



2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE



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The Community Foundation manages over 70 scholarship funds to help students pursue their academic goals following high school. Scholarships are the most direct and public expression of financial support that the Community Foundation can give local students.

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AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS HELPED
YOU ALONG THE WAY!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Applying for scholarships can seem like a daunting task. Here are some frequently asked questions to help you as you consider applying for our scholarships.

What kinds of scholarships are available from the Community Foundation? Am I eligible?

The local graduating seniors of the Class of 2026 were awarded nearly \$260,000 in scholarships. Nearly 50 different students earned money toward their college costs. Scholarships are available to a variety of applicants. Some awards are specific to schools, majors, financial need, or other interests. Others have few restrictions. Check out the [Available Scholarships Listing](#) on Page 6 to see what you may be eligible for!

What about the annual Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship?

Jefferson County is given one Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship each year, awarding full tuition to an Indiana college or university. The application is open to Jefferson County, IN seniors in the top 10% of their graduating class (minimum three per school). The window for applying lasts from early July until mid-August, and the winner is announced in December. More details on this scholarship are on Pages 18 and 19 and on our website at www.cfmjc.org/lecs.

How do I submit an application?

After December 1, go to our website, www.cfmjc.org, and hover over the [Grants & Scholarships](#) tab in the menu on the left side of the page, then click [Scholarships](#). On the Scholarship page, click [Apply](#) in the menu at the top of the page. This will take you to our online application system. Click the [Log On/Create an Account to Apply](#) button in the upper right corner. You will fill out the registration form to create an account with an email and password. Be sure to use an email that is not issued by your high school and is one that you will consistently monitor, and save your password for future visits. Be sure to save administrator@grantinterface.com to your Safe Sender list to receive email communications about your application.



Do I have to have SAT or ACT scores to apply for scholarships?

Many of the scholarships consider standardized test scores. While these are not required, their absence will likely put you at a disadvantage when reviewers are comparing candidates. Counselors are asked to include your PSAT scores if your SAT or ACT scores are unavailable.

Do I have to fill out the FAFSA before I apply for your scholarships?

Most of our scholarships require you to provide the SAI (Student Aid Index) figure from your FAFSA. However, not all of the scholarships have a need-based requirement. Look at the [Available Scholarships Listing](#) to see which scholarships require this information. You can complete your FAFSA online at www.studentaid.gov beginning in October.

Will I need to write an essay?

Some scholarships require essays for consideration. Be sure to check the [Available Scholarships Listing](#) to see what you need to include. See tips for essays on Page 23.

What about letters of recommendation?

Many scholarships require references or letters of recommendation from people like teachers, coaches, or employers. You will be prompted to complete needed [Request](#) sections on your application which will alert your recommender to your request via email. It is your responsibility to ask for these pieces well in advance as **they are due at the same time as your application**. You will not be able to see the information or letters submitted on your behalf, but you will be emailed when they are completed. Counselors will also submit transcripts at your request.

What if I don't have everything completed by the submission deadline?

All student information and recommendations MUST be submitted on the online application platform before **Noon on February 5, 2027**. Please remember to give your references plenty of time to complete and submit letters of recommendation. (If a recommendation is not received, you may be ineligible for that scholarship, but may still be awarded others not requiring that particular recommendation). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all materials are completed and the **SUBMIT** button is pressed before this time. Your school counselor will have additional time to submit your transcript. Partial applications will not be considered.

What is the timeline for the scholarship application process?

December 1, 2026	Applications open at Midnight
February 5, 2027	Noon deadline to submit applications
February 9, 2027	Counselor deadline for transcripts
Winners will be announced at schools' Honors Day programs and at the Community Foundation's Scholarship Celebration event on May 10, 2027.	

Are 21st Century Scholars eligible to apply for these scholarships?

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars receive full tuition to any Indiana **public** college or university. Because some of the scholarships listed are for tuition only, you may not be eligible to apply for some awards. Take a look at the [Available Scholarships Listing](#) to see which awards you might still be able to apply for.



The majority of the Community Foundation's scholarships may be used for tuition **and** required related expenses, such as fees; **however** the following are **TUITION ONLY** scholarships:

Helyn Bishop Scholarship
Lisa Cheatham Memorial Scholarship
Thomas D. Craft, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Dennis Holt Memorial Scholarship
Ralph & Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship
Dale McNeely Scholarship
Fr. Hilary G. Meny Scholarship
Terri Nighbert Memorial Scholarship
Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship

Students who are already receiving a full-tuition* scholarship at their school of choice are **INELIGIBLE** to apply for or receive:

Class of '84 Scholarship
Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship
Dennis Holt Memorial Scholarship
Ralph & Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship
George & June Kirk Scholarship
Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship

*full-tuition scholarships include, but are not limited to: 21st Century Scholar (at a public university), tuition exchange, military appointments, athletic, academic, or other full-tuition scholarships.

Are scholarships renewable?

The majority of the scholarships are awarded for the first semester or year of your college enrollment only. Check the [Available Scholarships Listing](#) to see which scholarships are renewable. These scholarships renew automatically upon an annual confirmation of your enrollment, and funds are sent directly to your school at the end of July and by August 1.

What schools may I attend?

Some scholarships are awarded only to a specific school or have some other limiting factor such as in-state, or public vs. private. The majority of the scholarships, however, can be applied to any accredited two or four year college, university, vocational, or trade school.

If I win a scholarship, what can the money be used for?

CFMJC scholarships may be used for undergraduate tuition, or tuition and related expenses (books, equipment, fees, etc.) at qualifying colleges and universities. If a school applies a scholarship to a student's Room and Board expenses, there may be income tax implications that would need to be discussed with the school. Be sure to check out the specifics in the [Available Scholarships Listing](#).

What is the difference between a public and a private college or university?

