

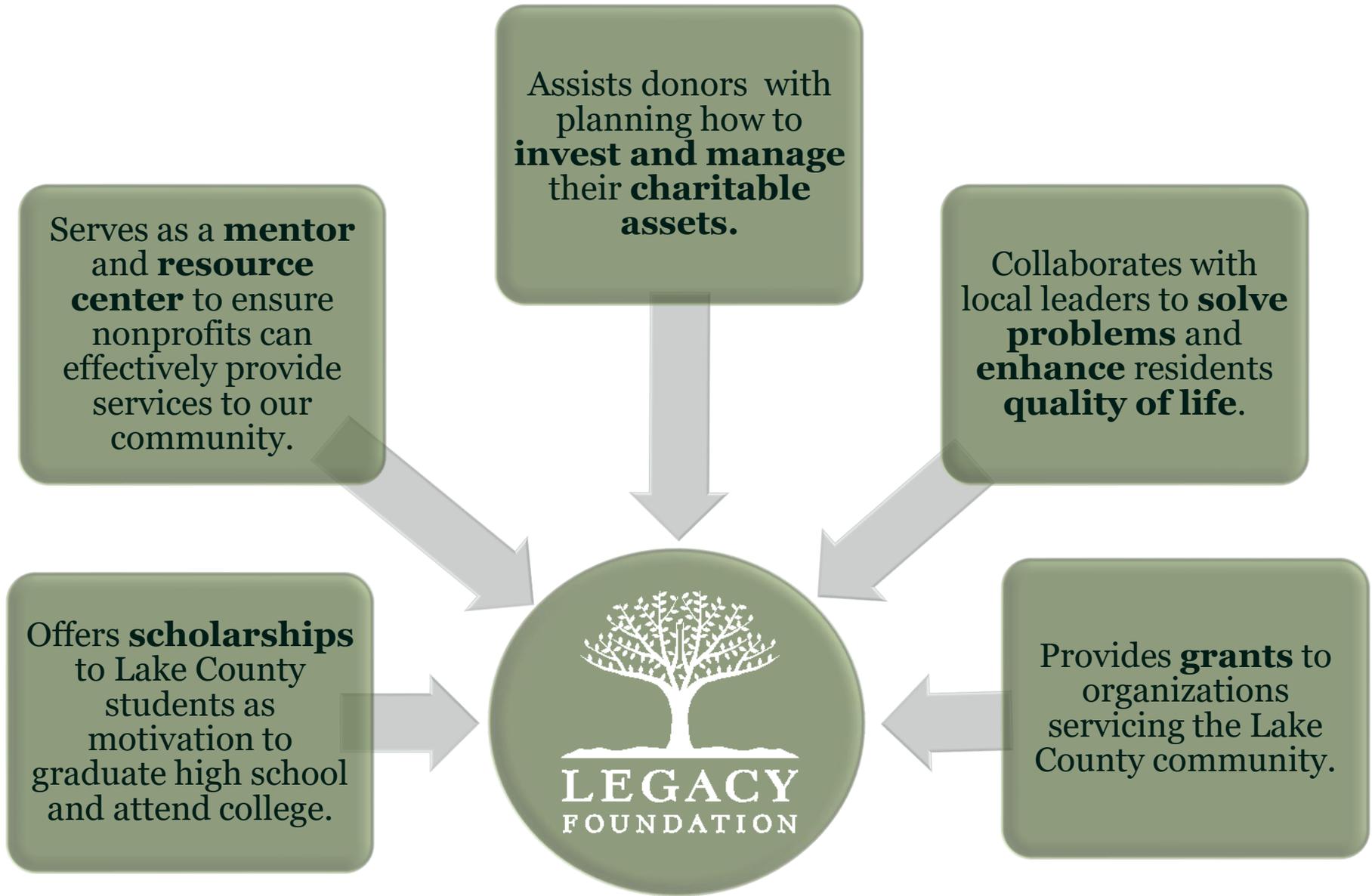
2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars Program (LECSP)



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Legacy Foundation's Scholarship Program Two Scholarship Cycles:

Lilly Application Open August 1

Lilly Deadline is September 15

***Universal Application (for 35+ various scholarships)
opens November 1***

Universal Application due February 1

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (LECSP)



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What is the LECSP (aka The Lilly)?

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECSP) was established in 1998 to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana. LECSP encourages Indiana's most talented students to attend one of Indiana's fine colleges or universities and after graduation consider pursuing occupations in Indiana.

Each county in Indiana participates in the LECSP through their local community foundation. Since the program's inception, Legacy Foundation has been able to award over 200 full tuition scholarships to Lake County students through the LECSP.

