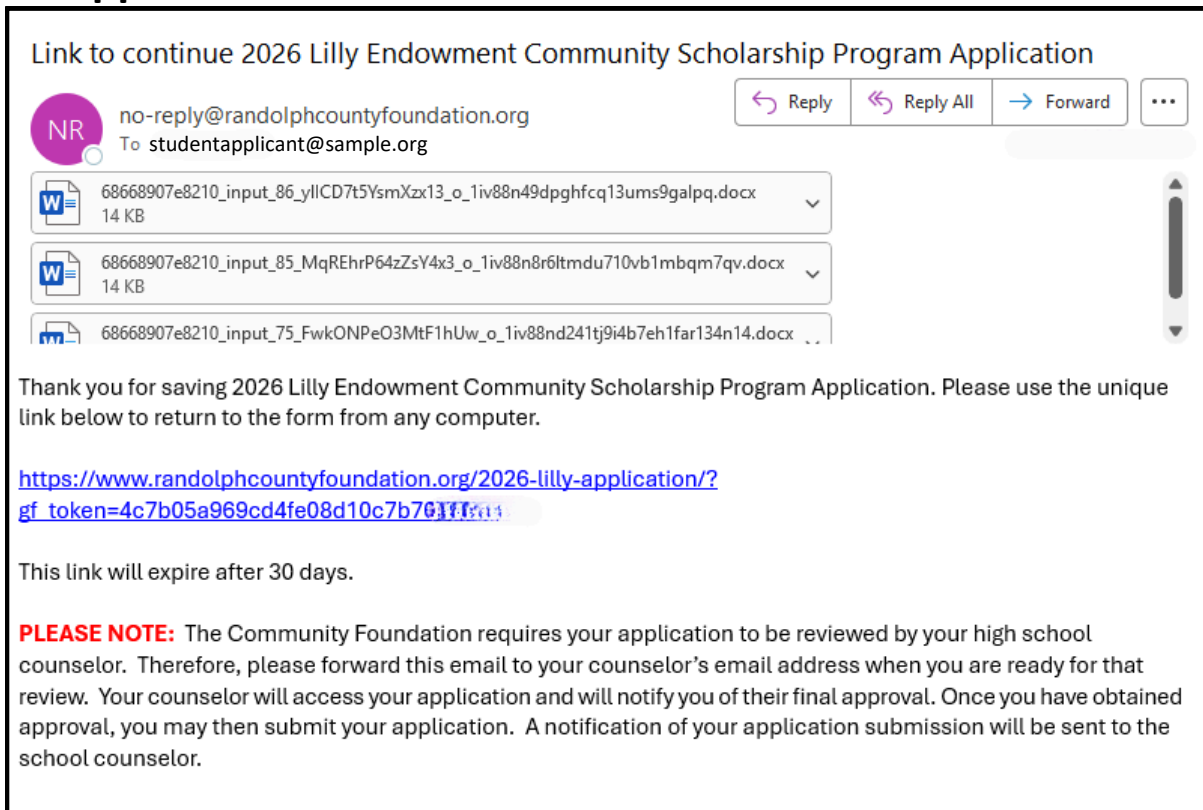
https://www.randolphcountyfoundation.org/2026-lilly-application/?gf_token=4c7b05a969cd4fe08d10c7b7c3a3f11

Note: This link will expire after 30 days.
Enter your email address if you would like to receive the link via email.

Email Address*

Enter your email and click SEND LINK.

You will receive an email with a link to return to your application. Forward this email to your counselor for review and approval.



*****This email cannot be retrieved. If it gets lost or deleted, a new application will need to be completed.***

After your counselor approves your application, return to your application via the link and click **submit**. You will receive two emails:

1. An email of confirmation
2. An email with a copy of your completed application in an attachment for your records.

Friday 8/7/2025 8:00 AM

Grant gcox@randolphcountyfoundation.org

2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

To: Randolph County School Counselors

Dear Counselors,

It is the time of year for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program to begin, and soon students will start the online application process. Please provide this link to eligible students: [Online Application](#)

Please remind students:

Do not click submit until after the school counselor has reviewed, verified, and approved your application.

Upon completion of the application and the required documents are uploaded, click **“save and continue”** to trigger the system to send an email with a link to return to the application. This link will expire in 30 days. Please note: if this email gets deleted or lost, it cannot be retrieved. If this happens, the student will need to start the application process again. The student should forward this email to you, as their school counselor, to review, verify, and approve of the application before they complete the final action of submitting the form. Once the form is submitted, it cannot be changed. CFRC, the student, and the counselor will receive a copy of the completed application after submission.

Counselors

Below is the link to the form for the counselors to complete for each student:

[Counselor’s Review, Verification, and Approval Form](#)

Please put the students rank in the following format on the senior schedule **# out of #**.

Please put the name of the class or classes taken via Plato, if applicable.

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Counselors Review and Uploads

Read, Verify, and Approve Application for each student

Please type in the space above I, "counselor name," have read, verified, and approve of "student name's" application submission.