Public colleges and universities receive the majority of their monetary support from the state government, while private colleges and universities are supported by donations from alumni, endowment funds created by the school, and student tuition and fees. We have included a list of Indiana colleges and universities and their public/private status starting on Page 26 of this guide.

What if I win one of the scholarships?

Most winners will be announced on May 10, 2027 at the Community Foundation's Scholarship Celebration and/or at school ceremonies. Award recipients will receive an official award letter containing specifics of the scholarship and instructions on how to accept the award. Award recipients must complete an assigned online acceptance form. Scholarship checks will be processed at the end of July, then mailed directly to colleges by August 1. If you drop out of school, any refund will return to the Foundation. If you decide to transfer, the money can generally go to the new school. You must contact the Foundation office to discuss any transfers of scholarships.

What if I have other questions?

Check first with your school's guidance counselor. If you have further questions, email Julie Wells at julie@cfmjc.org, or call the Foundation office at (812) 265-3327.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS



BE SURE TO READ THESE IMPORTANT NOTES BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION!

1. **Applications will open to students on Tuesday, December 1, 2026.** A link to online applications will be available on the Scholarship page of www.cfmjc.org.
2. The deadline to submit completed applications online is **Friday, February 5, 2027 at NOON** unless otherwise noted. Scholarships using other applications may have different deadlines. Please review the deadlines and requirements for each scholarship. **Applications and/or recommendations received after the stated deadline WILL NOT be considered.**
3. Scholarships including Financial Need in the criteria will require the applicant to **upload a PDF of the Student Aid Index (SAI) page from the student's most recent FAFSA before the scholarship deadline.** Go to studentaid.gov to complete your financial aid information. You will need your family's most recent (2025) tax information among other documentation.
4. **Scholarship awards are for tuition and/or tuition related expenses only at the undergraduate level.** Students already receiving a full-tuition award from a college or another source (i.e. full-tuition athletic or academy scholarship, 21st Century Scholarship at a public institution, tuition exchange, military academy appointment) may not be eligible to receive Community Foundation scholarships.
5. Scholarship awards are generally for graduating high school seniors and are not renewable, unless otherwise noted.
6. Community Foundation employees, board members, and selection committee volunteers, as well as family members of the aforementioned individuals, are ineligible for Community Foundation scholarships, with the exception of merit-based scholarships not requiring an application. Ineligible family members include spouses, lineal descendants and their spouses, siblings and their spouses. The period of ineligibility extends through the calendar year following the year in which the volunteer position or employment ends.
7. Scholarship awards are processed at the end of July, then mailed directly to the recipients' selected schools **by August 1. Student and school information must be submitted online to the Community Foundation by mid-June.**
8. It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm that all parts of the application are accurate, completed, and submitted before the deadline. This includes, but is not limited to, submission of recommendation letters and addressing technical issues.

KEY:



CA of Madison



Madison HS



Shawe HS



Southwestern HS



Homeschool



Adult Learners



Other High Schools



FAFSA SAI Required

Amounts listed are based on 2026 awards - amounts are subject to change.

GPA requirements are on the weighted scale unless otherwise noted.

BONNIE & PRINTIS SHELTON SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School, Southwestern High School, or Trimble County High School; 2) **be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; and 3) rank in the top 20% of their graduating class.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$11,800 | 1 scholarship, renewable at \$5,900 in each freshman & sophomore years

BRAD O'LEARY SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; 3) **have taken at least 3 years of Spanish class; 4) received grades of "C" or better in Spanish classes; and 5) are interested in the Spanish language.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Spanish class academic achievement and financial need. Preference given to applicants who have participated in Spanish speaking activities such as mission trips, tutoring, Hispanic Festival, etc.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$700 | 1 scholarship

BRIAN W. STITES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; 3) **have a GPA of 2.0 and above; and 4) plan to play on the Southwestern Varsity Baseball team in their senior year.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,300 | 1 scholarship

BROADWAY SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of a Jefferson County, Indiana High School; and 2) **be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, concern for school and community, essay, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 200 word essay on the role the Broadway High School (the first commissioned colored high school in the state of Indiana, located in the 600 block of North Broadway Street) played in the history of Madison; and 2) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,200 | 1 scholarship

CALVIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School or Southwestern High School; 2) **be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four year college or university; 3) planning to major in education with the intent of teaching in a K-12 public school; and 4) have a GPA of 3.0 or above.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, academic honors and awards, extracurricular and community involvement, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) Essay of up to 250 words describing why the applicant wishes to become a teacher; 2) Scoring form completed by an academic teacher; 3) 2 letters of recommendation (one from an English teacher and one from an academic teacher of another discipline); and 4) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,300 | 1 scholarship

KEY:

 CA of Madison

 Madison HS

 Shawe HS

 Southwestern HS

 Homeschool

 Adult Learners

 Other High Schools

 FAFSA SAI Required

CAM CAR CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited public or private institution of higher learning; and **3) planning to pursue a degree or certificate in automotive technology, diesel technology, collision repair and refinishing, or other programs related to the automotive industry (or most closely satisfies this requirement).**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic performance and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 scholarship

CARL & JANET GLESLING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School or Shawe Memorial High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four-year college or university; and 3) planning to major in education and/or enter the teaching profession.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities and employment, character, and financial need. Preference given to applicants planning to teach special education or mathematics

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers; 2) response to short question describing a person (or event) that inspired the applicant to want to teach; and 3) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: TBD | 1 scholarship - **First Year for Award**

CARL J. & MARY M. HOEFLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 2.0 and above; and 4) attended MCHS for 4 years.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, essay, and personal interview (by invitation)

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: A 250 word essay describing why the student wants to attend college/vocational school, their school choices, and their career and life goals. Personal interviews will be conducted by invitation only.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$5,125 | 1 scholarship

