



2010 Scholarship Guidelines

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) administers a number of scholarships. Each scholarship has varied eligibility criteria and application procedures. Please read the information relating to each of these scholarships thoroughly to determine if you are eligible to apply prior to completing an application.

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Policy Statement of Disqualified Persons

The Foundation must comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") of 1986 as amended. The Internal Revenue Service can impose sanctions against the Foundation for ignoring the legal principle of private inurement as codified in Section 4958 of the Code. Private inurement principles limit or prohibit the participation of certain people who have a close relationship to the Foundation, which the Code commonly refers to as a "disqualified person." Donors and the donors' child, grandchild, great grandchild, stepchild, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or spouses of those previously named are not eligible for assistance from the scholarship fund for which they are the primary donor or for whom the fund is named.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

The Dearborn Community Foundation actively seeks to promote access, equity and diversity, and to end discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability and/or age.

**All questions relating to available scholarship opportunities should be directed to
Program Director**

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IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. HAS THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS:

- You will be expected to communicate the following information to the Dearborn Community Foundation office **prior** to the payment of your scholarship award directly to your post-secondary school:
 - Thank you note addressed to the Dearborn Community Foundation noting the scholarship awarded;
 - A copy of your tuition bill acknowledging enrollment at least two weeks prior to tuition due date (this serves as our authorization for payment; tuition bill must include the name and address of the college/university and students name. Payment will not be issued without this information on file);
 - Class schedule; and
 - Any additional necessary contact information
- Certain scholarship/educational grant programs have specified expectations by which any and all recipients must abide. Please be sure to read all program information carefully.

Michael Cleary Memorial Scholarship

The Michael Cleary Memorial Scholarship was started in memory of Michael, who was killed in an auto accident in January 2000. At the time, Mike was a freshman at East Central High School. He liked being with his friends, playing football, hiking, camping, tearing things apart and rebuilding them, but his greatest passion was snow skiing. Mike had a good heart and was always willing to help where there was a need.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship – up to \$500 scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior from East Central High School; and
- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution.
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, extra-curricular activities and the required essay.

Perpetual Rotary Scholarship

For over fifty years, there was an active Rotary Club in Aurora, Indiana. At the time that the club disbanded in 1999, it had its own Aurora Rotary Scholarship Foundation. The club membership voted to end its own foundation and turn the assets over to the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF). Through the Rotary Scholarship at DCF, the Rotary International ideal of service above self continues to be a presence in the community.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship - Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a high school senior attending South Dearborn High School;
- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution; and
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, community volunteer service and the required essay.

Roger Gulley Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established the memory of Roger Gulley, who was killed in an auto accident in 1962. Roger was only a sophomore at Aurora High School at the time of his tragic death. He was a very active young man – participating in many different activities: Student Council; church youth groups; Boy Scouts; football; basketball; baseball; and, of course, music. Roger played trumpet since he was in fifth grade and music was one of his main interests. Roger had a fighting spirit and he was a good sport who believed in fair play. He was full of integrity, loyalty and faith. He could laugh at himself and could make others laugh. He loved life and having fun. This scholarship honors a South Dearborn High School student who shares Roger's attributes and most certainly his love for music.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship - Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Current graduating senior at South Dearborn High School;
- Must have been accepted and plan to attend a four-year accredited institution of higher learning;
- Must have GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale;
- Must submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a music instructor at South Dearborn High School or from a private instructor including a listing of courses/lessons taken during high school career;

- Ability in music (either instrumental or vocal) as demonstrated by participating in at least one school sponsored or private music program/course; and
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA and the required essay.

Ross Eiler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was started in memory of Ross Eiler, who was killed in an auto accident in April of 2001. Ross graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 2000. While in school, he excelled in academics, sports, leadership and service. Ross' family wishes to recognize the values that Ross exemplified through the establishment of this fund.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship – Up to \$1,000

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior attending Lawrenceburg High School;
- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution;
- Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence with a class rank in the top 10% of his/her graduating class;
- Applicants must demonstrate athletic ability by participating in at least two school sponsored athletic teams during his/her four years of high school;
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership and a commitment to service by active participation in community volunteer service activities such as Key Club, church, or community-sponsored service activities;

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, SAT scores, school sports (with preference given to the sports in which Ross participated – soccer, swimming and track), leadership and community service.

Partners in Education Scholarship

The Lawrenceburg Schools Endowment Corporation, in partnership with Dearborn Savings Bank and United Community Bank, will award 10 achievement scholarships to graduating seniors of Lawrenceburg High School who will enroll in an institution of higher learning no later than the fall of the year the scholarship is granted.