Class Rank

Please enter in the form **# out of #**

Transcript *

Drop files here or
Select files

BEFORE UPLOADING: Please make handwritten notations indicating which classes are H=Honors, CC=College Credit, AP=AP

Senior Class Schedule *

Drop files here or
Select files

BEFORE UPLOADING: Please make handwritten notations indicating which classes are H=Honors, CC=College Credit, AP=AP

Submit

Applicant Summary Form

County: Randolph

Student Name:

Criterion #1: Letters of Reference

Weight: 5% (0, 2 or 5 points)

Measurement: Student has followed instructions and obtained the required references.

Criterion #2: Goals/Aspirations

Weight: 10.0% (0-10 points)

Measurement: Student clearly states his/her goals and has a plan for obtaining them; personal motivation to succeed, honesty, good judgement, concern for others

Criterion #3: Self-Expression

Weight: 15% (0-15 points)

Measurement: Student is able to express his or her ideas clearly

Criterion #4: Extracurricular Activities

Weight: 15% (0-15 points)

Measurement: Indicates that a student is well rounded and associates well with others, shows ability to prioritize, shows leadership and commitment.

Criterion #5: Honors/Awards

Weight: 10% (0-10 points)

Measurement: Consider academic awards, leadership awards and other recognition from church, school, community and volunteer activities.

Criterion #6: Work/Community

Weight: 15% (0-15 points)

Measurement: Work Experience—indicates that a student has a consistent work history; works well with others; can do multiple tasks; work experience is challenging. Community Activities—Consider intensity and longevity of service; number of and variety of organizations; truly voluntary service; link to career and personal goals; leadership roles

Criterion #7: Academic Ability

Weight: 20% (0-20 points)

Measurement: Student has taken challenging courses over 4 years and has received excellent grades/ student has taken courses appropriate for his or her goals and received excellent grades

Criterion #8: SAT/ACT Scores

Weight: 10%

Measurement: Shows a student's aptitude for a variety of subject matters

Total Score

/100

Lilly Endowment Scholarship Program 2026
Interview - Nominee Summary Form

	Possible Points	Range	Criteria
Professional Demeanor	Maximum 10	Excellent 8—10	Professional dress/appearance. Consistent, appropriate eye contact with committee. Appears confident and self-assured. Appears very comfortable speaking with committee.
		Average 4—7	Casual dress/appearance. Good, appropriate eye contact with committee. Appears slightly nervous. Appears comfortable talking to
		Poor 0—3	Inappropriate dress/appearance. Minimal or no eye contact with committee. Appears timid/shy or overconfident/arrogant. Appears uncomfortable speaking with committee.
Presentation Skills	Maximum 20	Excellent 14—20	Always speaks in complete sentences. Expresses thoughts clearly and concisely.
		Average 7—13	Usually speaks in complete sentences. Loses track of thoughts, but recovers in a timely manner. Grammar is average.
		Poor 0—6	Rarely speaks in complete sentences. Thoughts not expressed clearly. Loses track of thought and does not recover or get back on track.
Questions and Answers	10 points possible per question Maximum 70	Excellent 8—10 Average 5—7 Poor 0—4	Response clearly answers the question. Answer is detailed and concise. Student exhibits a structured thought process. Response is detailed, but is not directly linked to the question. Answer lacks clarity. Response is unclear or rambling and does not answer the question. Student struggles to provide an answer.
		Question 1	To be determined
		Question 2	To be determined
		Question 3	To be determined
		Question 4	To be determined
		Question 5	To be determined
		Question 6	To be determined
		Question 7	To be determined

Total Possible Points

100

Total Points Awarded _____

Scoresheet submitted by _____

HELPFUL TIPS

GO TO WWW.RANDOLPHCOUNTYFOUNDATION.ORG TO ACCESS, AND LATER SUBMIT, THE APPLICATION

BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WORD/SPACE LIMITATIONS ON ESSAY AND GOALS.

MAKE SURE YOU OBTAIN THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE SCORED BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO FOR EACH MISSING ITEM. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

BEGIN ASKING PEOPLE FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TODAY. SOME OF THEM WILL BE ASKED BY MULTIPLE STUDENTS. TRY TO OBTAIN REFERENCES FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES (TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, PRINCIPALS, COACHES, EMPLOYERS, MINISTERS, ETC.) THINK ABOUT WHO WILL WRITE A GOOD LETTER AND ASK THEM TO TAILOR THE LETTER TO THIS SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP.

DO NOT MISS THE SEPTEMBER 2ND DEADLINE (BY 4:00 P.M.). LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR MAY GIVE YOU AN EARLIER DEADLINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING, SIGNING, ETC.

PERSONAL DATA

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESSES UNLESS THAT IS THE ONLY OPTION.

LIST SCHOOLS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO OR INTEND TO APPLY TO.

ACCEPTED? DO NOT LEAVE INFORMATION BLANK. ANSWER YES, NO, OR NOT YET.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR MAJOR, PLEASE TELL US WHAT AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.

