



Lake County's Community Foundation

# Legacy Foundation Scholarship Program Common Application

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How much does it cost to apply for a scholarship?** There is no charge to apply.

**Who is eligible to apply?** Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria that have been defined by the donor. Please read through the specific criteria per scholarship to see if you are eligible for any of the funds.

**How do I apply?** Legacy Foundation has one Common Application for 25+ different scholarships which is completed online through Legacy's Website. In addition, Legacy Foundation holds funds for many other scholarships which require specialized applications. Please review "2018-19 Scholarship Booklet" for more details.

**Can I submit more than one application?** **SUBMIT ONLY ONE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.** The Community Foundation staff will determine if you are eligible for other scholarships based on the information in your application.

**Are all scholarships for Indiana residents?** Yes; Only 1 scholarship (Legends) is open to students outside of Indiana; must attend one of the local colleges/universities to apply. Please see Booklet for details.

**Where can I go to school with these scholarships?** Unless noted differently in the scholarship description and eligibility statement, the scholarships are for accredited schools anywhere in the United States.

**When should I apply?** **Applications opens December 1.** Your application, recommendations, transcripts and other supporting documents must be submitted electronically through the online scholarship system on or before the deadline of **February 1.**

**Are the scholarships awarded enough to pay for all of my college education?** No. These scholarships are intended to provide only partial support. In addition to applying for scholarships through Legacy Foundation, you should look into other financial aid resources such as federal grants, loans and work-study awards. A complete financial package can be put together by your high school counselor or your college financial aid office and may include a portion of each of these types of financial aid.

**If I am awarded a scholarship, how much will I get?** Legacy Foundation scholarships offer varying award amounts. On average, awards range from \$500 to \$2,500 but could be larger based on the number of qualified applicants and the parameters set by donors who have established the funds.

**Can I receive more than one scholarship?** Yes. You may be eligible and selected as a recipient for more than one scholarship. Legacy Foundation staff will then determine if you are eligible for other scholarships based on the information in your application.

**If I am awarded a scholarship, do I get the check?** No. Scholarship award checks will be made payable to the institution. You must send Legacy Foundation a copy of your tuition statement. Legacy Foundation will remit a check directly to the school for your benefit and request that the school pay out the scholarship equally over the semesters or trimesters.

In some cases, Your Scholarship may be used to purchase books and required equipment. After making your purchases, please submit **The Book Expense Report Form along with original receipts** in order to receive reimbursement. Forms may be submitted for each term. If book and equipment expenses total less than the amount of the Scholarship award amount, you will **not** be eligible to receive the balance of the scholarship paid directly to you. You may have the balance sent to the school for to cover tuition expenses. When you receive your award letter, the Scholarship Guidelines will specify whether the scholarship covers book reimbursement.

**How is the scholarship decisions made?** A volunteer selection committee appointed by the Legacy Foundation and will review each application and select the recipients based on the criteria established by donors.

**How will my application be evaluated?** In evaluating the applicants, the committee will consider the applicants' academic records, test scores, extracurricular activities, work experience, community involvement, and recommendations about leadership and character. The selection process shall review merit and financial need and depending on the scholarship, there may be an emphasis on any of the above mentioned.

**If I am awarded a scholarship, what are my responsibilities?** Scholarship recipients must attend college on a full-time basis (unless other arrangements have been made) in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded and continue in college that entire academic year, barring illness or emergency. Recipients are responsible for having Legacy Foundation notified of their enrollment each quarter or semester by the school & completing our Award Acceptance online forms. You must also submit an official transcript to Legacy Foundation at the end of each year.

**If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive an award for the following year?** This depends on the specific scholarship that you were awarded. Some will renew automatically (you must provide official transcript for documentation of eligibility & tuition statement). Some scholarships are only given for one year. In some cases, students must complete the application process again in order to be considered for a renewal scholarship award. When you receive your award letter, the Guidelines will explain the details of your particular scholarship.

**When will I be notified if I received a scholarship?** Most recipients will be notified by mid-May. You will also be invited to attend our Annual Scholarship Dinner in early June.



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