

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Each year, Scecina Memorial High School has the opportunity to nominate two students from Marion County and two students from Hamilton County to be considered for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship administered by the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF). This scholarship will cover full tuition, required fees, and a book stipend for four years of undergraduate study at any accredited Indiana public or private college or university leading to a baccalaureate degree. **Scecina is to nominate two students for each of these counties based on the eligibility guidelines.** CICF will then select four students from Hamilton County and nine students from Marion County nominees to receive this award.

Interested students must submit an application to the Scecina Memorial High School Counseling Office no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021. For students residing in other counties, please check with your local community foundation for application details.

To be eligible for a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship awarded by CICF, a nominee must:

- Be a resident of Hamilton or Marion County, Indiana (Other counties have a separate process for applying for their Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships and interested students from these counties should contact their local community foundations for further details).
- Demonstrate an un-weighted GPA of at least a 3.0 for Hamilton or a 2.5 for Marion County
- Demonstrate financial need utilizing the FAFSA4Caster
- Graduate by the end of June 2022 with a diploma from an accredited Indiana high school
- Plan to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2022 at a public or private university in Indiana
- Demonstrate motivation and/or a high level of responsibility through school, community, family and/or extracurricular activities

The Scecina Memorial Scholarship Committee will review all submitted applications and select our two nominees per county. These students will then be asked to submit an online application to CICF which goes live on August 25, 2021. The nominees will then be contacted by CICF to schedule an in-person interview

that will take place on October 14, 2021, for Marion County residents and October 15 for Hamilton County residents.

You can download an application by clicking the link below, “Scholarship Application Form.” Applications are also posted in CANVAS on the School Counseling page, and hard copies are available in the School Counseling Office.

[Scholarship Application Form](#) (Available in School Counseling Office and on CANVAS)

Each applicant will be required to complete the following essays as part of their application. All essay responses must be completed in 500 words or less.

All CICF Scholarships: *essays required of all applicants to any scholarship at CICF*

Educational Goals: Please describe your educational and career goals. What steps have you taken and what do you plan to do to attain these goals?

College Success: Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk, or ethical dilemma and its impact on you. How will this experience and skills you have developed help prepare you to graduate from college despite potential barriers?

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship: *two additional essays required*

Community Service: Please describe how your commitment to community service has impacted your life, and describe how you see yourself continuing to give back to your community in five years.

Financial Need: Please describe, from a financial standpoint, what impact this scholarship would have on your education

If you have any questions or wish to pick up a hard copy of the application, please stop by the School Counseling Office or contact Mrs. Patty Hagen at phagen@scecina.org, Director of School Counseling and 12th Grade Counselor.