Amount of Scholarship: Ten scholarships – Up to \$1,000 each

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a Lawrenceburg High School senior with a good record of attendance and responsible behavior;
- Must be a well-rounded student showing participation in leadership, community service/organizations and athletic activities, making note of any honors and/or awards; and
- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution;
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s) and;
- Must have a brief statement from the parent(s)/legal guardian explaining any special circumstances regarding financial need;

Applications will be evaluated based on financial need, high school attendance, extra-curricular activities, required essay and parent statement.

Ronald Selmeyer Scholarship

Ronald Selmeyer, a former Greendale City Councilman, received the 1999 American Hometown Leadership Award through the Wal-Mart Foundation. Nominees for the Wal-Mart honor were elected officials who “make a difference” in their communities. With the monetary award, Mr. Selmeyer established the Ronald Selmeyer Scholarship Fund to once again make a difference in his community. Mr. Selmeyer passed away in 2007, but his support for his community lives on through the scholarship.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship – Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior or graduate of Lawrenceburg High School with a minimum grade point average of 2.4 on a 4.0 scale, or current collegiate student with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree;
- Must maintain a drug-free lifestyle;
- Household income should not exceed \$75,000; and
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, extra-curricular activities, work history, financial need and the required essay.

Dr. Jim Swanson Scholarship

Dr. Jim Swanson has been committed to making a difference in individual's lives through his medical practice. He elected to establish this scholarship program in a continued effort to make a difference in the lives of students with disabilities who are interested in pursuing post-secondary educations.

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship – Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior of Lawrenceburg High School;
- Must be planning to attend an accredited college;
- Must be a student with a disability as defined by the American Disability Act (ADA);
- Must submit documentation of disability from a medical doctor and;
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, extra-curricular activities, awards and recognitions, financial need and the required essay.

Gerry Lehn Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Gerry Lehn, who died following a lung transplant in October 2007. Gerry's three sons were all active in Lawrenceburg High School athletics, and Gerry was a constant presence on the sidelines, camera in hand. Throughout the years, Gerry was a youth coach and an avid fan, with a special place in his heart for athletes who, regardless of talent level, played with heart. This scholarship honors a student demonstrating the attributes that brought joy to Gerry.

Amount of Scholarship: One Scholarship - up to \$1,000

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a current senior at Lawrenceburg High School;
- Must be planning to attend a trade school; two (2); or four (4) year accredited college or university;
- Must have a GPA of 2.8 – 3.9 on a 4.0 grading scale;
- Applicants must demonstrate athletic ability by participating in at least one school sponsored athletic team during his four years of high school, with preference given to the sports of boys' soccer and football;

- Must submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from the coaching staff describing the contribution of the individual to the team and/or LHS athletic program at large and;
- Must complete a one-page essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Applications will be evaluated by a scholarship committee based on GPA, high school sport(s), coach letter of recommendation, and the required essay.

Dan Kuebler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Dan Kuebler, a teacher, principal and superintendent, whose career as an educator spanned more than 30 years. Mr. Kuebler passed away in August 2007 after serving as a teacher, principal and, most recently, as Superintendent of Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation. As an educator and in his personal life, Dan excelled as a leader and good citizen in his community. This fund was created to recognize in Lawrenceburg High School graduates the same values Dan exemplified.

Amount of Scholarship: One Scholarship up to \$1,000

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a current senior at Lawrenceburg High School;
- Must be planning to attend a trade school; two (2); or four (4) year accredited college or university;
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale;
- Must complete a one-page essay addressing the appropriate question(s)

Applications will be evaluated based on GPA, high school sport(s), financial need and the required essay.

Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship

The Frank R. Longcamp Scholarship was established with the Foundation in 2005 as part of a trust transferred from a local banking establishment. Mr. Longcamp wanted to leave a legacy following his death that would help deserving students fulfill their post-secondary educational goals.

Amount of Scholarship: Three scholarships – Up to \$1,000 each

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior from East Central High School, Lawrenceburg High School or South Dearborn High School;
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s); and

- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution.

Applications will be evaluated based on a combination of factors, including, but not limited to grades, class standing, intended course of study, extra-curricular activities, attendance, citizenship, financial need, required essay and receipt of other scholarship awards and amounts of those awards.

Laughery Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #146 Scholarship

The Laughery Valley F.O.P. Lodge #146 will award up to two separate scholarships to **each** of the following school corporation areas (*including home school students*):

- Lawrenceburg;
- South Dearborn;
- Sunman Dearborn; **AND**
- Rising Sun

Scholarships will be awarded to individuals planning to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university and/or a two-year technical program certificate at an accredited institution.

