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YOUTH LEADERS

AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS HELPED YOU ALONG THE WAY!

SINCE 1991, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MADISON & JEFFERSON COUNTY HAS WORKED TO BUILD A STRONG, VIBRANT COMMUNITY BY HELPING DONORS PROVIDE PERPETUAL FUNDING FOR THE PEOPLE, PROJECTS, AND PassIONS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The Community Foundation manages over 60 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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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? Are they renewable?

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

- M.W. Anderson Scholarship
- Helen Bishop Scholarship
- Lisa Cheatham Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas D. Craft, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Deputy Alumni Scholarship
- Dennis Holt Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph & Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship
- Dale McNeely Scholarship
- Fr. Hilary G. Merry Scholarship
- Terri Nighbert Memorial Scholarship
- Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships can generally go to the new school. You must contact the Foundation office to discuss any transfers of scholarships.

What if I win one of the scholarships?

Most winners will be announced at May at the Community Foundation’s Annual Meeting and/or at school ceremonies. Award recipients will receive an official award letter containing specifics of the scholarship and instructions on confirmation of your enrollment, and funds are sent directly to your school each August.

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, enrollment 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 16 of this guide.

Are scholarships renewable?

Most of our scholarships require you to provide the SAT (Student Aid Index), formerly EFC, 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.fafsa.ed.gov.

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.

What about letters of recommendation?

Many scholarships require references or letters of recommendation from people like teachers, coaches, or employers. You will complete the Request section 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 see when they have been 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 Community Force website before Noon on February 9, 2024. Please remember to give your references plenty of time to complete and submit letters of recommendation. (If a recommendation is not received, you will 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 SUMMIT button is pressed before this time. Your school counselor will have an additional week to submit your transcript. Partial applications will not be considered.

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 and ACT scores are unavailable.

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

Most of our scholarships require you to provide the SAT (Student Aid Index), formerly EFC, 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.fafsa.ed.gov.

What if I can’t log into my Community Force account?

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 Grants/呗ment Scholarships in the menu at the top of the page. This will take you to our online application system on Community Force. Click the Log In icon in the top right corner of the page. You will need to create an account with an email and password. Be sure to use an email that you will consistently monitor, and save your password for future visits.

What is the timeline for the scholarship application process?

- December 1, 2022: Applications open at Midnight
- February 9, 2024: Noon deadline to submit applications
- February 14, 2024: Counselor deadline for transcripts

Winners will be announced in May at Honors Day and the Community Foundation’s Annual Meeting.

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 scholarships listed are for tuition only, you may not be eligible. Take a look at the Available Scholarships Listing to see which awards you might still be able to apply for.

What is the required GPA for scholarships?

The local graduating seniors of the Class of 2023 were awarded nearly $200,000 in scholarships. More than 10 different students earned money toward their college costs. Scholarships are available to students in grades 10 through 12. Some awards are specific to schools, majors, financial need, or other interests. Others have fewer restrictions. Check out the Available Scholarships Listing (pg. 6) to see what you may be eligible for.

What is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all materials are completed and the SUMMIT button is pressed before this time?

Your school counselor will have an additional week to submit your transcript. Partial applications will not be considered.
1. Applications will open to students on Friday, December 1, 2023. A link to online applications will be available on the Scholarship page of www.cfmjc.org.

2. The deadline to submit completed applications online or to Guidance Counselors is Friday, February 9, 2024 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 under any circumstance.

3. Scholarships including Financial Need in the criteria will require the applicant to upload a PDF of the Student Aid Index (SAI), formerly EFC, 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 (2022) 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 academic 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 mailed directly to the recipients’ selected schools on August 1. Student and school information must be submitted to the Community Foundation by June 15.

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.
CHAL CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited technical or trade school, or two year college (NOT four year college); and 3) 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 unselshfulness, and maintained an exceptional citizenship record during high school.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,200 | 1 scholarship

CAM CAR CLUB 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 technical or trade school, or two year college; and 3) planning to attend MCHS for 4 years; and 5) planning to major in a health related field. 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 2.5 and above; 4) attended MCHS for 4 years; and 5) planning to major in a health related field.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, family members who have graduated from MCHS, athletic participation, character

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $900 | 1 scholarship

CAROLYN BRUCE SPICER & GENE E. SPICER NURSING 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; 3) planning to pursue an Associate or Bachelor's degree in nursing; and 4) have a GPA of 2.0 and above.

