



Applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship?

About the scholarship

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program are to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, government, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

The program will provide scholarships for otherwise unreimbursed 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 college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The scholarship does not cover room and board expenses.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships are administered by Heritage Fund and Independent Colleges of Indiana. Two Lilly Scholarships will be awarded to Bartholomew County students.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Since the scholarship program began in 1998, 45 Bartholomew County students have been named Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. The endowment has awarded more than \$3 million collectively to these scholars. Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on academic performance; scholastic activities, community involvement and employment; leadership; financial need; responses to short answer questions and a 450-word essay; and two recommendations. **It is the intent of Heritage Fund that the scholarships provide financial assistance to applicants residing in Bartholomew County who are not only academic high achievers, but who have a special circumstance and/or face financial barriers to pursuing a postsecondary education.**

Eligibility Requirements

- **A resident of Bartholomew County** who is on course to graduate with a diploma from an accredited public or private Indiana high school (accredited by Indiana Department of Education) by the end of June 2019, but not have graduated before the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Students graduating mid-year are eligible.
- Have at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 point system at the end of the sixth semester of high school. (An official high school transcript is required.)
- Applicants must demonstrate a significant financial need for pursuing postsecondary education. (A completed College Cost Estimator is required.)
- Able to demonstrate significant school involvement, community service, good character and leadership skills.
- Intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in Fall 2019 at an accredited public or private college or university in the state of Indiana. (The recipient must notify the Heritage Fund prior to May 1, 2019, which Indiana college or university he/she will attend.)

- Be available for a personal interview with the selection committee, if chosen as a finalist.
- Special consideration may be given to applicants who intend to remain and pursue an occupation in Indiana following graduation from a postsecondary institution.

Please read the following instructions before beginning an application.

How to apply

Online applications must be submitted by **4 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2018.**

NOTE: ALL required components of the application (received transcript, received guidance information verification, received completed letters of recommendation) must also be submitted by this deadline for an application to be considered complete and eligible.

Students, it is your responsibility to verify that all required materials (transcript and requested information (i.e. guidance info and letters of recommendation)) have been received on your behalf by the deadline. The progress of your requests are visible to you on your application dashboard. If you have any question regarding whether all materials have been submitted, please contact me prior to the deadline to verify.

The link to our application website can be found under Apply Online on dropdown menu under Scholarships heading on our website, heritagefundbc.org.

Other important application notes

- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION/INFORMATION REQUESTS –**
The Lilly application requires two letters of recommendation (from a classroom teacher and from a counselor/supervisor/other professional). These items are handled through the Request section of the application. You will enter the name and email addresses of the persons from whom you are seeking the recommendations and an email with a link into your application will be generated for them to complete the request.
- **GUIDANCE INFORMATION REQUESTS –** This is a request YOU must complete to submit to your school guidance counselor. He/she will verify academic information for your application. You will submit through the Request section of the application as well. You will enter the name and email address of your counselor, and like the letters of recommendation, an email with a link into your application will be generated for he or she to complete the request.

AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF YOUR REQUESTS. It is recommended you let the people from whom you are requesting these items know so they can be aware the emailed requests will be arriving. In some cases, the emails may be delivered to Spam folders. Make sure they are aware these requested items **MUST BE COMPLETED BY THEM** by the deadline for your application to be eligible. If these materials are not received, **even if you have made the requests prior to the deadline**, your application will not be considered complete. If a person declines your request, or you need to generate another request, you may do so by clicking on the item in your Request section and filling in the appropriate information again. You will be prompted whether you want to resubmit the request. You will click Yes.

Because you will be completing applications largely over summer break and during the immediate start of the school year, it is recommended you make these requests early in the application process. REMEMBER, all application materials, including **completed** letters of recommendation/guidance information requests (verification of GPA, test scores, etc.), **must be completed by the appropriate individuals and received** by the deadline for a submitted application to be considered complete.

- **TRANSCRIPTS** – You must submit your request for a transcript via the online Parchment delivery service. Or, if your school does not utilize Parchment, you must make arrangements with your counselor or adviser to email a copy of your transcript to Amy Laker (alaker@heritagefundbc.org). In the Transcript section of your application, you will check the Confirm circle to verify you have requested your transcript be sent. Please do not check the box **UNTIL YOUR REQUEST IS SUBMITTED**. **If a transcript is not received by the deadline, a submitted application will not be considered complete.**
- **FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Through the Financial section of the application, you will link to the Indiana College Costs Estimator website to provide your financial information. You will receive a free customized financial report and access to helpful college information. Your College Cost Estimator also must be completed by the application deadline. Like the Transcript section, you will check the Confirm circle to verify you have completed your online Estimator. Please do not check the box **UNTIL YOUR ESTIMATOR IS COMPLETED**. **If an Estimator form is not received by the deadline, a submitted application will not be considered complete.**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Selected scholars will be notified in early December.

Please note: If you attend high school in Bartholomew County but reside outside of the county, please let me know so that I can make the appropriate contact to help you find an application for which you may be eligible.

Also note: If you request a transcript and complete a financial Estimator for a Lilly application, you will not need to do either again for any other HFBC scholarship applications you are completing this year. However, you will still need to check the Confirm circles in the appropriate sections of each application you submit to indicate that you have done so.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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