CAROL STIER NOWLIN SCHOLARSHIP (ADULT LEARNER)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: **1) be an adult learner residing in Jefferson County, IN; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational, or trade school.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Work history, character, and responses to questions related to the applicant’s desire to continue their education. Preference will be give to an applicant with dependents and/or is a single parent

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Letter of recommendation from an employer or someone knowing the applicant’s character

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: TBD | 1 scholarship - **First Year for Award**

CAROLYN BRUCE SPICER & GENE E. SPICER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP (HIGH SCHOOL)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; 3) planning to pursue an Associate or Bachelor’s degree in nursing; and 4) have a GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,150 | 1 scholarship

CAROLYN BRUCE SPICER & GENE E. SPICER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP (ADULT LEARNER)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: **1) be a registered nurse with an Associate degree in nursing; 2) graduated with their Associate degree with a GPA of 2.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale; 3) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; 4) planning to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in nursing; and 5) reside in any of the following counties in Indiana or Kentucky: Carroll (KY), Clark (IN), Jefferson (IN), Jennings (IN), Ripley (IN), Scott (IN), Switzerland (IN), or Trimble (KY).**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic performance, work history, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,150 | 1 scholarship

CHAN CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 2.5 and above; and 4) participated in two or more boys’ varsity sports during their high school career.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement. Preference given to applicants who have exemplified teamwork, excelled in sportsmanship, demonstrated an outstanding work ethic, shown respect and consideration to others, practiced unselfishness, and maintained an exceptional citizenship record during high school

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,500 | 1 scholarship

CHARLES H. & C. CHRIS KELLER SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School or Shawe Memorial High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited technical or trade school, or two year college (NOT four year); and 3) have a GPA of 2.0 and above.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and extracurricular activities

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$500 | 1 scholarship

CHEATHAM FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 2.5 and above; 4) have at least one varsity letter in an IHSAA sanctioned sport; and 5) have a family member who is a graduate of MCHS.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Extracurricular and community involvement, family members who have graduated from MCHS, athletic participation, character

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Two letters of recommendations (at least one must be from a coach)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 | 1 scholarship

CHRISTIE CRAFTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Southwestern High School or New Washington High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend a four year college or university in Indiana; and 3) plan to pursue a degree in primary or secondary education, or a related profession that serves children, such as social services or nursing.**

APPLICANTS RECEIVING FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$850 per school | 1 scholarship per school

CLASS OF ‘84 SCHOLARSHIP & FRANCES K. EISAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,300 | 1 scholarship

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GPA requirements are on the weighted scale unless otherwise noted.

CURTIS WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree; and 3) have participated in cross country and/or swimming during high school.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, academic honors and community involvement
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Letter of recommendation from a coach or administrator in the MCHS Athletic Department
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,900 | 1 scholarship

CUSTER ORATORY CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be planning to attend any accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) participate in the Custer Oratorical Contest at MCHS.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Participation in the Custer Oratorical Contest
NO APPLICATION REQUIRED
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$550 merit award per contestant | 2 scholarships - 1st place=\$4,350; 2nd place=\$2,900

DALE MCNEELY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, community service, and financial need
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$32,600 | 1 scholarship, renewable at \$8,075 for 4 years

DALLAS LAMB VISUAL ARTS AND ARTS & CRAFTS SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any two or four-year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) be planning to further their education in the visual arts or arts & crafts (or most closely satisfies this requirement).**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Essay and letter of recommendation
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) Essay of up to 250 words describing the student’s specific career/vocational goals with respect to the visual arts and/or arts & crafts; 2) 3-5 digital images of artwork and/or crafts; and 3) a letter of recommendation from an individual knowledgeable about the student’s skills and accomplishments
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 | 1 scholarship

DENNIS HOLT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale; and 4) played Girls’ basketball for one or more years during their high school career.**
21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS OR STUDENTS RECEIVING OTHER FULL-TUITION AWARDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,500 | 1 scholarship

DEPUTY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of any accredited Jefferson County, IN High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) attended Deputy Elementary School or have a parent or grandparent who attended; and 4) currently reside in Jefferson County, IN.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need. Preference given to applicants who currently reside in Graham Township in Jefferson County, IN.
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors of MCHS; and 2) FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$8,500 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded from this total amount

DOROTHY B. LOTZ SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Class rank. SAT/ACT scores and academic class load will be considered in the event of a tie
NO APPLICATION REQUIRED
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,150 per student | 2 scholarships

DR. FRED S. HENDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be planning to attend any accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have an interest in studying math, science, or engineering at the next level.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: High academic achievement in science and math and financial need
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,400 | 1 scholarship

DR. HARVE E. & JOYCE E. RAWSON ENDOWMENT

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be residents of Jefferson County, IN; and 2) be enrolled at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana.
CONTACT FRANKLIN COLLEGE’S ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID OFFICE FOR DETAILS - (800) 852-0232, option 2.

DUPONT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of any Jefferson County, Indiana High School (including homeschool); 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) attended Dupont Elementary School for at least one year, or have a parent or grandparent who attended a Dupont school.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic record, interview, and financial need
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors of the applicant’s high school; and 2) FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$3,900 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded from this total amount

FATHER HILARY G. MENY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Shawe Memorial High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; and 3) have a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, good citizenship, and financial need
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$500 | 1 scholarship

GARY CHAPMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be planning to attend any accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) participated in art classes (not performing arts classes) while in high school.**
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Response to art-related questions. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 | 1 scholarship

GEORGE & JUNE KIRK SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to pursue a full time baccalaureate course of study (four year program) at any Indiana PUBLIC college or university; and 3) have a GPA of 2.5 to 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.** 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.
CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need. Community involvement, extracurricular activities, and after-school employment may be taken into consideration
REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$31,400 | 1 scholarship, renewable at \$7,655 for 4 years

GEORGE & JUNE MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any Jefferson County, Indiana High School; and **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any campus of Ivy Tech Community College.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$4,000 | 1 scholarship, renewable at \$2,000 for 2 years

