

Rush County Community Foundation

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Application Instructions

To apply to be this year's Rush County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar you must have or be graduating from an accredited Indiana high school by June 30, 2020, and a resident of Rush County.

Please follow all instructions carefully.

Pay special attention to the **Rush County Community Foundation Scholar Code of Conduct Policy** and the **Lilly Endowment Statements for applicants and recipients**. (These items are located on the backside of this page.) At the end of the application your signature indicates that you have read and will abide by the Rush County Community Foundation Scholar Code of Conduct Policy and agree with the Lilly Endowment Statements for applicants and recipients.

This cover page is to be retained for your records; do not turn it in with your application.

Attach a copy of Form 1040, Page 2 for tax year 2018 for the parent(s)/guardian(s) who claimed applicant on taxes for that year.

The analysis of financial resources available to help fund postsecondary education is one of the factors considered by the Rush County Community Foundation's selection committee for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. In an effort to assess the financial need of applicants, we are requiring that all applicants for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship:

1. Complete the foundation's scholarship application;
2. Provide a copy of Form 1040, Page 2 for tax year 2018 for the parent(s)/guardian(s) who claimed applicant on taxes for that year.

***For those of you who have applied for scholarships from the RCCF in the recent past, College Cost Estimator is *no longer available*, hence the change in the method of reporting.

Application: DUE by 4:00 p.m. at the RCCF office on *Friday, September 13, 2019*

- Your application must include two letters of recommendation; one academic (teacher, coach, etc.) and one personal (family friend, minister, etc.). **Make sure your name only appears once, at the top of the page.** *Your name may not be in the body of the letter.* (This is because the nominating committee does a blind evaluation; they do not know the names of the applicants.)
- You also need to submit your current official high school transcript with your application. RCCF will not accept unofficial transcripts.

Rush County Community Foundation Scholar Code of Conduct Policy:

The Rush County Community Foundation Scholar Code of Conduct establishes expected behavior of potential and current scholarship applicants/recipients of awards from scholarship funds held and/or administered by the Rush County Community Foundation (the "Foundation"). In addition to any separate selection criteria established by the donor to a scholarship fund, the Foundation is looking for applicants of good character who will positively represent Rush County and the Rush County Community Foundation. Conduct and good moral and ethical behavior will be considered for anyone who applies for a Rush County Community Foundation Scholarship Program.

All Foundation scholarship applicants/recipients are expected to uphold high standards of conduct, which include abiding by federal, state, and local civil and criminal laws. They must also abide by the established conduct policies of their high school and/or college. Scholarship recipients should act in good character in and out of school. The applicant/recipient shall give permission for the high school principal or counselors (or school administrators at the college level, if appropriate) to notify the Foundation at any time if they become aware of an incident occurring involving an applicant or recipient, within or outside of the school setting, that potentially violates the RCCF Scholar Code of Conduct. The Foundation reserves the right to address any conduct-related issue that occurred or occurs at any time prior to a student's application for or receipt of a scholarship, or during or after the student's high school career, including the college years.

The Foundation will not take any action with regards to information of any type regarding a scholarship applicant/recipient, including conduct-related information, received from anonymous sources.

Potential scholarship recipients who violate these standards may be removed as a candidate for any RCCF scholarships at the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Current scholarship recipients may have their scholarship funds forfeited if in violation of their scholarship agreement.

Lilly Endowment Statements for applicants and recipients:

Lilly Endowment requires that all applicants agree:

- "If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college."
- "I understand that the total maximum amount of my scholarship is calculated on the basis of my chosen college's tuition and required fees beginning with the 2020–21 school year."
- "To assist with the processing of my scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees, I will forward to the Rush County Community Foundation [RCCF] immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship."
- "I understand that the special allocation provided to me is to be used to pay required books and required equipment for my courses of instruction. I will personally keep receipts and other documentation to verify that the special allocation was used only for this intended purpose and will provide those receipts and documents to Independent Colleges of Indiana upon request. I will return to Independent Colleges of Indiana any amount of the special allocation remaining at the end of each school year."
- "I agree to notify Independent Colleges of Indiana of any scholarship awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship."
- "I will keep RCCF apprised annually by June 1st of my enrollment and academic status during college by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the community foundation."
- "Upon graduation, I will keep RCCF apprised annually by June 1st of my education and/or employment status for at least ten years after graduation by completing and returning an alumni survey or other forms as may be provided by the community foundation."

