

IUSB Elkhart County Scholarship

The IUSB Elkhart County Scholarship was established to provide scholarship assistance to Elkhart County residents enrolled as students in good standing at Indiana University South Bend.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Resident of Elkhart County for at least one year
2. Enrolled as a student at Indiana University South Bend in good standing
3. Student pursuing a degree
4. Traditional, non-traditional, F/T, and P/T students are encouraged to apply

Amount of award: Multiple awards are given every year. The number and amount varies each year and is at the discretion of the CFEC Scholarship Committee. This is a one-year award, however students are encouraged to apply each year for up to four years.

To Apply: Please complete the "Universal Scholarship" application on the Community Foundation of Elkhart County website.

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

Bob Deputy, past Chairman, CFEC Board of Directors and member, IUSB-Elkhart steering committee

Competing in the Global Environment

When discussing the importance CFEC places on higher education in Elkhart County, and impressive structure comes immediately to Elkhartans' minds: Indiana University South Bend-Elkhart. Located in the heart of the city's downtown, this remarkable new facility provides the opportunity for post-secondary education for hundreds of students in a convenient, close-to-home location. Students can complete the first two years for a General Education degree, a Bachelor's degree in General Studies and courses leading to a Master's degree in Business.

No one knows the amazing story of how this project went from concept to completion in two short years better than Robert Deputy, a member of the IUSB-Elkhart steering committee and an IU graduate. "Our initial thought was 'we'll raise the money for I.U, and they'll build the building.' However, we had to have the cash in hand first... at three times the amount we'd estimated," Deputy says. "So we said, 'we'll build the building and give it to you.' IU was stunned; this had never been done before!"

As a past CFEC Board chairman, Deputy understood how CFEC could serve as the ideal vehicle and fiscal agent for a major investment like this. "CFEC became a huge part of the plan. They set up a separate entity for the venture, investing the one until it was needed and handling all the administrative details," he explains. "At the project's completion, we turned the keys over to IU and any leftover contributions were rolled into an IUSB-E scholarship fund. It was truly a symbiotic relationship."

- Catherine Wells-Bentz