GLENN G. & DOROTHY EBEL HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four year college or university; and 3) planning to pursue a degree in primary (elementary) or secondary education.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic performance and essay. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in primary (elementary) education.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Essay of up to 250 words describing why the applicant wishes to become a teacher

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,600 | 1 scholarship, renewable at \$2,000 in freshman & junior years

HALL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Shawe Memorial High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational, or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, good citizenship, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$300 | 1 scholarship

HAROLD & FRANCES YANCEY AND SHIRLEY YANCEY KLOEPFER SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Shawe Memorial High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational, or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activites and community service, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation (one from a teacher, and one from a source outside of the Prince of Peace Catholic School system) and 2) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: TBD | 1 scholarship - **First Year for Award**

HELYN BISHOP SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors of MCHS; and 2) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,200 | 1 scholarship

J. MICHAEL SAMPLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend a four year college or university; and 3) participated in the vocal or instrumental music programs in high school.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Outstanding vocal or instrumental music achievement

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$800 | 1 scholarship

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a senior or recent graduate of an area high school (including homeschool); 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have completed four years of regular 4-H (with the last year completed in Jefferson County, IN).**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: 4-H participation, academic achievement, community activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$12,400 | Multiple scholarships are awarded from this total amount

JOE & KAY YAGER SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend a four-year public or private college or university; and 3) ranks in the top 10% of their graduating class.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, financial need, and extracurricular activities. Community involvement, extracurricular activities, and after-school employment may be taken into consideration

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: TBD | 1 scholarship - **First Year for Award**

JOSEPH V. CLINE SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have a GPA of 3.0 and above.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, essay, and letters of recommendation

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers from the student’s sophomore and/or junior year at MCHS; and 2) an essay of up to 250 words describing how the student has “made contributions to the student body and exemplified the school’s mission statement and beliefs”

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$20,600 per student | 2 scholarships, each renewable at \$5,125 for 4 years

KEITH BROOKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 2.0 and above; and 4) played on the Southwestern Boys’ varsity basketball team his senior year.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$600 | 1 scholarship

KENNETH E. & MARY LOU DUNBAR SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR PERRY & DUNBAR EMPLOYEES

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; and 3) plan to purse a degree in a science or a music related field.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,100 | 1 scholarship

KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF JOHN HAWK

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have a GPA of 3.75 and higher.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and altruistic service

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$5,700 | 1 scholarship

LISA CHEATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 2.5 and above; and 4) attended Southwestern schools for at least three years.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,300 | 1 scholarship

LYNN A. MARICLE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four year college or university; and 3) planning to pursue a degree in music and/or the performing arts.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic performance and letters of recommendation

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 2 letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or counselor, and one from a teacher in the MCHS Music or Theatre Departments)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,500 | 1 scholarship

MABEL C. GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) rank in the upper 10% of their class.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need. Preference will be given to students majoring in education

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,450 per student | 2 scholarships

MADISON CHAUTAUQUA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS IN MEMORY OF BOB FOURHMAN



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: **1) be a junior or graduating senior of any Jefferson County, Indiana High School or an adult resident of Jefferson County, IN; 2) planning to attend a college, vocational school, IRS qualified summer study or short courses not leading to an academic degree; and 3) participate in any art form, including the visual and performing arts and photography.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Letter of recommendation and artwork samples

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) Letter of recommendation from a person knowledgeable about your talent and accomplishments in your art form; and 2) an uploaded sample of your work (maximum 3 photos or 1 short video/audio clip)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,300 | 1 scholarship

MADISON KIWANIS - CONNOR K. SALM SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have a GPA of 3.75 and higher.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and altruistic service

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,800 | 1 scholarship

MADISON RAILROAD SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF ROBERT GRIFFIN



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, IN or Jennings County, IN High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two year college or university, vocational or trade school, certification or apprenticeship program; and 3) pursuing a program related to a technical or industrial trade.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement (with focus on technical/vocational courses) and letters of recommendation

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation (one from a technical/vocational teacher, and one from a source outside of the school system - i.e. employer, 4-H leader, pastor, etc.), and 2) a paragraph describing the program or course of study the student plans to pursue

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 | 1 scholarship

MADISON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - 1 award per scholarship

- BILL OLDAKER SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,300
- LARRY & CHARMAINE OWENS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,300
- MARCIA S. MORRILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,700
- RALPH & MARGARET SEIFERT SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,300

CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY VARIES PER SCHOLARSHIP

KEY:



CA of Madison



Madison HS



Shawe HS



Southwestern HS



Homeschool



Adult Learners



Other High Schools



FAFSA SAI Required

MARY ELIZABETH PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend a four year college or university; and 3) pursuing a degree in education.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: GPA, class rank, and extracurricular activities and achievements

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,200 | 1 scholarship

MAURICE AUXIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE TRADES



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Southwestern High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend a two-year college, vocational, trade school, or apprenticeship program; and 3) be interested in a career in the trades.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, financial need, letter of recommendation, and question response

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) FAFSA SAI PDF upload; 2) letter of recommendation from employer (preferred) or adult (not a family member) knowledgeable of the applicant's character and abilities; and 3) response to short question describing challenges the applicant has faced and anticipated challenges while pursuing a future education and career

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: TBD | 1 scholarship - **First Year for Award**

MAYOR DAMON WELCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have a weighted GPA of 4.0 or BELOW.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Community service, leadership activities, citizenship, essay, letters of recommendation

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) essay of up to 500 words on servant leadership and how the student has/will demonstrate(d) this in their life; and 2) 2 letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or counselor, and one from a source outside of the school system knowledgeable of the applicant's service and leadership record)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$900 | 1 scholarship

MCHS CLASS OF 1966 SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,800 | 1 scholarship