Award Details

Six (6) students from Lake county will receive the scholarship.

Covers four (4) years of full tuition to ANY accredited 4-year private or public college in Indiana.

The students will also receive a \$900 per year stipend for books.

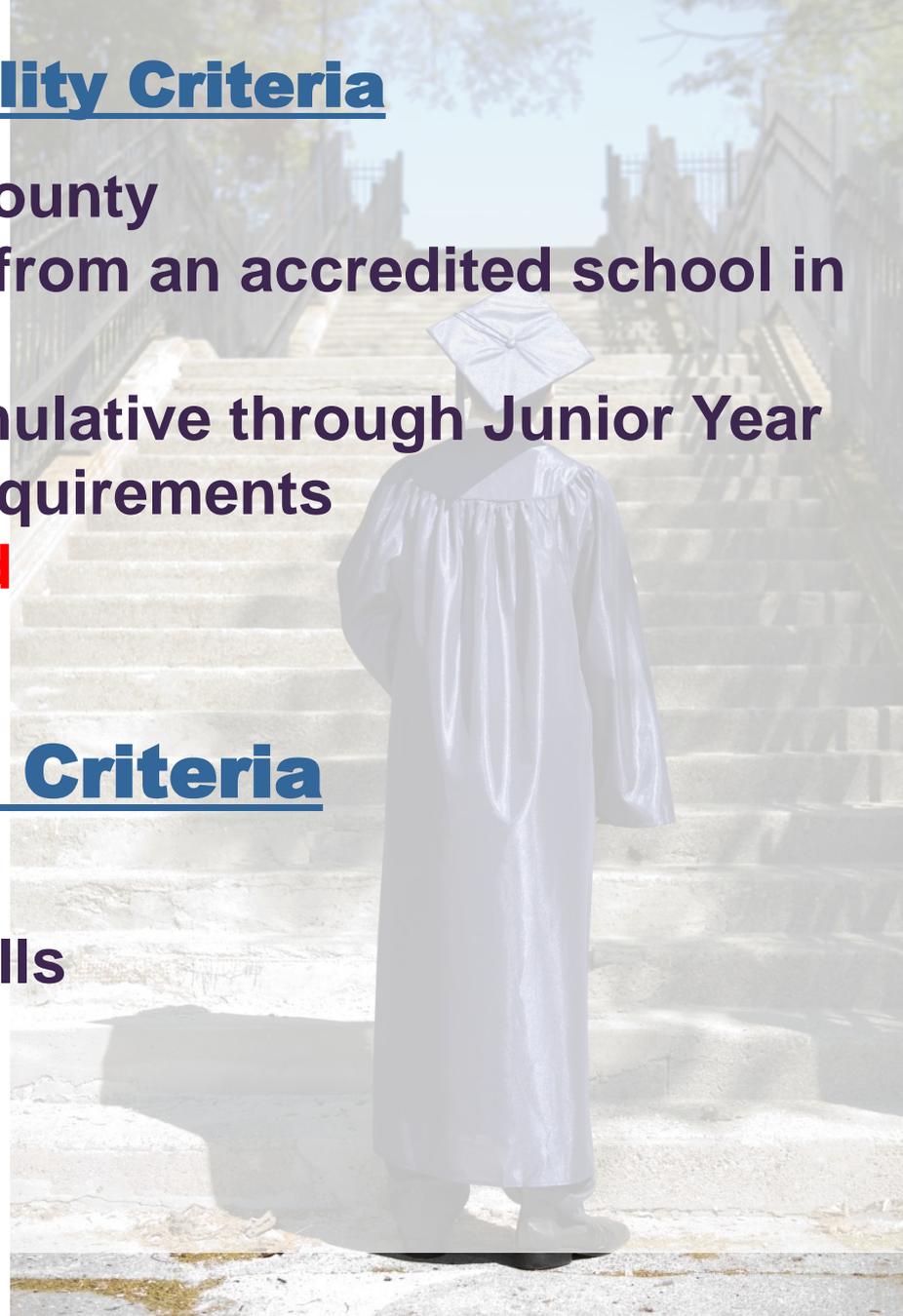
Room & board is NOT covered although most students receive other scholarship awards from their institution to cover at least part of these expenses.