GOALS & ASPIRATIONS

PLEASE PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO YOUR GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS ESSAY. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE AT LEAST THOUGHT ABOUT IT. BE SURE TO INCLUDE ACADEMIC GOALS, PROFESSIONAL GOALS, PERSONAL GOALS, AND LONG-TERM GOALS. BE AS SPECIFIC AS YOU CAN. BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO SPACE/WORD LIMITATIONS. USE CALIBRI (BODY) II FONT, DOUBLE SPACED, WITH ONE-INCH MARGINS.

ESSAY

THE ESSAY IS THE PART OF THE APPLICATION THAT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SET YOURSELF APART FROM EVERYONE ELSE. DO NOT INCLUDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION. DO NOT WRITE ABOUT YOUR GRADES AND LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES. USE THIS SPACE TO TELL US SOMETHING WE WOULD NOT KNOW FROM READING THE REST OF YOUR APPLICATION. BE CREATIVE. HELP US GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER. DO NOT FORGET TO HAVE SOMEONE PROOFREAD YOUR ESSAY. GRAMMAR AND SPELLING ARE IMPORTANT, BUT THEY ARE NOT EVERYTHING. WE ARE LOOKING FOR CONTENT AND SUBSTANCE. USE CALIBRI (BODY) II FONT, DOUBLE SPACED, WITH ONE-INCH MARGINS.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN A TIMELY MANNER SO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR HAS TIME TO COMPLETE THE ACADEMIC PROFILE SECTION AND SIGN TO INDICATE THEIR APPROVAL.

CERTIFICATION/CODE OF CONDUCT

STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHOULD READ THE CERTIFICATION PAGE AND CODE OF CONDUCT CAREFULLY. STUDENTS MUST INITIAL EACH BLANK AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. A PARENT MUST ALSO SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENTS

KNOW THE DEADLINES AND TIMELINE. START EARLY. GIVE REFERENCES SUFFICIENT TIME TO WRITE A GOOD LETTER. GIVE PARENTS AND COUNSELORS ADEQUATE TIME TO PROOFREAD AND GIVE FEEDBACK.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, BEGIN COMPILING A LIST OF ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, HONORS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND WORK HISTORY.

CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND CLASS SCHEDULE FOR ERRORS. MAKE SURE THEY CONTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION.

READ THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS CAREFULLY. BE SURE YOUR RESPONSE ANSWERS THE QUESTION. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

READ THE CERTIFICATION AND CODE OF CONDUCT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

USE THIS PROCESS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE PRESENTING YOURSELF ON PAPER AS WELL AS IN PERSON. START PREPARING TODAY AS IF YOU WILL BE INVITED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

ASK QUESTIONS. SEEK OUT PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS.

RESEARCH INTERVIEW QUESTIONS. PARTICIPATE IN MOCK INTERVIEWS.

PARENTS

BE SUPPORTIVE BUT PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR THE STUDENT.

OFFER TO PROOFREAD OR GIVE FEEDBACK.

READ THE CERTIFICATION AND CODE OF CONDUCT BEFORE SIGNING.

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO RSVP FOR THE BANQUET IN A TIMELY MANNER (IF THEY ARE INVITED) BUT ALLOW THEM TO DO IT. PRACTICE WITH THEM BEFORE THEY MAKE THE CALL OR OFFER TO READ THE EMAIL FOR THEM TO ENSURE IT CONTAINS THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

HELP YOUR STUDENT PREPARE FOR THEIR INTERVIEW BY RESEARCHING INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WITH THEM AND PARTICIPATING IN PRACTICE INTERVIEWS. HELP THEM SELECT APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2025. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DEADLINE DATE.

PLEASE SUBMIT WITH NOTATIONS AS DESCRIBED BELOW. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WHICH CLASSES ARE HONORS, COLLEGE CREDIT AND AP. PLEASE MAKE HANDWRITTEN NOTATIONS ON THE TRANSCRIPTS INDICATING WHICH CLASSES ARE WHICH USING THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS: H = HONORS, CC = COLLEGE CREDIT AND AP FOR AP. PLEASE DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTERS.

WE WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW THE STUDENTS CLASS RANK. PLEASE NOTATE THIS ON THE STUDENT'S SENIOR SCHEDULE IN THIS FORMAT: # OUT OF #.

WE ALSO NEED A COPY OF EACH STUDENT'S CLASS SCHEDULE FOR THEIR SENIOR YEAR. PLEASE MAKE HANDWRITTEN NOTATIONS ON THOSE AS WELL. H = HONORS, CC = COLLEGE CREDIT AND AP FOR AP

PLEASE NOTE ON CLASS SCHEDULE WHICH TYPE OF PLATO CLASSES ARE BEING TAKEN.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE WITH ALL THE NOTATIONS MADE ON THE DOCUMENTS TO UPLOAD BEFORE SUBMITTING THE COUNSELOR REVIEW, VERIFY, AND APPROVE FORM. (A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU VIA EMAIL.)

ASSIST STUDENTS IN PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND PARTICIPATING IN MOCK INTERVIEWS.

INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO FORMER APPLICANTS, FINALISTS, AND LILLY RECIPIENTS THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER HELPFUL ADVICE.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

**PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:
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