MEYERS-HOEFLING SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of of an accredited Jefferson County high school; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) rank in the top 10% of their graduating class.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$7,700 | 1 scholarship

MYRWIN W. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) attended M.W. Anderson Elementary School for at least one year (two semesters).**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, extracurricular activities, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,100 | 1 scholarship

KEY:

 CA of Madison

 Madison HS

 Shawe HS

 Southwestern HS

 Homeschool

 Adult Learners

 Other High Schools

 FAFSA SAI Required

NATHAN WILSON MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Aptitude and achievement in mathematics and financial need

NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$3,600 | 1 scholarship

NORMA A. CULL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) planning to pursue a degree in journalism, communications, mass media, multi-media journalism, broadcasting, digital media, or English.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Participation in school publications and other media activities, community service, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,800 | 1 scholarship

RAINBOW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Creative expression submission and letters of recommendation. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) Creative expression submission (ex: essay, short fiction, poetry, artwork, video, song, etc.) demonstrating a dedication/commitment to the interests of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community; 2) 2 letters of recommendation (one from within the student’s school system (counselor, teacher, etc.) and one from a source outside of the student’s school system); and 3) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000 | 1 scholarship - Applicants may choose to be anonymous. If so, no identifying information would be presented to the review committee and no public recognition would be made of the selected winner.

RALPH & ROBYN JONES FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; **3) have a GPA of 3.7 and BELOW; and 4) have a family Adjusted Gross Income of \$61,800 to \$103,000 per year.**

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS OR STUDENTS RECEIVING OTHER FULL-TUITION AWARDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need. Applicants with higher incomes than the eligibility range may be considered if extraordinary financial need can be demonstrated

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,300 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded from this total amount

SHARON THOM ALCORN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) planning to pursue a degree in education.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need. Preference will be given to students who are interested in teaching English

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,800 | 1 scholarship

TERRI NIGHBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited four year college or university; and 3) planning to pursue a degree in nursing.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,500 | 1 scholarship

TERRY & WANDA WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School or Homeschool; and **2) be planning to attend any accredited two year college, vocational or trade school, or unpaid apprenticeship program.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Work ethic and ambition, desire to pursue a trade, and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) Essay of up to 250 words describing the applicant’s career path plans, 2) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors, and 3) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$5,700 | 1 scholarship

THOMAS D. CRAFT, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university; and 3) have a GPA of 3.0 and above.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, community service, demonstration of good citizenship, and letters of recommendation

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 2 letters of recommendation (one from a teacher, and one from a source outside of the Madison Consolidated School system)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,100 | 1 scholarship

TIFFANY LEE CARTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; and **2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Essay

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Essay of up to 500 words about cystic fibrosis and/or the importance of organ donation

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,100 | 1 scholarship

TROY ALLEN PYLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of Madison Consolidated High School; and 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) has an unweighted GPA of 3.8 and BELOW; and 4) participated in the performing arts (band/color guard, choir, and/or theatre) for at least four semesters during high school.**

STUDENTS RECEIVING ANY TYPE OF FULL-TUITION AWARDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement. Preference given to students who participated in band/color guard

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,700 | 1 scholarship

THE WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a graduating senior of any accredited Jefferson County, Indiana High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and **3) live in the Ryker’s Ridge school/community district.**

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,100 | 1 scholarship

Questions? Talk to your Guidance Counselor or contact Julie Wells - julie@cfmjc.org / (812) 265-3327.

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

For Jefferson County, Indiana, there is one (1) four-year, full-tuition scholarship available, and includes a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment to an Indiana nonprofit college or university. The remaining selected finalists for the scholarship will each receive a \$2,000 Scholar Award from the Community Foundation. The annual online application period is from July–August, with the winner announced in December.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must:

- 1) reside in Jefferson County, Indiana;
- 2) attend an accredited high school located within Jefferson County, Indiana (accredited by the State Board of Education or a national or regional accreditation agency recognized by the State Board of Education);
- 3) be in the top 10% of their graduating class (minimum three per school);
- 4) graduate from an accredited Indiana high school by June 30, 2027;
- 5) intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate degree at an accredited Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university;
- 6) have two letters of recommendation - one from a teacher; one from a source outside of the applicant's school system, such as an employer, volunteer coordinator, church leader, 4-H leader, etc.
- 7) complete the online application provided by the Community Foundation

Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) administers the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program statewide. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 28 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state. The scholarships are a result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to: 1) help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities in the state.

CRITERIA EVALUATED DURING BLIND REVIEW PROCESS:

(Blind Review = Applicant identities/names are withheld from the Review Committee during scoring)

- 1) Academic performance, including rank, coursework, and standardized test scores (encouraged if available but not required)
- 2) Good character, the capacity to make a meaningful contribution to society through work/activity involvement, and the ability to represent well the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County, Inc. and the Jefferson County community
- 3) Letters of Recommendation
- 4) Selected Finalists will write a timed essay and participate in an interview



"I am honored and ecstatic to be chosen as the 2026 Jefferson County Lilly Endowment Scholar out of such a competitive group of candidates. I look forward to representing Madison and the Community Foundation at Butler University, both academically and on the swim team. I want to give a special thanks to everyone who has helped me get where I am today, including my supportive family, my dedicated teachers, my amazing friends and teammates, the Community Foundation, and most of all, God."

*-- Lillian "Lilly" Canida,
2026 Jefferson County
Lilly Endowment Community Scholar*



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We wish the best of luck to the students in Jefferson County's Class of 2027!



