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2018 LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS ON JULY 1, 2017
Jefferson County high school seniors encouraged to apply

Madison, IN – The 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application period will open on July 1, 2017 and end on August 25, 2017 at Noon.

In Jefferson County, there is one four-year, full-tuition scholarship available. The chosen student would also receive a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. The other finalists will each receive \$1,000 Scholar Awards from the Community Foundation.

To be eligible for the 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, applicants **MUST:**

- Reside in Jefferson County
- Be in the top 20% of their graduating class
- Be graduating from an accredited Indiana high school by June 30, 2018 (accredited by the State Board of Education or a national or regional accreditation agency recognized by the State Board of Education)
- Intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate degree at an accredited Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university
- Complete a College Costs Estimator
- 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.

Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) administers the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program on behalf of the Lilly Endowment. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state. The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education in hope that they will consider pursuing occupations in Indiana upon graduation. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide in 2017.

To apply or for more information about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, visit <https://cfmjc.org/schol.php>, contact Kelley Hoagland at 812-274-0243, or email kelleyh@cfmjc.org.

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