2023 - 2024
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELKHART COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Your Guide

Let the Community Foundation help connect you with your future
Looking for Scholarships?
Start Here.

Together with local philanthropists, the Community Foundation offers numerous scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Elkhart County.

Let us help you secure funding for your education or provide you with the resources you need to succeed!

All scholarship information and applications can be found at: www.inspiringgood.org/scholarships
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Full-tuition scholarship opportunity

Through the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, Lilly Endowment Inc. will award three Elkhart County, first-generation, college-bound students with a four-year, full-tuition (room and board not included) scholarship. Each student must begin classes in the fall of 2024.

Each eligible high school in the county may nominate one student. From this group the Community Foundation Career Pathways Committee will nominate the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECS) finalists. Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) will select the final scholarship recipients.

As a compliment to the LECS Program, the Community Foundation is honored to carry on the legacy of Guy David Gundlach by awarding nominees not selected as LECS recipients with the Guy David Gundlach Memorial Scholarship of $20,000 ($5,000/4 years) toward tuition. Mr. Gundlach was a successful entrepreneur who believed education was a key factor to his success.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Resident of Elkhart County
- Neither parent/guardian with whom the student resides has completed a four-year baccalaureate degree
- Accredited Elkhart County high school graduate
- Course of study requirements: Core 40, Indiana Academic Honors Diploma or equivalent
- Planning to enroll in an accredited Indiana college in the fall of 2024
- Must enroll in a four-year college degree program

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit InspiringGood.org to complete an online application.

QUESTIONS:

Visit InspiringGood.org or contact your high school counselor for further assistance.
ABOUT LILLY ENDOWMENT INC.

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. However, Lilly Endowment is a separate entity from the company with a distinct governing board, staff and location.

In keeping with the wishes of its three founders, Lilly Endowment exists to support causes of education, religion and community development.

One of the Lilly family’s foremost philanthropic priorities was to help the people of their city and state build a better life. Although the endowment also supports efforts of national significance and an occasional international project, it remains primarily committed to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.
2023
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 31
Application available online at InspiringGood.org

SEPTEMBER 25
Application deadline

OCTOBER 06
Each school will report its nomination to the Community Foundation

OCTOBER 30
Nominee Interview Day. All students selected as their school nominee are required to attend

NOVEMBER 03
Community Foundation will report its nominees to ICI

DECEMBER 15
Community Foundation will notify scholarship recipients
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES OF INDIANA

Since 1997, Independent Colleges of Indiana has administered the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program statewide with funding provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Founded in 1948, ICI serves as the collective voice for the state’s 30 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. ICI institutions employ over 22,000 Hoosiers and generate a total local economic impact of over $5 billion annually.

Students at ICI colleges have Indiana’s highest four-year, on-time graduation rates and ICI institutions produce 30 percent of Indiana’s bachelor’s degrees while enrolling 20 percent of its undergraduates.
Universal Scholarship Application

Complete one application for numerous scholarships

The Community Foundation oversees numerous scholarship funds, which provide dozens of award opportunities for high school students each year. To save you time and energy, we have developed an online, Universal Application that matches you directly with the scholarship for which you are eligible.

ELIGIBILITY:
Criteria for each scholarship are provided under the scholarship name.

QUESTIONS:
Contact the Community Foundation of Elkhart County at (574) 295-8761.

HOW TO APPLY:
Visit InspiringGood.org to complete an online universal application.

Only one application is required to apply for all scholarships.
Austin Weirich Memorial Scholarship
Graduating high school senior from Goshen High School. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university. Preference given to a student pursuing a degree in a field related to mental health. Awards one new scholarship every two years (four-year award). Available 2024.

Bristol Little League Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior who lives in Washington Township. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university in a four-year degree program. Awards two new scholarships annually (four-year award).

Butch Nine Scholarship
Graduating high school senior from NorthWood High School. Pursuing a degree in law enforcement, medical studies or fire service. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Charles Milton and Miriam Nance Miller Nursing Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Student pursuing a nursing degree. Planning to enroll in an accredited Indiana college or university in a four-year program. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Claude S. and Hanna M. Kegerreis Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in a four-year program. Awards multiple scholarships annually (four-year award).
Coach Tom Kurth Scholarship
Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School. Must be a four-year member of the Elkhart High School football or track teams. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college, university, or technical school. Seeking an associate or bachelor’s degree. Awards one new scholarship annually (one-year award).

Corporal Aaron L. Seal Memorial Scholarship
First-generation college student. Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Concord, Elkhart or Jimtown High School. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in a four-year program. Awards one new scholarship every four years (four-year award). Available 2024.

Dale Family Nursing Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior (female) from Goshen High School. Pursuing a degree in nursing at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

David E. Schnell Football Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior (male) from Elkhart High School. Must be a member of the Elkhart High School senior football team and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher. Awards one new scholarship annually (two-year award).

Donald and Margaret Covert Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Pursuing a science-oriented degree in a four-year program at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Dr. John W. and Margaret B. Foreman Scholarship for DePauw
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior (Goshen High School preference) attending DePauw University with a preference given towards the pursuit of an education degree. Awards one new scholarship every four years (four-year award). Available 2024.