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Where do I find out about scholarships? What financial aid is available in Indiana? How can I find out more about colleges I might be interested in? Here are some great places to start in your scholarship and school search:

COLLEGE BOARD - COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

Come to register for the SAT, but stay for other valuable college resources

EDUCATION QUEST FOUNDATION - EDUCATIONQUEST.ORG

College planning resources, including help with your activities resume

FEDERAL STUDENT AID - STUDENTAID.GOV

Portal to complete the FAFSA required for most scholarships

INDEPENDENT COLLEGES OF INDIANA - ICINDIANA.ORG

One spot to find out more about Indiana's private and nonprofit colleges/universities

INDIANA CAREER EXPLORER - INDIANACAREEREXPLORER.COM

Explore careers and find the latest hot jobs in the state

INDIANA FINANCIAL AID - IN.GOV/CHE/

Financial aid offered by the state of Indiana, including programs like 21st Century Scholars, grants, and more

INVESTED - INVESTEDINDIANA.ORG

Financial literacy and information on lending for Hoosier college students

LEARN MORE INDIANA - LEARNMOREINDIANA.ORG

Tons of resources on direction for colleges and careers

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE - WEB3.NCAA.ORG/ECWR3/

For athletes interested in participating in Division I, II, or III sports

NICHE - NICHE.COM

Find the best college fit from undergrad to grad school

ROAD 2 COLLEGE - ROAD2COLLEGE.COM

Free resources for planning your college path

ONLINE RESOURCES



PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

Tips on Applying for Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation operates two scholarship cycles: The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship from July 1 to mid-August and the general scholarship cycle from December 1 to early-February.

Students must complete our online application to be considered for our scholarships. To access the application platform, click the Apply link in the top menu of the Scholarships page of www.cfmjc.org. Applicants have the ability to preview the application questions. To begin an application, click the Log On/Create an Account to Apply button in the top right corner, then follow the registration instructions. Set up your account with an email address that you monitor frequently and that was not issued by your high school. You can save your progress as you go, but ALL parts of the application must be completed and submitted before the deadline to be considered for our scholarships.

Below are some tips for making your application stand out:

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

- Read each section and each question carefully and complete as directed.
- Proofread your answers thoroughly; don't omit any parts.
- When ready, hit the SUBMIT button; on our main application, you will then receive a confirmation page listing the scholarships you are eligible for, followed by a list of those scholarships requiring additional information. Follow the provided instructions to complete and submit these additional portions.

FILL OUT THE APPLICATION

- Gather necessary information like contact information and financial data.
- Complete your FAFSA; the majority of scholarships require this, even if you get no federal aid.
- Identify recommenders and get their contact information.
- Create an activity resume (see more information on Pages 23 and 24).
- Hang on to your username and password for logging in; you will need it again in the spring if you win an award in order to complete needed forms.
- Be sure to look for notification emails from administrator@grantinterface.com in your Inbox or Spam/Junk folder.
- Use of AI to complete essays or any part of the application is considered inappropriate.

ESSAYS

- A number of scholarships require you to write a short essay. Don't avoid a potential scholarship because of this requirement. An extra hour or two of work is well worth the effort if you win!
- When you write the essay, think about what can make you stand out. Don't just write what you think the reviewer wants to hear. Everyone else is doing that!
- Be sure to revise and edit your essay before you submit it. Take advantage of feedback and revisions from a trusted editor.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!

REFERENCES/LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Choose your references wisely. Who would be most likely to give you a strong recommendation? Who knows your skills and abilities best?
- Ask your recommenders ahead of time if they will be willing to help you. Be sure to get accurate contact information and type their email correctly in the appropriate request box.
- Some letters of recommendation requests in the application are shared by multiple available scholarships. You will fill out that request section once. Be sure to read the section instructions to see if it is a letter of recommendation that will cover multiple scholarships!
- Let your recommenders know to look in their Inbox or Spam/Junk folder for your request email from the email address administrator@grantinterface.com.
- Give your recommenders plenty of time to complete their tasks. Let them know what you need from them, and what they can expect. Don't wait until the last minute!
- Check your application to make sure that the information is submitted on your behalf. A gentle reminder is appropriate if they forget. You will also receive a confirmation email from the platform when a request is completed.
- Be sure to thank your recommenders for their help!

ACTIVITY RESUME

Each application requires an activities resume. This is much like a job resume that outlines your experiences. You may use any format, but make sure it is clear and readable (and include dates or years). You may wish to provide information for such activities as:

- Academic information - GPA, class rank, test scores, course selection, etc.
- Clubs and school activities - athletics, school leadership, academic teams, etc.
- Outside activities - 4-H, church, service groups, etc.
- Employment history
- Volunteer activities
- Honors and awards
- Other unique information

Check out our example resume on the next page to help get you started!

TIME MANAGEMENT

Nothing is more important in the scholarship process than completing the application thoroughly and on time. Be sure to begin the process well before the deadline and set up a schedule to work on various aspects as you go. Check in with your counselor and recommenders as needed, giving them plenty of time to complete the process. Your counselors especially will be working on things for a number of students. Be considerate of their time.

Review and edit each section carefully before you hit the SUBMIT button. Do not wait until the last day to complete your application. If you run into an issue (even if your computer crashes and it's not your fault) you will not be considered for any awards if you miss the deadline. **THINK AHEAD!**

BUILDING YOUR RESUME

Another Way to Stand Out in the Crowd

Creating a simple, one-page resume is a great way to quickly and easily share with scholarship reviewers the activities you have been involved in, the leadership positions you have held, any work experience you may have, and any honors or awards you have received. Building a resume for your scholarship applications is good practice for when you'll need to have a resume as you enter the workforce.

As you type your resume, remember these things:

- Use a standard font like Arial or Times New Roman at either 11 or 12 font size
- Keep your paragraph formatting and fonts consistent
- Use strong action verbs in a short overview of your activity/experience
- Proofread the entire document for spelling and proper verb tense usage
- Include appropriate details that reviewers need to know that are not provided within the application

Here's an example resume template you can use as you prepare your document for our scholarship applications!

