

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship



**PUTNAM
COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

The **Putnam County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship** program will provide one scholarship for 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 college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges.

CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a high school senior on track to graduate from a regionally accredited Indiana high school by June 30, 2027.
- Be a current resident of Putnam County, Indiana and have lived in Putnam County since August 2024.
- Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.8, pursuing an Academic Honors Diploma, and have 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 2027 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.

Note: Students who have an immediate family member who is currently serving on the Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee, Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Selection Committee or staff of the Putnam County Community Foundation are *not eligible* to apply.

PREPARE!

The Putnam County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application process requires the following:

- Student contact information
- Two letters of recommendation
- Certified high school transcript for six semesters
- List of community service, extra-curricular activities, etc.
- Essay response questions

KEY DATES

- **August 1, 2026:** Application available online
- **September 9, 2026:** Application due by 5:00 PM
- **September 14:** Live writing prompt
- **September 29:** LECS dinner
- **October:** Finalists announced
- **October 7:** Finalist interviews
- **December:** Recipient announced

**START YOUR
APPLICATION
ONLINE**



pcfoundation.org/scholarships

RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

What is expected of Lilly Scholars after they receive their scholarship?

Lilly Scholars are selected not just for their past achievements, but for their potential to lead with excellence, responsibility, and character. Therefore Lilly Scholars are expected to uphold high standards in academics, conduct, and communication throughout their college years. Here's an overview of what's required:

Academic Progress

- Scholars are chosen for academic excellence and must maintain strong performance.
- A PCCF committee member will check in each semester to review progress.

Annual Review Letter

- Each spring, scholars must submit a letter reflecting on their academic year, personal growth, and goals for the year ahead.
- Upperclassmen should revisit and update goals from previous years.
- Letters are due within two weeks after the spring term ends.

Communication and Support

- Scholars are encouraged to stay in touch with PCCF.
- They are welcome to visit or reach out with questions, updates, or plans for after graduation.

Code of Conduct

- Scholars must maintain integrity and responsible behavior both in and out of the classroom.
- Misconduct (e.g., cheating, dishonesty, criminal activity) may result in loss of the scholarship.
- Any legal issues or investigations must be reported promptly.

Non-Compliance Process

- A PCCF committee member will work with the scholar to understand and address concerns.
- If improvements aren't made, the issue may be reviewed by Independent Colleges of Indiana, the scholarship's statewide administrator.

FAQ

How much does it cost to apply for a scholarship through PCCF?

There is no application fee.

I'm a Putnam County resident but attend home school. Am I eligible for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship?

No. Applicants must earn a high school diploma from an Indiana high school accredited by the State Board of Education or by a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the State Board of Education.

If I receive the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, how is the money disbursed?

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is paid in multiple disbursements and requires recipients to submit specific documentation before awards can be released. Recipients will receive information regarding their responsibilities and how the award will be disbursed.

Who should I contact if I have questions about a scholarship or the application?

If you have additional questions, please contact Dean Gambill, Community Development Director, at (765) 653-4978 or by email at dgambill@pcfoundation.org.