Lilly Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Must be resident of Lake County
- ✓ Must be graduating senior from an accredited school in Lake County
- ✓ 3.25 GPA (unweighted) cumulative through Junior Year
- ✓ Meet Financial Eligibility requirements
- ✓ **Citizenship is NOT required**
- ✓ **No ACT/SAT requirement**

Selection Criteria

- ✓ academics
- ✓ demonstrated leadership skills
- ✓ service to others
- ✓ character
- ✓ essay
- ✓ interview



Process & Timeline

September 15, 2022 at 5pm: Deadline to apply

September 15, 2022 : Each school will receive all the completed applications from their school. School Administrators will be reviewing these applications to determine the school's Finalist.

October 5, 2022: Schools will report their Finalist who will be reviewed by the Legacy Scholarship Committee; Legacy will notify students of their application status.

October 20, 2022: Students & schools will be notified if their Finalist will be interviewed. 16-18 finalists will be interviewed.

October 27 - 28, 2022: Student Interviews

Mid-December: Recipients announced.

There are 6 recipients and 4 alternates. These must be approved by the Lilly Endowment.

5 additional scholarships will be awarded through this process; they range from \$10,000 (\$2,500 renewable) to \$1000.

How to apply?

Application is available on our website.

<https://legacyfdn.org/>

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If you forget your password; click here. Check your junk mail if you don't get something from Foundant. Email Legacy if you are still unable to reset password.

Welcome to the Legacy Foundation Online Scholarships Portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.

We do MOST of our communication via email. Please check your account regularly. DO NOT use a high school issued account.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Grant Administrator to receive your username.

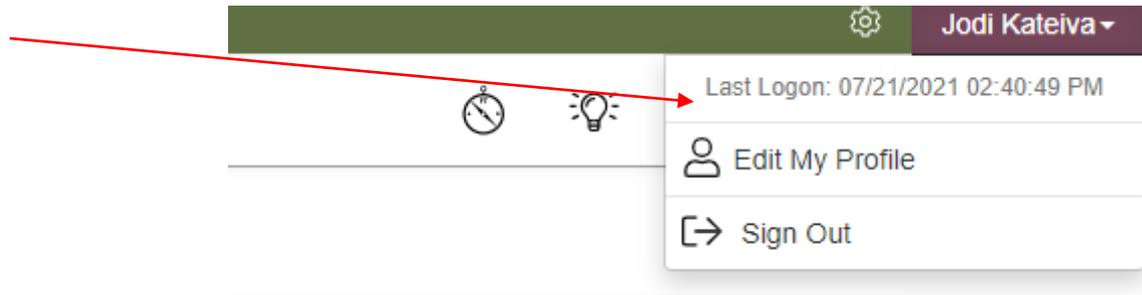
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Please note - this is the information that will be attached to all of your future applications. Make sure things are spelled & capitalized correctly. This application should be completed by STUDENTS – NOT PARENTS!

Updating Your Profile



To change / update information on your profile:

- Click *Your Name* in top right corner
- Click *Edit My Profile*

Please make sure this includes the most current contact information for you.

Select Lilly Endowment Application

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2022

Accepting Submissions from 07/15/2021 to 09/15/2021;

Apply

The Legacy Foundation in conjunction with Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) has the privilege of administering the **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP)** in Lake County. This program awards 6 scholarships to individuals who are committed to pursuing a full-time baccalaureate course of study, beginning in the fall of 2022 to be completed within four years, at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

The scholarship covers eight semesters of full tuition and required fees and a stipend of up to \$900 for required books and supplies.

Preview

Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility

Eligibility Packet

Question List

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Question Group

Lake County Residency*

Are you a resident of Lake County, Indiana as of January 1, 2020?

- Yes
- No

High School*

Are you a current senior at an accredited high school in Lake County, Indiana who will graduate by the end of June 2022?

- Yes
- No

GPA*

Is your UNweighted GPA above 3.25?

- Yes
- No

Indiana College Plans*

Are you planning to attend a full time baccalaureate course of study in the fall of 2022 at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana?

- Yes
- No

Eligibility Quiz: Financial Requirements

Student's family must be considered low to moderate income as defined by HUD in order to apply. In order to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship your family must fall below a certain income threshold based on your family's AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) and the number of people reported in your household for 2021.

Income Guidelines

In order to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship your family must fall below a certain income threshold based on your family's AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) and the number of people reported in your household for 2021.

*If your family's AGI for 2022 will be significantly different from 2021 due to changes in income (lost job or gain, illness, etc.), you may use your anticipated 2022 AGI.

Please review the chart below. Look for the number of people in your household, then look at the corresponding AGI.

- If your family's 2021 or 2022 income is **equal to or lower than** the AGI specified for that number in household, select "**yes**".
- If your AGI is **higher**, then select "**no**".