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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,050 | 1 scholarship

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

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a registered nurse with an associate's degree in nursing; 2) graduated with their associate's degree with a GPA of 2.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale; and 3) 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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,050 | 1 scholarship

CHEATHAM FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors of Madison Consolidated High School; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any accredited technical or trade school, or two year college; and 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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $800 | 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.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $800 per school | 1 scholarship per school

CLASS OF '84 SCHOLARSHIP & FRANCES K. EISAN MEMORIAL 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: Academic achievement and financial need

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,000 | 1 scholarship

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DEPUTY ALUMNI 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 between 2.0 and 3.0.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: 1) 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors of MCHS; 2) PDF upload of acceptance letter into a program for post high school education; and 3) FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $3,700 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded

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: $2,000 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: $1,400 | 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 EXT. 8075.

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, interviews, 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: $5,800 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded

FATHER HILARY G. MENY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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

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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) 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.

**Criteria Evaluated:** Academic performance and essay. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in primary or secondary education.

**Required Supporting Materials:** FAFSA SAI upload

**Scholarship Amount:** $1,700 | 1 scholarship

George & June Kirt 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; and 3) have a GPA of 2.5 to 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**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:** $27,600 | 1 scholarship, renewable at $6,900 for 4 years

George & June Miller Memorial Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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:** $4,600 | 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:** $1,000 | 1 scholarship, renewable at $500 in freshman & junior years

Hall Family Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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:** $500 | 1 scholarship

Helyn Bishop 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:** 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:** $1,300 | 1 scholarship

J. Michael Sample Memorial Scholarship for Music

**Eligibility:** Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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:** $700 | 1 scholarship

Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must: 1) be a current graduate of an area high school; 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:** $2,600 per student | 4 scholarships

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) 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:** $18,050 per student | 2 scholarships, each renewable at $4,762.50 for 4 years

Keith Brooks Memorial Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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; and 3) have a GPA of 3.0 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 pursue a degree in a science or music related field.

**Criteria Evaluated:** Academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities, and financial need

**Required Supporting Materials:** FAFSA SAI PDF upload

**Scholarship Amount:** TBD | 1 scholarship

Amounts listed are based on 2023 awards - amounts are subject to change. GPA requirements are on the weighted scale unless otherwise noted.
LISA CHEATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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 High School 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 upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,400 | 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: $5,400 | 1 scholarship

M.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 upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,100 | 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 upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $2,350 per student | 2 scholarships

MADISON CHAUTAUQUA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS IN MEMORY OF BOB FOURHMAN

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be juniors or graduating seniors of any Jefferson County, Indiana High School or adult residents of Jefferson County; 2) planning to attend a college, vocational school, IBS qualified summer study or short courses not leading to an academic degree; and 3) participation 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 short video/audio clip)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $2,200 | 1 scholarship

MADISON KIWANTS - CONNOR K. SALM 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; and 3) have a GPA of 3.5 and above.

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 graduating seniors 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

MARY ELIZABETH PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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: $1,100 | 1 scholarship

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: TBD | 1 scholarship
MCNS CLASS OF 1966 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 3.5 or higher.

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

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $2,600 | 1 scholarship

NATHAN WILSON MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS 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: Aptitude and achievement in mathematics and financial need

NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $3,000 | 1 scholarship

NORMA A. CULL 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) 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: $2,600 | 1 scholarship

RAINBOW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be graduating seniors 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 (e.g. 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 a 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: TBD | 1 scholarship - Applicants may choose to be anonymous. 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 or below; and 4) have a Family Adjusted Gross Income of $45,000 to $75,000 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: $2,200 | Multiple scholarships may be awarded

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: $3,700 | 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: $1,100 | 1 scholarship

THOMAS D. CRAFT, JR. 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; and 3) live in the Ryker's Ridge school/community district.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Essay

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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,000 | 1 scholarship

TROY ALLEN PYLES 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) has an unweighted GPA of 3.8 and above; 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: $1,500 | 1 scholarship

THE WOOD 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; and 3) live in the Byker's Ridge school/community district.

CRITERIA EVALUATED: Academic achievement and financial need

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS: FAFSA SAI PDF upload

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: $1,000 | 1 scholarship
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, 2024;
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

CRITERIA EVALUATED DURING BLIND REVIEW PROCESS:
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 so grateful to the Community Foundation, Lilly Endowment, and everyone in this process. This has opened up a lot of new opportunities for me that wouldn’t be possible otherwise. I could not be more honored to have been selected and to have been a part of a great group of finalists.”