Amount of Scholarship(s): Each scholarship - Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must currently be a senior at a high school located in Dearborn or Ohio Counties or a senior home school student in Dearborn or Ohio Counties;
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or better through seven semesters of high school;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college or university and/or technical school program;
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s); and
- Must include written recommendations from:
 1. A full-time Indiana police officer;
 2. A high school representative (*teacher, administrator, coach, etc.*) if you are currently attending high school **OR** Dearborn County Librarian/library staff member if you are currently a home school student; and
 3. A minister

Applications will be evaluated based on extra-curricular activities and the required essay.

Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Kiwanis International was founded on January 21, 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. Kiwanis is devoted to the principle of service; to the advancement of individual, community, and national welfare; and to the strengthening of international goodwill. The Kiwanis family today has more than 600,000 members worldwide in more than 13,000 clubs in 70 countries.

The Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club was established as one of the first Kiwanis Clubs in the world on January 27, 1923. This club has been serving the community for more than 83 years. Kiwanis has a long history of commitment to improving the lives and welfare of children and young adults. Kiwanis International sponsors and supports several club formats for young people through Circle K clubs for college students, Key Clubs for high school age students, Builders Club for middle school age students, and K-Kids Clubs for elementary school students. The Lawrenceburg Kiwanis Club proudly sponsors the Lawrenceburg Key Club (founded in 1962) and the Greendale Middle School Builders' Club (founded in 1986).

Amount of Scholarship: One scholarship - Up to \$500

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a high school senior who is a resident of Dearborn County or attends a high school in Dearborn County;
- Must be planning to attend college in the fall immediately following high school graduation as a full-time student pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree at an accredited institution in Indiana, Ohio or Kentucky;
- Must have a cumulative GPA in the 2.75 – 3.25 range

Applications will be based on GPA, community volunteer service, extra-curricular activities, work history, awards and recognitions, financial need and the required essay.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state's residents.

Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship was first offered in 1998, the Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. has been pleased to award Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships to Dearborn County students graduating from an Indiana high school. For 2010, the Dearborn Community Foundation is eligible to nominate recipients and alternates for two full tuition scholarships. The Endowment hopes that this program will encourage many of Indiana's most talented students to attend one of Indiana's fine higher education institutions and after graduation consider pursuing occupations in Indiana.

Key Elements

1. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides scholarships for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$800 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 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
2. The program is open to Dearborn County residents:
 - o Who will graduate at the end of June 2010 with a diploma from a regionally accredited Indiana high school; and
 - o Who have been accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.
3. Independent Colleges of Indiana will receive and invest grant funds, approve nomination criteria and procedures, make final scholarship selections, make the appropriate scholarship payments to the selected colleges and universities, distributed administrative grants community foundations and book and equipment allocations to scholars, and provide administrative services for the LECS.

Two recipients will be selected that reside in Dearborn County.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Phase I

Essay (Extra Curricular Activities, Community Service, and Work History)	Weight: 40%
Academic Achievement	Weight: 24%
Financial Need	Weight: 26%
College History of Parental Education	Weight: 10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Goal: to reduce applicants to six (6) finalists, two (2) from each Dearborn County school corporation based on student's residency</i>	

Phase II

Impromptu Essay	Weight: 50%
Interview and Powerpoint Presentation	Weight: 50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Goal: Recommend two (2) Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship nominees for approval by Independent Colleges of Indiana's Lilly Endowment Scholarship review committee</i>	

Amount of Scholarship:

Four-years, full-tuition plus required fees and a special allocation up to \$800 per year for required books and equipment at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Dearborn County;
- Must have received an accredited Indiana high school diploma no later than June of 2010;
- Must be starting college for the first time in the fall of 2010 (some exceptions may be made);

- Must be planning to attend an accredited Indiana college or university;
- Must not be applying to any other community foundation for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship;
- Each scholarship recipient must decide where he/she will attend college and notify the foundation of the decision; and
- Must complete required essay addressing the appropriate question(s).

Evaluation Process:

1. Applications will be evaluated based on the essay; academic achievement; financial need; and family history of higher education;
2. The Scholarship Committee will select six Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists, two from each Dearborn County school corporation based on student's residency;
3. The finalist candidates will be invited to interview before the Scholarship Committee. Each finalist will receive a letter stating the time of arrival as well as any additional requirements;
4. Finalists must also be prepared to be photographed and to release the rights to use the photo(s) in any future public announcements concerning the Foundation's scholarships; and
5. The Dearborn Community Foundation will receive approval of nominees from Independent Colleges of Indiana. Recipients will be announced thereafter.