



Unity Foundation of LaPorte County  
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## LAPORTE COUNTY LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT APPLICATION

### What is it?

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program seeks to increase the number of Indiana residents who hold college degrees. To do this, the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County was given the opportunity to recommend applicants to Independent Colleges of Indiana, which was provided funding by Lilly Endowment Inc., and asked to award full-tuition scholarships to outstanding LaPorte County students beginning in the spring of 1998. This year, we will be recommending **two** recipients and one or more alternates.



These scholarships will provide full-tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any public or private college or university in Indiana accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Who's Eligible?

Eligible students must:

1. reside in LaPorte County, Indiana; and
2. have graduated by June 30, 2012, from an accredited Indiana high school that serves LaPorte County (Including, but not limited to John Glenn, La Lumiere, La Porte, La Crosse, Marquette, Michigan City, New Prairie, South Central, Westville); and
3. intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2012 at any public or private college or university in Indiana that is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; and
4. submit a complete application package either postmarked or hand-delivered by Tuesday, January 17, 2012, prior to 5:00 pm; and
5. maintain strong grades - preferred GPA of at least 3.75 and/or SAT/ACT of 1650/25.

### Who is a Disqualified Person?

The following people are not eligible for assistance from the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship programs: officers, directors, employees and members of a scholarship committee of Unity Foundation and their immediate families.

### How Will Recipients Be Chosen?

Receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is a privilege and an honor for a student that far exceeds its monetary value. Therefore, the Scholarship Selection Committee, comprised of volunteers from throughout the county, will seek to select the two most outstanding LaPorte County students among those who apply. Service to others, demonstrated leadership, and academic performance are key. Commitment, employment history, and financial need will also be important in the selection process. Applications are reviewed in a blind process (names are removed beforehand). Finalists are then selected for a personal interview.

Committee members sign confidentiality agreements, and **all** information from the applications is kept in the strictest of confidence.

## What is the Award Notification Timeline?

- Mid February: Finalists selected for interviews will be notified. Applicants not selected as finalists will also be notified
- End of February: Interviews will be conducted with finalists.
- By April 1: Finalists will be notified of the selection results
- By May 1: Recipients must determine the college or university he/she will attend.

## What is the Application Process?

- 1) Complete the application packet and check the corresponding box when completed. The student application packet includes:
  - Scholarship application form
  - Responses to five questions
  - Official transcripts, received in a sealed school envelope, through Junior year (6<sup>th</sup> semester) of high school
  - Copy of 7<sup>th</sup> semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester Senior year) registration listing classes taken
  - Official copy of ACT/SAT scores (will accept scores included on transcripts received in a sealed school envelope)
- 2) Submit your 7<sup>th</sup> semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester Senior year) official sealed transcripts as soon as they are available.
- 3) Hand-sign the application (pages 3 and 8). Do NOT electronically sign the form.
- 4) Mail or hand-deliver all required materials to the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Applications may be postmarked no later than January 17, 2012. The office is open M-F from 9 am to 5 pm for hand-delivery. **Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

**Mailing Address:** Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, PO Box 527, Michigan City, IN 46361

**Delivery Address:** (DO NOT mail to this address): Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, 619 Franklin Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Michigan City, IN

**Note:** Before submitting your application, it is wise to have it proofread by parents, teachers, friends, etc. The more eyes, the better! Spelling and grammar **WILL** make a difference in the selection process. Do not rely on computer spell-check programs.

## Have Questions and/or Need Assistance?

Contact:

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# Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program of the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, Inc.

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Please initial next to following statements to show your understanding of and agreement with the requirements and responsibilities of being a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, should you receive this award.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in the termination of this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected as a finalist, I agree to participate in a personal interview with the Selection Committee and attend a scholarship awards reception to be held at a future date.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if selected as a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, I must designate which college I will attend prior to May 1, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2012-2013 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 Unity Foundation of LaPorte County immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will account for and return to Independent Colleges of Indiana any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County apprised annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> of my enrollment and academic status during college, by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upon graduation, I will keep the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County apprised annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> of my education and/or employment status during college, by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upon graduation, I will keep the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County apprised annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Unity Foundation of LaPorte County has my permission to use my photograph and any general, non-financial information included in this application for publicity purposes. I may be asked, but not required, to speak at schools, etc., to encourage others to raise their educational aspirations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**LAPORTE COUNTY  
LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP  
STUDENT APPLICATION**

- Application is to be **COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT**
- **MUST** be typed
- Due on or before January 17, 2012

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Init: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home/Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits only of Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: M F Married: Yes No 1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Student? Yes No

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous High School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (x of x): \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

**Anticipated College or University** (must have already applied) **Have you been accepted?**

First Choice: _____	Yes	Pending
Second Choice: _____	Yes	Pending
Anticipated Major: _____	Full-Time Student?	Yes No
Anticipated Minor: _____	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholar?	Yes No
Will you receive a scholarship from a university?	Yes No	Amount: \$ _____

<b>Other Scholarships for Which You Applied</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Results?</b>		
1. _____	_____	Yes	No	Don't Know
2. _____	_____	Yes	No	Don't Know
3. _____	_____	Yes	No	Don't Know
4. _____	_____	Yes	No	Don't Know

Will you have a car on campus? Yes No Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where will you live? On Campus Off Campus Commute Other:





## SERVICE TO OTHERS

**Instructions:** Using only the space below, list community and religious activities in which you have participated in the past 4 years. Please list activities in the order of importance to you (the first activity listed should be the most important to you). **Denote the number of hours you participated in each activity in each year.** See example below.

Activity	Hours Per Year				Describe in More Detail
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Example Food Pantry Volunteer			12		Sorted food and stocked shelves. Worked 3 hours on 4 Saturdays with youth group.

## ESSAY

**Instructions:** On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please provide answers to the following questions. Each answer must not exceed 150 words.

- 1) Why should the committee choose you and not someone else with similar grades, activities, backgrounds, and experiences? What sets you apart from the crowd?
- 2) What makes you a leader? Provide an example of true leadership shown by you or someone else.
- 3) Tell us why you chose your major and career objective.
- 4) Should colleges, organizations that provide scholarships, and potential employers be allowed to use information they obtain from applicants' social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc.) when making decisions about applicants? Why or why not?
- 5) If you could choose one fictional character to be your college roommate, who would it be and why?

## CERTIFICATION

**Please read and sign the certification below prior to submitting your application:**

**Certification:** I hereby affirm that the information provided on and through this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I was the person who completed this application. I also understand that falsification of information contained in this application may result in termination of any scholarship grant. I further understand the requirements for eligibility are:

- 1) I reside in LaPorte County;
- 2) I will graduate from an accredited high school serving La Porte County by June 30, 2012; and
- 3) I intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2012 at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date