



Scott County Community Foundation 2011 Scholarship Application



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ABOUT SCOTT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A community foundation serves donors, non-profit organizations and the community by building permanent endowed funds for philanthropic purposes. It funds the arts, education, health and human services, the environment, our youth, and our community.

The mission of SCCF is to be a leader in attracting, managing and focusing the philanthropic resources which meet the community needs and enrich the quality of life for all citizens of Scott County.

SCCF has over \$6 million in assets and over 60 funds. Over \$12 million has been invested in Scott County since the inception of the SCCF. Over 100 local students have been assisted with scholarships over the past 13 years. This would not have been possible without the generous donations of individuals and businesses in the community, and grants from the Paul Ogle Foundation and Lilly Endowment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which scholarships am I eligible to apply for? You must carefully read the criteria for each scholarship fund to determine if you are eligible. The requirements for each vary.

How will I be evaluated? Each scholarship has its own set of criteria. Applicants may be evaluated on financial need, academics, letters of recommendation, extra-curricular activities, honors/awards, community involvement/work, essay and overall quality of your application. In addition, some scholarships will require additional information, such as church attendance or essays.

If I am awarded a scholarship, how much will I get? Each scholarship award amount varies, and many depend on the earnings of the fund from year to year. The amount for each scholarship is listed with the eligibility criteria. It's also important that you maintain the requirements for the scholarship, as some are renewable each semester. Scholarships will be made payable directly to the school, and depending on the amount of the scholarship, may be awarded at one time or before each semester.

If I am awarded a scholarship, how can it be used? Scholarships are only to be used for educational expenses: tuition, required fees, and books, unless otherwise noted. You may be eligible to pay taxes on any scholarship not used for educational expenses. We recommend you consult with a tax advisor for guidance.

When are the applications due? All applications must be submitted to your guidance counselor by April 1.

What if I have questions? Please contact the Scott County Community Foundation at 752-2057, email info@scottcountyfoundation.org, stop by the office at 60 N. Main Street, Scottsburg, or talk to your school guidance counselor.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Alice and Gerald L. Miner Scholarship Fund: Alice and Gerald Miner grew up in Scottsburg. During the Great Depression, Gerald was determined to graduate from college and set an example for his family. Their sons, Mike and Ron, established the fund to help other young people go to college. The award is worth \$2,000.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- ✓ You will attend a 4-year college or university on a full-time basis.

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Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship Fund: Carol Pettit was a dedicated teacher who taught elementary and middle school students in Scott County School District 2 for several years. This scholarship is worth \$250.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You attended Vienna-Finley Elementary School.
- ✓ You plan to pursue a college degree in the field of education.

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Charles G. Nolan Memorial Scholarship Fund: Charles Nolan was a math, computer and photography professor at Ivy Tech in Sellersburg, and owner of Nolans' Educational Consulting. He was also a retired middle/high school teacher in Austin. He was a GED/adult education instructor at the Lifelong Learning Center. Activities, academics, community involvement and financial need will be considered. This scholarship is worth \$250.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating senior from Scott County: Scottsburg High School, Austin High School or home-school.
- ✓ You are involved in church (Ex: you are a member or attend a church, or involved in youth activities, etc.). Please include a letter from your church.
- ✓ You will major in mathematics at a 4-year college or university.

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Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Mother of three, wife, kindergarten teacher, Sunday School teacher, small business owner...not only did Christie Crafton have a life that was full and meaningful, she had the spirit of Christianity planted firmly in everything she did. She started her teaching career in Charlestown, and then later moved to Hanover, to teach kindergarten at Southwestern Elementary for several years. She continued teaching through chemotherapy and the grips of cancer until she was talked into going home for good to rest before she went to be with the Lord. This scholarship is worth \$250.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ Students receiving full tuition awards or athletic scholarships are not eligible for this scholarship.
- ✓ You plan to pursue a 4-year degree at an Indiana college or university in primary or secondary education or a related profession that serves children. Special consideration will be given to those who wish to become elementary school teachers. Financial need will be the tie breaker.

Dale McNeely Scholarship Fund: Dale and Martha McNeely were both educators who had a passion for children. Martha was assistant superintendent for Scott County School District 2 for a few years, while Dale coached basketball and was the only coach in Indiana to win three sectional titles in three consecutive years at three different high schools. This fund was established through the estate of Martha McNeely in 2009 to assist students at Scottsburg High School. The award is worth \$10,000.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You must demonstrate financial need, moral character, community service, scholarship and church attendance (please include a letter from your church verifying your attendance)

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Epply Shields Memorial Scholarship Fund: This fund was created in September of 1997 with the primary purpose of benefiting students whose goal is to teach in an elementary or secondary educational program. The 4-year scholarship amount is based on the earnings of the fund, which is \$2,982 this year.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll in an undergraduate or postsecondary program as a full time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- ✓ You have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average during junior and senior years in high school.
- ✓ You will teach in elementary or secondary education.

