

# The 2024 Howard County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

**Two Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships will be awarded to Howard County residents. Deadline to apply: September 7, 2023.**

**Purpose:** 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.

**Scholarships:** The program will provide scholarships 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.

**THE COMMITTEE WILL ONLY CONSIDER COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY September 7, 2023.**

## **Key Elements:**

- The program is open to all Howard County residents who graduate from an accredited

Indiana High School by 2024 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2024, (a high school is considered accredited for purposes of the program if it is accredited by the State Board of Education or by a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the State Board of Education); and who intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.

Scholarship Recipients are to be known as Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Lilly Endowment requires that the following statements be agreed to by an applicant and/or recipient and included on the student application, as well as in a scholarship acceptance letter to be signed by each selected scholar:

- "If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at an Indiana college."
- "I understand that the total maximum amount of my scholarship is calculated on the basis of my chosen college's tuition and required fees beginning with the 2024-25 school year."
- "To assist with the processing of scholarship payments each semester or quarter and to avoid late fees, I will forward to the Community Foundation of Howard County, Inc. immediately upon receipt all invoices for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship."
- "I understand that the special allocation provided to me is to be used to pay required books and required equipment for my courses of instruction. I will personally keep receipts and other documentation to verify that the special allocation was used only for this intended purpose and will provide those receipts and documents to Independent Colleges of Indiana any amount of the special allocation remaining at the end of each school year."
- "I agree to notify Independent Colleges of Indiana of any scholarship awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship."
- "I will keep the Community Foundation of Howard County, Inc. apprised annually by June 1 of my enrollment and academic status during college, by completing and returning any surveys or forms as may be provided by the Community Foundation."
- "Upon graduation, I will keep the Community Foundation of Howard County, Inc. apprised annually by June 1 of his or her education and/or employment status for at least ten years after graduation, by completing and returning an alumni survey or other forms as provided by the Community Foundation."

**Criteria for the Scholarship:**

- **Preference will be given to first generation college attendees.**

- **Financial need will be a factor in making this award. Students must upload the financial information required in the application.**

- **Other criteria used in the selection: academic achievement, school, community and work activities, and potential for success. Letters of recommendation from no more than two people must be included with the application. It is the applicant's responsibility to check on the status of their requested letters of recommendation. If selected as a finalist, the scholarship applicant must agree to participate in an interview with the selection committee.**

The scholarship recipient must give permission to use any general, non-financial information included in this application for publicity purposes.

- On-line application must be received by **September 7, 2023**, with uploaded transcript completed by guidance counselor/director and letters of recommendation.

For more information, please call (765) 454-7298 or email [emerald@cfhoward.org](mailto:emerald@cfhoward.org). Visit our Web site for information about other scholarships and your Community Foundation at [www.cfhoward.org](http://www.cfhoward.org).