Sammi Student
123 ABC Drive
Anytown, USA 12345

Education

Current High School: Anytown High School, Anytown, USA 12345
Diploma: Academic Honors Diploma
Current GPA: 3.8 (unweighted)
Expected Graduation Date: June 2027

Academic & Extracurricular Activities

4-H - Grades 3-present (Jr. Leader - Grades 10, 11, & 12)
- Completed several projects each year, receiving many premium awards
Drama Club - Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 (President - Grade 12)
- Acted in 8 school productions, holding lead roles in Grades 11 and 12
National Honor Society - Grades 11 & 12
- Led the annual Toys for Tots drive in Grade 12
Anytown Church Youth Group - Grades 11 & 12
- Served on annual mission trip to Ecuador to help build homes
Junior Varsity Volleyball - Grades 9 & 10
- Contributed as team member, specializing as a middle-hitter

Work Experience

Hometown Burgers - May 2025 - Present
- Served customers by taking their orders, preparing food, and taking the food to their table

Honors, Achievements, & Other Information

4-H Tenure Award - Grade 12
Model UN Conference Nominee - Grade 11
Junior Varsity Volleyball Mental Attitude Award - Grade 10

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THANK YOU NOTES!

An illustration showing two hands holding a yellow envelope. A white card with the words 'THANK YOU!' in black capital letters is being pulled out of the envelope. The background is a light blue sky with soft white clouds.

The Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County has been fortunate to have many generous donors create over 70 scholarship opportunities for local students. The Foundation thanks these donors for their monetary gifts at the time of the scholarship's creation, but the most important thank you that donors and their families can receive is from the winning student. They greatly appreciate thoughtful, hand-written thank you notes!

As you are writing your thank you note, in addition to expressing your appreciation for your scholarship, you may want to tell the donor family a little more about yourself. You could tell them where you're going to school, your intended major/minor, and why this award is important to you.

One last thing - ALL Community Foundation scholarship winners are **REQUIRED** to turn in completed thank you notes to the Community Foundation office (416 West Street, Suite B, Madison, IN) before any award money will be sent to the student's school.

Below is an example thank you note and addressed envelope to help you get started!

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Donor,

Thank you for the ABC Scholarship! It will help me this fall as I pursue my major in Education and minor in Music at State College in Anytown, USA.

Thank you, again, for helping me pursue my academic and professional goals!

Sincerely,

Sammi Student

Class of 2027

Sammi Student
123 ABC Drive
Anytown, USA 12345

Mr. and Mrs. A. Donor
987 Generous Lane
Anytown, USA 12345

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P.S. - It's also a great idea to send hand-written thank you notes to anyone who may have helped you with your application. While you've got your pen and cards out, send a thank you to your counselors and anyone who wrote a letter of recommendation for you!

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INDIANA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

As you’re considering where you’d like to continue your education, you can take a look at our listing of colleges and universities right here in the State of Indiana. Here you will find whether they are a public or private institution, their approximate **undergraduate** enrollment size, an estimate of their yearly tuition costs, and their athletic division (**2024-25 tuition figures; source:** College Navigator at learnmoreindiana.org).

We encourage you to visit any institution that you are interested in, whether they are in Indiana or across the nation. The most important thing is that you find a campus that not only fits your academic goals, but also your personality and personal goals!



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Anderson
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,092
TUITION/FEES: \$37,240
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Muncie
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 21,089
TUITION/FEES: \$11,082
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Mishawaka
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,167
TUITION/FEES: \$34,600
ATHLETICS: NAIA

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Indianapolis
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 5,746
TUITION/FEES: \$47,560
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

LOCATION: Whiting
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 658
TUITION/FEES: \$23,850
ATHLETICS: NAIA

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Greencastle
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,917
TUITION/FEES: \$59,070
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

EARLHAM COLLEGE

LOCATION: Richmond
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 753
TUITION/FEES: \$53,930
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

FRANKLIN COLLEGE

LOCATION: Franklin
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 985
TUITION/FEES: \$38,710
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

GOSHEN COLLEGE

LOCATION: Goshen
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 847
TUITION/FEES: \$38,890
ATHLETICS: NAIA

GRACE COLLEGE

LOCATION: Winona Lake
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,795
TUITION/FEES: \$31,200
ATHLETICS: NAIA

HANOVER COLLEGE

LOCATION: Hanover
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,035
TUITION/FEES: \$44,638
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

LOCATION: Notre Dame
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 661
TUITION/FEES: \$36,600
ATHLETICS: NAIA

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Huntington
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,588
TUITION/FEES: \$31,870
ATHLETICS: NAIA

INDIANA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

LOCATION: Fort Wayne
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,650
TUITION/FEES: \$31,361
ATHLETICS: NAIA

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Terre Haute
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 6,224
TUITION/FEES: \$10,258
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Bloomington
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 38,093
TUITION/FEES: \$12,144
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Marion
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 2,075
TUITION/FEES: \$32,352
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IU EAST

LOCATION: Richmond
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 2,951
TUITION/FEES: \$8,424
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IU INDIANAPOLIS

LOCATION: Indianapolis
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 14,504
TUITION/FEES: \$10,762
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

IU KOKOMO

LOCATION: Kokomo
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 2,705
TUITION/FEES: \$8,424
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IU NORTHWEST

LOCATION: Gary
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 2,778
TUITION/FEES: \$8,424
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IU SOUTH BEND

LOCATION: South Bend
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 4,083
TUITION/FEES: \$8,424
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IU SOUTHEAST

LOCATION: New Albany
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 3,276
TUITION/FEES: \$8,424
ATHLETICS: NAIA

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LOCATION: various, includes Madison
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 110,710
TUITION/FEES: \$5,154
ATHLETICS: none

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: North Manchester
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 988
TUITION/FEES: \$37,135
ATHLETICS: NAIA

MARIAN UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Indianapolis
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 2,37
TUITION/FEES: \$40,664
ATHLETICS: NAIA