All recipients will be asked to provide tax & income documentation for verification purposes.

Income Guidelines*

Number in Family = AGI

- 1 person = \$70,875
- 2 people = \$81,000
- 3 people = \$91,125
- 4 people = \$101,250
- 5 people = \$109,350
- 6 people = \$117,450
- 7 people = \$125,550
- 8 people = \$133,650

Recipients will be asked to provide verification of their financial eligibility.

Student View: Application

Process: Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2022

Contact Info [Request](#)

Applicant:
Mr. Test Test
test@test.com
219-736-1880
1000 East 80th Place
Merrillville, IN 46410 United States

[Contact Email History](#)

You can download a PDF of the application.

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Students can expand/close each of the sections.

Student View: Student Information

Project Name*

This ID will be used to locate and identify your scholarship application. Please enter your first two initials followed by the last four digits of your phone number.

Example: Mary Short with a phone number ending in 1443 would enter MS1443.

High School*

Date of Birth*

Do you identify with any of the following?*

Please select all that apply

This information will not be made available to the reviewers.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- LGBTQ
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Other
- Person with disabilities
- Prefer not to answer
- White (not of Hispanic origin)

Gender*

This information will not be made available to the reviewers.

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to answer

We ask these questions for tracking purposes only. We want to ensure that we are reaching a diverse community of students reflective of Lake County.

Student View: Family Information

∨ Family Information

Who do you live with?*

For example: both parents, father, mother, relative, other

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):*

Parent(s) Status:*

- Divorced
- Married
- Separated
- Single Parent
- Other

How long have you lived in Lake County?*

Number of siblings?

Ages of siblings, if applicable?

Student View: Financial Information

∨ Financial Information

The following questions help us determine eligibility. Please note, all recipients will be asked to verify financial information provided.

AGI*
What was your family's AGI (adjusted gross income) as reported on their 2020 taxes?

If your family did not report taxes, indicate the amount of money earned by the family for the year of 2020 (including state or federal aid, disability or social security income, etc.)

\$

Number in Household*
How many people were indicated as part of your household on your 2020 taxes?

#

Tax Returns Not Available
If your family did not file a tax return, please explain.

Financial Statement
Please provide information that may help us understand your financial need. How do you intend to pay for college? Advise of any unusual circumstances that could be taken into consideration while reviewing your financial information. Examples include: recent changes in job status, medical bills, caring for relatives in the home, educational expenses beyond your own, etc.

Student View: Extra Curricular Activities

▼ Extracurricular Activities

Extra-Curricular School Activities:

In this section please list school clubs, music groups, drama, student council, national honor society, key club, academic teams, peer tutoring, athletics (it is OK to include sports performed outside of your school here - travel teams), etc.

Please only include activities that you participated in for a minimum of 2 semesters/seasons. ←

The committee values the quality of your activities, not the quantity.

You MUST include:

- Name of activity- include a brief description if not clear
- Hours per week
- Years of participation
 - You may include anticipated Senior year activities.
- Describe the any positions of leadership, awards or special recognition (if applicable).

Example 1.

Softball

Freshman year - 4 months; 6 hours per week (Most Improved)

Sophomore year - 4 months; 7 hours per week (Captain)

Example 2.

THRIVE - mentoring program for 1st grade students through High School

Freshman year - 6 months ; 2 hours per week

Junior year - 6 months; 3 hours per week (Students/Staff Liaison)

Senior year - 3 months;7 hours per week (President)

Do you want to add an extracurricular activity?*

Yes

No

Please make sure you follow the example format.

Student View: Community Religious Civic Activities

Community Service, Religious, Civic Volunteer Activities

In this section, please list any community service, civic, or religious volunteer activities done **outside of school affiliated programs/clubs**. **DO NOT** list activities related to school service clubs (NHS, Key Club, etc) that are done for required service hours. You would put that in the extra curricular section.

Please **ONLY** list activities where you participated for a minimum of 4 weeks.

The committee values the quality of your activities, not the quantity.

You **MUST** include:

- Name of activity- include a brief description if not clear
- Hours per week
- Dates of participation
 - You may include anticipated Senior year activities.
- Describe the any positions of leadership, awards or special recognition (if applicable).

Example 1.

Church Youth Group

Freshman year - 12 months; 1.5 hours per week

Sophomore year - 12 months; 2 hours per week

Junior year - 11 months; 2 hours per week (Group Leader)

Example 2.

UPLIFT - mentoring program through YMCA

Freshman year - 6 months; 2 hours per week

Junior year - 6 months; 3 hours per week

Senior year - 3 months; 7 hours per week

Do you want to add a community service activity?