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Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund: Members of the Chamber realize the importance of education and regularly contribute to assist with students' higher education. Two scholarships worth \$500 are available to graduating seniors or current college students.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School or Austin High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll in an undergraduate or postsecondary program as a full time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- ✓ Preference will be given to students who are a member or dependent of a Chamber member, or are recommended by a Chamber member. Please include a letter from the Chamber if you are a member or dependent, or a letter from a Chamber member recommending you for this scholarship. * Please note this is not required to receive scholarship, but including this letter will give you preference.

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Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund: Established by our Lilly Scholars and their families, this scholarship is given to graduates of Scottsburg and Austin high schools. There will be two scholarships awarded for a minimum of \$300 each.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School or Austin High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll in an undergraduate or postsecondary program as a full time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- ✓ You may submit an additional form with an explanation of further involvement, such as how many years you've been involved in an activity, the number of hours volunteered at the activity, awards earned, etc.
- ✓ Please submit an essay on what makes you the "total package" for this scholarship.

Mallory Lainhart Memorial Scholarship: Mallory was a beautiful 9-month-old girl who was born with a fatal congestive heart defect. Mallory was considered by all to be a miracle child of God, and she lost her fight to live after her body was too weak to go on, having endured 19 procedures and surgeries on her tiny body. There will be two scholarships for \$250 each for graduates of Austin and Scottsburg high schools.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School or Austin High School senior
- ✓ You have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.
- ✓ You plan to major in the medical field at least part-time at a 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- ✓ Please submit an essay on the following. This scholarship was established in memory of Mallory Lainhart for a student entering the medical field who the family hopes will one day save the life of a child, and that one day a cure will be found for heart defects. Please address why you plan to make a difference by entering the medical field.

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Mary Elizabeth Miller – Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund: Virgil Miller was a teacher at Austin High School and Scott County Superintendent. He was the first person in Scott County to start special education classes in Lexington. There are two scholarships worth \$1,000 each for graduates of Scottsburg and Austin high schools.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Austin High School or Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll in an undergraduate program as a full time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester at a four-year college or university.

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Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship will provide educational assistance to students who have an agricultural background. It is worth at least \$500.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating senior from Austin or Scottsburg High School, or a Scott County home school.
- ✓ You will enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college or university at a full-time status.
- ✓ You have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- ✓ You have an agricultural background (this could include but is not limited to: you live on a farm, are involved in FFA, 4-H, etc.). You should have someone familiar with your background submit a separate letter verifying your history with agriculture.
- ✓ Please submit an essay on the following: “How has agriculture affected your life?”

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Scott County Youth Football League Scholarship: This was fund was established to provide educational assistance to players with the Scott County Youth Football League. It is worth \$1,000.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating senior (including private and home school) from any school district.
- ✓ You are a player in good standing with the Scott County Youth Football League for the 2010 season.
- ✓ You will enroll at a 2-year or 4-year college or university taking at least 6 credit hours per semester.
- ✓ You will submit an essay on the theme: “What football has meant to me.”

Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship Fund: This scholarship is to benefit students in Scott County who will major in the healthcare field. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 the first year and may be renewed each year for five years total, based on the eligibility of the student. The amounts after the first year may vary based on the amount available in the fund.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Austin High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll as a student at a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university taking a minimum of two classes each semester. Distance education is allowed.
- ✓ You will major in the healthcare field.

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Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship Fund: This fund was established in memory of Shelley Comer Akers, a young mother and wife who was passionate about youth and agriculture. The scholarship is for Scott County graduating seniors. It is worth \$500.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School, Austin High School or Scott County home-school senior.
- ✓ You have maintained a 3.0 grade point average.
- ✓ You have been involved in 4-H at some point in your life. Please submit a letter from Purdue Extension verifying this requirement and how many years you have been involved.
- ✓ Please submit an essay on the following: “How have you been able to put the 4 H’s in 4H to good use in your life?”

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Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship Fund: This fund was established by Dr. Walter C. Bridgewater in memory of his parents. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 for seniors at Scottsburg High School.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You demonstrate financial need.

