

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to 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 throughout the state.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998, Lilly Endowment has remained steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic and economic well-being of Indiana's residents and communities.

The scholarship program will award over 140 scholarships statewide in 2024-2025; with one scholarship provided to a Putnam County high school senior.

ELIGIBILITY:

A Putnam County applicant must meet the following criteria to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship:

- Be a high school senior at a Putnam County high school who also resided in the county during their junior and senior years of high school.

- Be on track to graduate from a regionally accredited Indiana high school by June 30, 2025.
- Have with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.8, pursuing an Academic Honors Diploma and a combined minimum SAT score of 1120 or an ACT score of 25.
- Meet requirements for college admission and intend to pursue a baccalaureate degree beginning in the fall of 2025 on a full-time basis at any Indiana college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

APPLICATION

Candidates must provide the following information:

1. A completed scholarship application form.
2. A certified high school transcript for six semesters.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

Finalists will be invited to an interview with the selection committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Putnam County is based solely on merit. Financial need is not considered.

The Community Foundation Lilly Scholarship Committee will evaluate applicants on:

- Scholastic ability and intellectual pursuits.
- Capacities to lead and motivate

fellow students.

- Social commitment and extracurricular involvement.
- Ability to articulate a career plan that shows motivation, initiative, and commitment.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

In Putnam County the scholarship program will provide one scholarship for otherwise unreimbursed full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

EXPECTATIONS:

-**Academic Achievement** Putnam County Community Scholars are selected in part for academic excellence. A member of the Foundation Lilly Scholarship Committee will communicate with the scholars at the close of each semester/quarter to review academic and personal progress.

- **Annual Review Letter** An annual year-in-review letter to the Foundation Scholarship Committee is required. In the review letter, the Scholar should reflect on studies and activities during the preceding year in relation to published expectations of Putnam County Lilly Scholars. The Scholar is also asked to address goals (personal, academic, community, etc.) for the coming year. Upper-class Scholars should review goals presented in previous letters and discuss follow-up actions. Letters must be submitted within two

weeks after the spring term.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholar is welcome to visit the Putnam County Community Foundation at any time to discuss coursework, goals for the coming semester, to ask individual questions about the program or announce plans after graduation.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Putnam County Community Foundation has adopted a code of conduct for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. This code of conduct is stated and must be agreed to in the Putnam County LECS application.

- Personal Responsibility Personal conduct, both in the classroom and elsewhere, is important to the selection of a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Misconduct may, in the reasonable discretion ICI, result in my loss of eligibility to continue receiving a scholarship. Misconduct includes substantiated plagiarism, cheating, or dishonesty in my educational activities; conviction of a crime or credible evidence of my likely guilt in a matter of a criminal nature; and other forms of misconduct as determined.

- Legal Responsibility A Lilly Endowment Community Scholar is expected to comply with the law. Any arrests, charges, or misconduct investigations (including academic misconduct) must be promptly reported to ICI. A review will be conducted before a determination of continued eligibility would be made by ICI.

NON-COMPLIANCE PROCESS:

In rare cases where expectations are not met, a member of the Community Foundation Lilly Scholarship Committee and the scholar will jointly explore the reasons for the unexpected achievement. The committee member may make suggestions and advise a course of action in the best interests of the student.

If substantial improvement is not evident during the warning or probation period, the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Committee will consult with Independent Colleges of Indiana, the statewide administrator of the scholarship if further action is needed.

DISQUALIFIED PERSON STATEMENT:

In order to assure the public that the Putnam County Community Foundation maintains impartiality when awarding educational scholarships, individuals and their relatives with direct or indirect lineal family relationship with current Community Foundation Board members, its scholarship committee members, and staff are not eligible for scholarships provided by the Community Foundation.

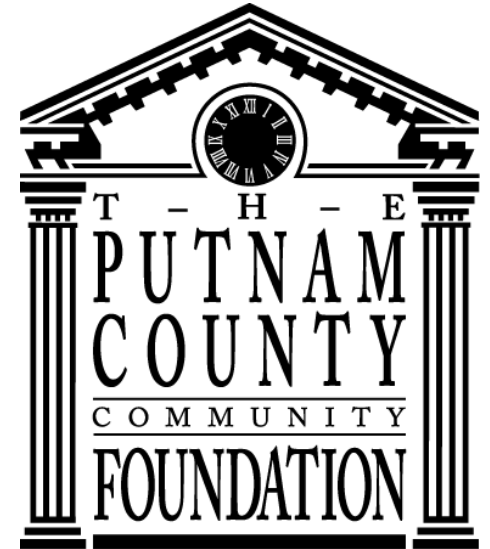
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