-- John Mitchell Adams, 2023 Jefferson County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar

Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) administers the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program statewide. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 29 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.
AND LET US WORK FOR OUR OWN AND EVERYONE’S PROSPERITY.

Arvin Sango, Inc. is proud to be a supporter of many programs and projects in Jefferson County. It is important for us to give back to the community in which our team members live, work, and play.

We wish the best of luck to the students in Jefferson County’s Class of 2024!

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](http://collegeboard.org)
Come to register for the SAT, but stay for other valuable college resources

**EDUCATION QUEST FOUNDATION** - [EDUCATIONQUEST.ORG](http://educationquest.org)
College planning resources, including the online College Funding Estimator

**FEDERAL STUDENT AID** - [STUDENTAID.GOV](http://studentaid.gov)
Portal to complete the FAFSA required for most scholarships

**INDEPENDENT COLLEGES OF INDIANA** - [ICINDIANA.ORG](http://icindiana.org)
One spot to find out more about Indiana’s private and nonprofit colleges/universities

**INDIANA CAREER EXPLORER** - [INDIANACAREEREXPLORER.COM](http://indianacareerexplorer.com)
Explore careers and find the latest hot jobs in the state

**INDIANA FINANCIAL AID** - [IN.GOV/CHE/STATE-FINANCIAL-AID](http://in.gov/che/state-financial-aid)
Financial aid offered by the state of Indiana, including programs like 21st Century Scholars, grants, and more

**INVESTED** - [INVESTEDINDIANA.ORG](http://investedindiana.org)
Financial literacy and information on lending for Hoosier college students

**LEARN MORE INDIANA** - [LEARNMOREINDIANA.ORG](http://learnmoreindiana.org)
Tons of resources on direction for colleges and careers

**NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE** - [WEB3.NCAA.ORG/ECWR3/](http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/)
For athletes interested in participating in Division I, II, or III sports

**NICHE** - [NICHE.COM](http://niche.com)
Find the best college fit from undergrad to grad school

**ROAD 2 COLLEGE** - [ROAD2COLLEGE.COM](http://road2college.com)
Free resources for planning your college path

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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 February 9, 2024.

Applications are completed online via the link provided on the www.cfmjc.org Scholarship page. After clicking the Scholarship link, set up an account with an email address that you monitor frequently and a password on the Community Force application platform. You can save your progress as you go, but ALL parts of the application must be completed in order to submit before the deadline.

Below are some tips for making your application stand out:

- **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**
  - Read each section carefully and complete as directed.
  - Proofread each section carefully; don’t omit any parts.
  - Hit the SUBMIT button; your application is not complete until you receive confirmation!

- **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 & 24).
  - Hang on to your password and email for logging in; you will need it again in the spring if you win an award.
  - Be sure to look for emails from admin@communityforce.com in your Inbox or Spam/Junk folder.

- **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 make sure you type their email correctly in the appropriate request box.
  - Let your recommenders know to look in their Inbox or Spam/Junk folder for your request email from the email address admin@communityforce.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.
  - 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.

  As you work, be sure to SAVE regularly. 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

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

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**Education**
- Current High School: Anytown High School, Anytown, USA 12345
- Diploma: Academic Honors Diploma
- Current GPA: 3.8 (unweighted)
- Expected Graduation Date: June 2024

**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 2023 - 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!

The Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County has been fortunate to have many generous donors create over 60 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 - be sure to mail your thank you note as soon as you can after being awarded the scholarship!

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

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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 2024

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

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!
As you're considering where you'd like to continue your education, you can take a look at our listing of college and universities right here in the State of Indiana. Here you will find whether they are a public or private institution, their approximate enrollment size, their athletic division, and an estimate of their yearly tuition costs (2023 figures; source: collegetuitioncompare.com).

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!

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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 - include technology, supplies, etc. and vary 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?
For students with debt leaving a four-year institution in 2023, the average was over $37,000.

What types of aid are available?

Federal/State:
- Grants (not repaid)
- Loans (repaid with interest after leaving school)
- Work Study (on-campus job with a paycheck)

Institutional Aid:
- Scholarships (like those from the Community Foundation)
- Grants (usually not repaid)
- Most likely offered by private colleges

Private:
- Loans (often have higher repayment costs than government loans)

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 surprise 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 lots of other sources to 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 announcements 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!