RESOURCES

The following is a listing of helpful websites:

- ❖ www.scottcountyfoundation.org – Scott County Community Foundation. Download scholarship applications and learn about what we offer.
- ❖ www.fafsa.ed.gov – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ❖ www.studentaid.ed.gov – Source for free information from the U.S. Department of Education on preparing for and funding education beyond high school.
- ❖ www.fastweb.com – A free searchable scholarship database
- ❖ www.finaid.org – General financial aid information
- ❖ www.ed.gov/finaid - Financial aid information from the U.S. Department of Education
- ❖ www.in.gov/ssaci - State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana – grant, scholarship and work study programs
- ❖ www.finaidfacts.org/scholarships.htm - Scholarship and Financial Aid information
- ❖ www.indianacollegechoices.org – Information about Indiana’s independent colleges and universities
- ❖ www.knowhow2goindiana.org – Steps to take to get to college, including information specific to seniors
- ❖ www.learnmoreindiana.org – A guide to get to college for all ages
- ❖ www.scholarships4school.com – Scholarships for college bound students and financial aid advice
- ❖ www.salliemae.com – Student Loans
- ❖ www.direct.ed.gov – Student Loans
- ❖ www.estudentloan.com – Student Loans



Scott County Community Foundation Scholarship Application

To download a PDF copy of the application form,
please go to www.scottcountyfoundation.org.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a blind selection process.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ Male _____ Female _____
Month Day Year

Telephone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

County of Residence: _____ Township of Residence: _____

Email address: _____

High School Data

High School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____ Elementary School Attended: _____

College/University Data

Do you plan to attend: 4 year college or university 2 year community college
 Other (explain) _____

Degree sought: Associate Bachelor Graduate

Major(s)/Minor(s) (be specific): _____

Anticipated College Graduation Date (month/year) _____

Do you anticipate attending college full or part time? Full-time Part-time

College/University Data (continued)

Anticipated College or University (include city/state) _____

Second choice _____

Have you been accepted? _____

Other scholarships/financial aid you have applied for or plan to apply for (include amounts): _____

Please list any scholarships or grants you are receiving that provide full tuition (children of disabled veterans, parents work for college/university, etc.) _____

Family Information

Name of Father/Step-father/Guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Name of Mother/Step-mother/Guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Are you a first generation college student? _____ Are you a 21st Century Scholar? _____

Number of siblings still living at home _____

Number of siblings attending post-secondary school _____ Date of Expected Graduation _____

** Please include a copy of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA. The page must have your name on it. You do not need to send the entire FAFSA.

Please include any additional information about special circumstances that may affect your ability to finance college.

Teacher's Recommendation

Teachers: Please provide your recommendation in a sealed envelope and send directly to the guidance department for the scholarship committee.

Applicant's Name _____

Please rate the student's course selection in your school:

() Most Demanding () Demanding () Average () Below Average

Your assessment of this student's potential for success in college, university, or vocational school:

<i>How would you rate the applicant in terms of:</i>	No basis for judgment	Below Average	Average	Top 20%	Top 10%	Top 1%
Academic Ability						
Creative Talent						
Motivation to Study						
Self-Discipline						
Emotional Maturity						
Leadership Ability						
Character						
Energy Level						
Honesty & Integrity						
Dependable						

Other comments: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date _____

RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY, RELIGIOUS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES		
Name of Activity <i>Example: Scott County Church</i>	Please circle grades participated.	Honors, Awards and Leadership <i>Leader of Youth Group</i>
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SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
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WORK EXPERIENCE			
<i>List your three most recent paid positions. List specific dates employed by using month/year. Denote seasonal employers with an asterisk.</i>			
Name of Employer	Name of Supervisor	Specific Dates Employed	Average Hours/Week
		Begin: End:	
		Begin: End:	
		Begin: End:	

Scholarship Preferences:

Please check all of the scholarships that you want to be considered for. Make sure that you have reviewed the eligibility criteria.

- Alice and Gerald L. Miner Scholarship
- Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship
- Charles G. Nolan Memorial Scholarship
- Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship
- Dale McNeely Scholarship
- Epply Shields Memorial Scholarship
- Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund
- Lilly Scholar Endowment Fund
- Mallory Lainhart Memorial Scholarship
- Mary Elizabeth – Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Robert G. Comer Memorial Scholarship
- Scott County Youth Football League Scholarship
- Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship
- Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship
- Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship

Parent/Guardian/Applicant Certification

I (we) hereby affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) agree to give proof of the financial information that I (we) have given on this form, upon request. I (we) realize that proof may include a copy of my (our) most current Federal and/or State income tax return. I (we) give my (our) consent for the personal references and/or counselors to provide information for consideration in the selection process.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach the following documents:

- Transcript of grades (in a sealed envelope with the signature of a guidance counselor), SAT/ACT scores
- Copy of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA
- Two letters of recommendation – they must be completed by an unrelated adult who is familiar with your achievements (someone you may know through school, work, church, volunteer, activities, etc.). Please limit one letter from a school source and one letter from an outside source.
- An essay to include the following: Why do you want the scholarship? What makes you the best candidate for the scholarship? What are your educational and career goals and aspirations? Please include any other information about yourself that you feel would be helpful to the scholarship committee. The essay should be typed and double-spaced.
- A letter in good standing from your counselor
- Any required documents for individual scholarships