OAKLAND CITY UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Oakland City
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 505
TUITION/FEES: \$27,900
ATHLETICS: NAIA

PURDUE POLYTECHNIC

LOCATION: various, w/New Albany & Columbus
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: various
TUITION/FEES: \$6,518
ATHLETICS: none

INDIANA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: West Lafayette
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 44,819
TUITION/FEES: \$9,992
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

LOCATION: Fort Wayne
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 6,489
TUITION/FEES: \$9,532
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

LOCATION: Calumet
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 8,201
TUITION/FEES: \$8,675
ATHLETICS: NCAA DII

ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

LOCATION: Terre Haute
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 2,315
TUITION/FEES: \$58,649
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS COLLEGE

LOCATION: St. Mary of the Woods
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 858
TUITION/FEES: \$35,270
ATHLETICS: NAIA

ST. MARY’S COLLEGE

LOCATION: Notre Dame
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private (women only)
ENROLLMENT: 1,505
TUITION/FEES: \$53,230
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Upland
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 2,503
TUITION/FEES: \$40,490
ATHLETICS: NAIA

TRINE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Angola
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 4,373
TUITION/FEES: \$36,560
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

LOCATION: Evansville
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,742
TUITION/FEES: \$44,172
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

LOCATION: Indianapolis
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 3,603
TUITION/FEES: \$37,200
ATHLETICS: NCAA DII

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

LOCATION: Notre Dame
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 8,880
TUITION/FEES: \$65,025
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

LOCATION: Evansville
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 7,600
TUITION/FEES: \$10,066
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

LOCATION: Fort Wayne
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 1,567
TUITION/FEES: \$36,460
ATHLETICS: NAIA

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Valparaiso
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private
ENROLLMENT: 2,123
TUITION/FEES: \$48,450
ATHLETICS: NCAA DI

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Vincennes
INSTITUTION TYPE: Public
ENROLLMENT: 19,795
TUITION/FEES: \$7,126
ATHLETICS: NJCAA

WABASH COLLEGE

LOCATION: Crawfordsville
INSTITUTION TYPE: Private (men only)
ENROLLMENT: 866
TUITION/FEES: \$50,800
ATHLETICS: NCAA DIII



PAYING FOR COLLEGE



Scholarships are helpful, but many are for only the first year. What do I really need to know about how to finance my education?

What does college really cost?

The most common costs for most colleges include:

- Tuition - cost of classes
- Room - cost of dorm or housing
- Board - meal plan
- Fees - includes technology, supplies, etc. and varies by major

Check out a school’s website to see its cost. The good news is that most students don’t pay the “sticker price.”

Why are state schools so much less expensive?

These schools are supported by the state government, allowing a built-in scholarship for residents. Out-of-state students often pay much more. But, this doesn’t mean that private schools are more costly. Scholarships and aid given by private colleges often makes up for the difference in out-of-pocket costs.

How much debt might I expect?

In 2024, Indiana students leaving a four-year institution averaged over \$30,000 in debt.
(source: Institute for College Access and Success)

What types of aid are available?

Federal/State:	Institutional Aid:	Private:
- Grants (not repaid)	- Usually grants	- Scholarships (like those from the Community Foundation)
- Loans (repaid with interest after leaving school)	- Most likely offered by private colleges	- Loans (often have higher repayment costs than government loans)
- Work Study (on-campus job with a paycheck)		

Isn’t it better to just live at home and commute?

Not always. Remember that you are still going to need to eat (board), and the cost of maintaining a car takes up a lot of the savings. Considering the extra time needed to commute and the experiences you miss by not living on campus, you might want to reconsider.

There is a lot to learn about paying for college – and everyone’s story is different. Do your research, take advantage of resources, check in with your counselor, and coordinate with your college’s Financial Aid Office. Don’t forget to fill out the FAFSA!

WHAT’S NEXT?

Now that you’re a senior, there’s a lot more to plan for than just Prom and Pep Rallies. Here are some important things to be working on and thinking about:

CHOOSE YOUR COLLEGE

- **What do you want?** Do you prefer a large or small campus? Close to home or far away? Do you have a major in mind? What “extras” are important? Check out the websites of many different schools before you narrow your list. Something may suprise you!
- **Make some visits.** Go to several campuses and meet with the Admissions folks. Sit in on a class, eat lunch with some students, and stay overnight when possible. Get the feel for what it means to be a student on this campus. Be sure to visit more than one place. How do you know a spot is right unless you have something to compare?
- **Don’t let money limit you.** Sticker shock for college is real, but luckily most people won’t pay the full amount. In addition to Community Foundation Scholarships, there are many other sources to help lessen the amount you will pay. File your FAFSA, apply for all available scholarships, and see what grants you will receive from the college itself.

APPLICATIONS

- **Get started.** Applications for college admission and applications for scholarships all have deadlines. Don’t miss out! Get going on your applications and keep a record of what you are doing and when.
- **Educate yourself.** Learn about all of the places you can go to earn money for college. Pay attention to annoucements and make yourself a regular visitor to the Guidance Office. Your counselor is an amazing resource!
- **Don’t skip essays or interviews.** Often students will avoid scholarship applications with these requirements, so this gives YOU a better chance. An extra hour or two of effort can end up earning you hundreds, even thousands of dollars!
- **Stand out.** Don’t write lame essays! Ask yourself what you can do to separate yourself from the crowd. Tell a story that will engage your reviewer rather than rehashing your resume like everyone else.

MAKE SOME DECISIONS

- **Set a timeline.** Senior year is busy! Be sure to give yourself enough time to fill out applications, make visits, and meet deadlines.
- **Notify others.** Be sure to contact schools to let them know your plans once final decisions are made. Get deposits in on time.
- **Don’t look back.** It’s natural to wonder “What if” about a different decision, but you will be happy where you decide to be happy! Enjoy the ride!





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