- Yes
 No

Key Points:

1. Follow the example format.
2. **DO NOT** list activities related to school service clubs (NHS, Key Club, etc.) that are done for required service hours. You would put that in the extra curricular section.
3. Please **ONLY** list activities where you participated for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Student View: Employment History

✓ Employment

Work Experience

In this section please list any paid employment experiences.

Resume Upload

You **CAN** upload a Resume if you prefer. Resume must include hours worked per week. You are NOT required to upload a resume.

Upload a file [5 MiB allowed]

Do you want to add an employer:*

Yes

No

✓ Employer 1

Work Experience

In this section please list any paid employment experiences. Include:

- Place of employment
- Position/title and brief description of duties
- Start and end date of employment (if currently employed; state current)
- Hours per week

Employer 1

Key Point:

- You can upload a resume instead of typing in each employer. If you chose this option, make sure it contains the necessary information.
- It is NOT required that you upload a resume. We do NOT want you to create one just for this process. This is a timesaver for those of you that have them!

Student View: Essay

You will need to complete 3 essays.

Each essay is limited to 2,500 characters or 250-400 words.

We recommend saving them in another format and copying them into the essay boxes.

Essay 1

One of the primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to encourage and support LECSP Scholars to engage with each other, Indiana businesses, governments, education, nonprofits and civic leaders to improve the quality of life throughout the state. Explain your future goals. How might these goals contribute to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana?

Essay 2

Help us get to know you. Write about your background, identity, an interest, or talent that is meaningful to you.

Essay 3

Discuss an accomplishment, event, challenge, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

Student View: Recommendation Contacts

Recommendation Contacts

Please include the names of 2 school staff (teachers, guidance counselor, coaches, etc.) that can speak on your behalf.

You **DO NOT** need to get Letters of Recommendation from them. These individuals may be contacted during your school's nomination process. [You DO NOT need to do anything further with this section.](#)

Recommendation Contact 1*

Recommendation Contact 2*

Students DO NOT need to get Recommendation Letters for this application. This section allows the student to name 2 contacts that the school can use to gather information when selecting their nominee.

Review BEFORE you submit.
You can download a PDF of your application by clicking "Application Packet" on your dashboard.

Eligibility

Application

Document Viewer

Application Packet

Question List

Due by 09/15/2021 05:00 PM CDT.

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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP)

Scholarship Tips

- Brag about yourself!
- Take time to write down all of your activities, goals, what sets you apart. This can be used for college applications & all of the scholarships you will apply for.
- Capitalization & spelling counts.
- Print it and read it aloud before you submit. This will help you hear errors that you don't always see.
- Make sure uploaded documents are correct.
- Find a reviewer. They catch things you might miss.
- Take your time.
- Do not wait until the last minute to complete or submit! Computers have glitches.
- Don't let a computer issue ruin your day- or your chances of getting this awesome scholarship!

The DEADLINE is 5pm. Not 5:02, 5:05 or 5:10.





Essay Tips: DO's

1. Read the Instructions!

- a. Are there any limits on the essay? I.e. words, spacing, pages, etc.
- b. Answer the question(s) asked.

2. Plan in advance:

- a. Develop a list of your school & community activities.
- b. Write down the three accomplishments of which you are the most proud.
- c. Write down your career goals, or your reason for wanting to attend college.



3. Write in a clear, “plain” style.

Avoid “flowery” language. Throw out your Thesaurus. Readers are more impressed by the quality of your ideas than your use of multi-syllabic terms. Especially if they are used incorrectly!

4. Choose Proper Type, Style and Format.

A good essay is not about style and formatting, of course, but style influences the first impression your paper makes.

5. Make it personal and passionate:

- a. **Help US get to know YOU.** Spend some time going below the surface and share something about who you are.
 - i. If you are writing about your desire to become a biologist, explain that your passion began when your father bought you a microscope when you were five years old.
 - ii. Don't just mention that you work with disadvantaged kids; tell them how your love of art got you into working with those kids.
 - iii. Focusing on specific examples of your life will help readers relate to your experiences and ensure that you are memorable.
- b. **Use specific statements instead of generalizing.** Don't just write, "Education is the key to success." Instead, show how education has impacted your life.

6. Find an editor:

Family members, teachers, or advisors all make great editors. Some editors catch grammar and spelling mistakes; others give advice on making the substance of your essay better. Find both types of editors. Be careful that they do not alter your work so much that your voice is lost. Editing is essential, but your writing should always be your own.

7. Read your essay aloud to yourself so you can hear how it flows.

Questions?



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