Ed Bradford Family Health Care 4-H Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Former or current Elkhart County 4-H member. Pursuing a degree in the medical field on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Henry and Alice Pederson Educational Fund
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Planning to enroll in an accredited college, university or vocational school. Awards multiple scholarships annually (four-year award).
Heritage Financial Group Scholarship
Parent must be an employee of Heritage Financial Group, Inc.; Quick Auto, Inc.; Heritage Acceptance Corporation; M H Acceptance or any of the Manufactured Housing Communities, with at least one year of seniority. Planning to enroll on a full-time basis at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Awards multiple scholarships each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Hursh Family Music Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Goshen High School (preference) or Elkhart County schools and have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Pursuing a degree in music in a four-year program at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship every two years (four-year award). Available 2025.

INSPIRE Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County a minimum of four years. Graduating high school senior from an Elkhart County high school and maintain between a 2.0 and 3.75 GPA. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college, university or technical school. Seeking an associate or bachelor’s degree. Scholarship recipients will be required to volunteer in Elkhart County for a minimum of 30 hours each year in order to renew the scholarship. Awards multiple two-year and four-year scholarships each year.

Ira Whitlock Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in a four-year program. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

IUSB Elkhart County Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Must enroll or be a current student at IUSB or IUSB-Elkhart. Traditional, non-traditional, full-time, part-time and graduate students may apply. Awards multiple scholarships each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Must enroll or be a current student at Ivy Tech Community College. Traditional, non-traditional, full-time, and part-time students may apply. Awards multiple scholarships each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Jackie Walorski Memorial Ministry Scholarship
Resident of Congressional District 2 (2022 district boundary lines). Graduating high school senior. Pursuing a degree in ministry or missions. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university in a four-year degree program. Awards one new scholarship every four years (four-year award). Available 2024.
Jackie Walorski Memorial Scholarship
Resident of Congressional District 2 (2022 district boundary lines). Graduating high school senior. Pursuing a degree in communications, journalism, public affairs or policy or political science. Planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university in a four-year degree program. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Jane Fryer McConaughy Memorial Scholarship
Indiana resident and/or attending college in Indiana. Pursuing a degree in ministry, missions or education. Traditional, non-traditional, full-time, part-time and graduate students may apply. Awards multiple scholarships each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Jenkins Automotive Scholarship presented by Rick & Sandy Jenkins
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from an Elkhart County high school or the Elkhart Area Career Center Automotive Program. Pursuing a degree or certificate in Automotive Technology or related field on a full-time basis. Awards one new scholarship annually (two-year award).
John G. Blakesley Mathematical Excellence Scholarship for Seniors
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Successful completion of math honors coursework and notable achievement in math on the ACT/SAT. Pursuing a degree in mathematics or the sciences in a four-year program at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Larry & Elizabeth Renbarger Scholarship
Graduating high school senior from Wabash High School (preference) or Elkhart County schools. Planning to attend Manchester University. Awards one new scholarship every four years (four-year award). Available 2026.

Literacy League of Elkhart County Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior (female) from an Elkhart County high school in the top 25% of class. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in Indiana in a four-year program. Awards two scholarships annually (one-year award).

LTC Jack Letherman Memorial Scholarship for Veteran Families
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from an Elkhart County high school or Marian high school. Planning to participate in an ROTC program at college (preference) or a dependent of an active or retired military parent. It is open to dependents of all branches of the military, but a preference is given to Army. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).
Mary J. Strati Byrd Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Pursuing a degree in the medical field (medical research preference) on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship every two years (four-year award). Available 2024.

Mary T. Putnam Journalism Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Pursuing a degree in journalism in a four-year program at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Morton Family Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School and maintain a 3.0-3.5 GPA. Planning to enroll on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

OSMC Scholarship
A dependent child of an OSMC employee that has been employed for at least one year. Excludes dependents of the physicians and executive management. Planning to enroll on a full-time basis at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Traditional and non-traditional students seeking an undergraduate degree or certificate may apply. Awards multiple scholarships each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Penny Free Memorial Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Historically underrepresented student, including African American, Hispanic/Latinx or women. Preference given to a student pursuing a degree in either a health care field (including behavioral health and social work) or the arts. Traditional or non-traditional, full-time or part-time students may apply. Awards one new scholarship each year (one-year award). Students may re-apply annually.

Philip T. Christ Scholarship
Graduating high school senior. Ranked in upper half of academic class. Dependent child of a CTS Corporation employee, working at any of the CTS domestic facilities. Planning to enroll in an accredited college, university or vocational school. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Ralph Lockerbie Goshen Kiwanis Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Goshen or Fairfield High School (Key Club member preference). Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in a four-year program. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).
Tom Grove Memorial Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School. Pursuing a fine arts or photography degree at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (one-year award).

Todd C. Putnam Memorial Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School. Pursuing a career in health care or special needs education in a four-year program at an accredited college or university in Indiana. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Walter O. Wells Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior. Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in a four-year program. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).

Wen and Susan Wu Scholarship
Resident of Elkhart County minimum of one year. Graduating high school senior from Elkhart High School and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Planning to enroll on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university. Awards one new scholarship annually (four-year award).
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 01
Application available online at InspiringGood.org

MARCH 01
Application deadline

APRIL 30
Community Foundation will notify scholarship recipients

JULY 15
Community Foundation will mail checks to college/university

Note: All scholarships offered through the Community Foundation are applied only toward tuition; room and board are not included.
Ineligible Individuals

During the two-year period prior to and including the submission of these scholarship applications, the immediate family members of the Community Foundation’s full-time and part-time staff and members of the Career Pathways Committee are not eligible for these scholarships.

During the one-year period prior to and including the submission of these scholarship applications, the immediate family members of the Community Foundation Board of Directors and advisory committees are not eligible for these scholarships.