



Scott County Community Foundation 2010 Scholarship Information Booklet



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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 \$5 million in assets and over 60 funds. Over \$12 million has been invested in Scott County since the inception of the SCCF. Over 90 local students have been assisted with scholarships over the past 12 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? Applicants are 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.

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.
- ✓ Activities and financial need will be considered.

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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 is a one-year scholarship and the amount is based on the earnings of the fund, which is \$254 this year.

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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Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship Fund: This is a one-year scholarship and the amount is based on the earnings of the fund, which is \$314 this year. Students receiving full tuition awards or athletic scholarships are not eligible for this scholarship.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ 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.

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Dale McNeely Scholarship Fund: 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)

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 \$3,271 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: This fund will benefit both students at Austin and Scottsburg High schools who will pursue a degree in higher education. The scholarships are worth \$500 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.
- ✓ 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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Mary Elizabeth Miller – Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund: This fund was created in 2008 to benefit students at both Scottsburg and Austin high schools. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 for each recipient.

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.
- ✓ A student's need, scholastic achievement and community service will be considered.

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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.

Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund: This fund was established in memory of Tim Wolf, a member of the Scottsburg High School Class of 1994, who lost his battle with leukemia in November 1992. The scholarship is for Scottsburg High School seniors, and is worth \$5,000.

Eligibility requires that:

- ✓ You are a graduating Scottsburg High School senior.
- ✓ You will enroll in college as a full-time student at either a 4-year college/university or 2-year technical program at an accredited organization.

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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/programs/ - 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

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 <u>paid</u> 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 Fund
- Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dale McNeely Scholarship Fund
- Epply Shields Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund
- Mary Elizabeth – Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship
- Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Walter S. and Clarice (White) Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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 _____