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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application Available

LA PORTE COUNTY, IN — The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is available on the Unity Foundation website between now and September 10, 2021.

Through support of Independent Colleges of Indiana and Lilly Endowment Inc., two La Porte County students will receive four-year, full tuition scholarships to an accredited public or private Indiana college or university of their choice and an annual \$900 stipend for required books and equipment.

“Receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is a privilege and an honor for a student that far exceeds its monetary value. A selection committee, comprised of volunteers from throughout the county, will seek to recommend the two most outstanding La Porte County students among those who apply,” said Shannon Walker, Unity Foundation Vice President.

To be eligible, students must: be a resident of La Porte County, Indiana; have graduated by June 30, 2022 from an accredited high school that serves La Porte County; intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the Fall of 2022 at an accredited Indiana college or university; and submit a complete online application at www.uflc.net/lilly-scholarship by 11:59 p.m. on September 10, 2021.

The scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, commitment and motivation to succeed in academics, and to a lesser extent, financial need. The committee will interview finalists before recommending two students to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, who make the final selection.

Over the past 23 years, 68 La Porte County students and their families have benefitted from this generous scholarship program, totaling more than \$4.8 million. “Many Lilly Scholars have returned to the area as adults and are now giving back to La Porte County in a variety of ways,” said Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation President.

Since 1992, Unity Foundation of La Porte County has served donors, nonprofits and local communities. As La Porte County’s community foundation, it manages over \$40 million in assets, administers more than 325 charitable funds, and has distributed more than \$21 million through direct grants and scholarships. The Council on Foundations has deemed Unity Foundation in compliance with all Indiana and national ethical and operating standards for community foundations. Unity Foundation’s mission is to strengthen La Porte County now and forever by building permanent endowments; providing leadership; offering philanthropic vehicles for everyone; and, being a catalyst for social and economic vitality. For more information, please visit www.uflc.net or call 219-879-0327.

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