Please list any scholarships your family members have received from the Rush County Community Foundation.

Will it be necessary for you to work during the time you pursue a higher education? _____

If yes, approximately how many hours per week do you anticipate working? _____

Will it be necessary for you or your parents to take out student loans? _____

If yes, EACH YEAR:

I will take out approximately: \$1 to \$5,000 \$5,001 to \$10,000 more than \$10,000

My parents will take out approximately: \$1 to \$5,000 \$5,001 to \$10,000 more than \$10,000

In college, do you plan to live on campus? _____

Which school(s) are you interested in attending? _____

Which degree(s) or program(s) are you interested in studying? _____

High School grade point average: _____ High School Diploma Type: _____

On whose tax return was the applicant claimed as an exemption on last year's taxes?

Joint Parents Father Only Mother Only

Legal Guardian Student Only Joint-Student and Spouse

Please check each box indicating that these steps have been completed:

I have a copy of Form 1040, Page 2 for tax year 2018 for the parent(s)/guardian(s) who claimed applicant on taxes for that year.

I have attached my current original official transcript.

I have attached two letters of recommendation; one academic (teacher, coach, etc.), one personal (family friend, minister, etc.). My name does not appear in the body of the letters, only at the top.

Please attach the following information. Please use a separate page (or pages) for each section. Clearly mark each section at the top of the page. Do not put your name on any of the pages. Be as thorough as possible; the committee wants to know about all the wonderful things you do and will only know if you include it!

Section 1: Academic Honors:

List in bullet point form all academic honors you have received during high school. Include the name of the award or honor, a brief description, and your grade level when you received it. Honors and awards are not extracurricular activities. Examples of honors and awards include: Varsity Scholars, presidential awards, honor roll, Nat'l Honors Society, perfect attendance, Rotary Top-Ten, etc.

Section 2: Demonstrated Leadership:

Leadership can be in academics, athletics, the arts, community activities, etc. List in bullet point form all leadership positions you have held in high school. Include the position name, the name of the group, a brief description of your responsibilities in position, and when you held this position. (If you have been a member or participant in a group please list this in sections 4 and 5. The Demonstrated Leadership section is reserved for times you have served in a leadership capacity within a given group. Examples include: officer in a club, shift manager or lead at a job, captain of a team, etc.)

Section 3: Future Goals:

Please answer the following questions in essay form: ***Which field do you hope to major in and what are your future goals? Why have you chosen this major; who or what has influenced your decision?***

Your essay should demonstrate clarity, purpose, planning, and be descriptive. **500 words maximum.**

Section 4: Extra-Curricular School Activities:

List in bullet point form all extra-curricular school activities you have participated in during high school. Include the name of the group or activity, your grade level(s) when you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

Section 5: Community Activities:

Part I: Community activities include volunteer work, paid work, farm work, community service projects, part-time/summer employment, scouts, church choir, youth group, 4-H, club sports, etc. Community activities are all the activities you do that are not associated with school. Please list in bullet point form all community activities you have participated in during high school. Include the name of the group or activity, your grade level(s) when you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

Part II: Include a brief summary (4 – 12 sentences) that explains how your involvement in at least one activity you listed benefitted them and impacted you.

Section 6: Financial Need:

Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you would like the committee to consider when evaluating your scholarship application and financial information. Extenuating circumstances may include loss of parent job, high family medical expenses, etc.

Section 7: Expression

Explain why you would be the best candidate to represent Rush County as the LECS. If you aren't selected to receive the Lilly Scholarship will you still be able to achieve your goals? How? Explain. (250-500 words maximum.)

