2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars Program (LECSP)
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Offers scholarships to Lake County students as motivation to graduate high school and attend college.

Serves as a mentor and resource center to ensure nonprofits can effectively provide services to our community.

Assists donors with planning how to invest and manage their charitable assets.

Collaborates with local leaders to solve problems and enhance residents quality of life.

Provides grants to organizations servicing the Lake County community.
Legacy Foundation’s Scholarship Program
Two Scholarship Cycles:

Lilly Application Open July 1

Lilly Deadline is September 15

Universal Application (for 40+ various scholarships)

November 1, 2023 - February 1, 2024
LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (LECSP)
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, 2023 at 5pm:** Deadline to apply

**September 18, 2023:** Each school will receive all the completed applications from their school. School Administrators will be reviewing these applications to determine the school’s one Finalist.

**October 5, 2023:** Legacy will notify students of if they are selected as their school’s finalist to move along in the process.

**October 9, 2023:** Finalists will need to turn in their Financial Verification Documents.

**October 19, 2023:** Finalists will be notified if they will be interviewed. 16-18 finalists will be interviewed.

**October 26 - 27, 2023:** Student Interviews

**Mid-December:** Recipients announced.

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

6 additional scholarships will be awarded through this process; they range from $10,000 ($2,500 renewable) to $1,000.
How to apply?
Application is available on our website.
https://legacyfdn.org/
Log In Page

www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=lfs

Students will need to create a new account.

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.

DO NOT use a high school-issued email account!

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.

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.
Creating Your Profile

Please note - this is the information that will be attached to 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.
Legacy Foundation’s Scholarship Program

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program
Application open from July 1, 2023 to September 15, 2023.

Legacy Universal Scholarship Application
Open from November 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024
Legacy actively administers more than 40+ scholarship funds. Our application process is designed to make it easier and less time consuming for students to apply for the scholarships available through Legacy Foundation. Eligible students may be awarded a scholarship from one or more different funds. All applications must be completed and submitted through the online scholarship system.

Eligibility - Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2024

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSF)

The Legacy Foundation in conjunction with Independent Colleges of Indiana has the privilege of administering the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSF) 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 scholarships cover eight semester of full tuition and required fees and a stipend of up to $900 for required books and supplies.

Start Eligibility Quiz
You will first need to complete the Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility
Eligibility - Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program 2024

Return to Approval All Open Approvals

☐ Eligibility

- Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

- Question Group

  - Lake County Residency*
  Are you a resident of Lake County, Indiana as of January 1, 2022?
  - 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 2024?
  - 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 2024 at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana?
  - Yes
  - No
Eligibility Quiz: Financial Requirements

Student’s family must be considered 120% of median 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 2022.

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 as reported on your taxes) and the number of people reported in your household for 2022.

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

- If your family’s 2022 AGI (income as reported on your taxes) is equal to or lower than the AGI specified for that number in household, select "yes".
- If your AGI is higher, then select "no".

Your AGI should NOT be 0. Number in household may NOT be 0. Each school finalist WILL be asked to provide tax & income documentation for verification purposes by October 9, 2023. Please use the family member that you live with the most (if parents are separated/divorced, etc.) If you have ANY questions, call Legacy at 219-738-1880.

Income Guidelines

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☐ Yes
☐ No

Lilly Scholarship Process

I understand that:
- Each high school in Lake County will select one student to become the school's finalist. Student will be notified if they are the school's finalist by October 5.
- Finalist applications will be reviewed by Legacy Foundation’s scholarship committee.
- Financial documentation from finalists MUST be provided to Legacy Foundation by October 9, 2023.
- 18 (approx.) students will be selected to interview.
- You will be notified of your interview status by October 20. Interviews will take place in person at Legacy Foundation on October 26 & 27th.

☐ Yes

School Finalists will be asked to provide verification of their financial eligibility via tax returns or alternate documentation.
If you are eligible, click the “Apply” button to access application.

If you are not eligible and have questions, please reach out.
Student View: Application

You can download a PDF of the application.

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/Latino
- 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

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<td><strong>How long have you lived in Lake County?</strong></td>
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| **Number of siblings?**
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| **Ages of siblings, if applicable?** |
Student View: Financial Information

Financial Information

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

AGI
What was your family's AGI (adjusted gross income) as reported on their 2022 taxes?

If your family did not report taxes, indicate the amount of money earned by the family for the year of 2022 (including child support, state or federal aid, disability or social security income, etc.)

This should NOT be 0.

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Number in Household
How many people were indicated as part of your household on your 2022 taxes?

This should NOT be 0.

# 

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.
# 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.

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## Other Information:

If there is something from above that you wanted to elaborate on, you may do so here. This is optional.
Student View: Community, Religious, Civic Activities

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.

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

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Student View: Employment History

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!
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
Please write a short autobiography including information about your family, hobbies, spare time activities and what inspires you. You may elaborate on work, community or school activities you didn't get to address in your application.

Essay 3
Discuss an accomplishment, event, challenge, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
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.
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?