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The Noble County Community Foundation, Inc. has scheduled three scholarship question/information meetings for parents and students. Community foundation staff members will be on hand to answer questions about completing the scholarship application. Registration to attend is not necessary.

Noble County Public Library (Albion) - Tuesday, January 8, 2013 from 6:00pm-7:00pm Shultz Room Kendallville Public Library - Wednesday, January 9, 2013 from 6:00 pm-7:00pm Room 4 Noble County Community Foundation Office (Ligonier) - Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 6:00pm-7:00pm

The Noble County Community Foundation offers these Tips for Local Scholarship Information

This year more than ever we expect the number of students applying for scholarships to increase due to the economic times. The Noble County Community Foundation scholarship application is now available on the community foundation's new website at <u>www.NobleCountyCF.org</u> (click on the 'scholarship' tab then click on 'scholarship application'). The deadline for the scholarship application and recommendation forms is **Thursday, January 24, 2013 by 4:30 pm.** Every student's application is important to us and we hope the tips below will be useful.

For those students completing the Noble County Community Scholarship Application:

- This year there is only 1 application to complete for 38 different scholarships. This year only 1 copy is needed to be turned in. Please read the scholarship criteria on the application to find out what scholarships you may qualify for. Each scholarship is unique.
- Complete a **minimum of 3 essays as required** (and extra essays as indicated for the following scholarships: Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Gardner, Howard 4-H, C. Knopp, Prickett (requires 2 extra essays), Replogle, Talia Smith, STAR (formerly known as PRIDE), Truelove and Zuehsow.) If using a separate sheet of paper for the essays, you must title each essay page with the appropriate scholarship name and essay question at the top along with the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
- Who should my recommendation forms be from? Every applicant must list three references and give each a copy of the recommendation form (found at the end of the application). You may not list relatives. Two must be other than full-time school personnel.
- ALL applicants (even those currently in college) are reminded to complete their high school rank in class, high school G.P.A., submit SAT scores or ACT Composite, and submit <u>one</u> copy of their transcript with G.P.A. and SAT scores or ACT Composite with the application. Make sure the G.P.A., class rank and SAT scores or ACT Composite match what is written in the application. There is no need to submit both SAT and ACT information. You chose which to submit. Include a copy of the scores if they are not on your transcript.
- Submit your application early If you have your application completed, you should turn it in to the community foundation before the deadline date Thursday, January 24, 2013 by 4:30 pm. Even if you haven't sent out your 3 required recommendation/reference letters turn your application in early! Applicants are encouraged to, when possible hand deliver or mail, their applications to the community foundation rather than giving the application to the high school guidance office.

• Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Criteria: Four years of full tuition and required fees awarded to one well-rounded high school senior who resides in Noble County and will receive a diploma from an accredited Indiana high school by the end of June 2013, and will pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana. Requires community service and at least a 3.5 high school grade point average.

The "Top Honors" finalists for interviews for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will be posted on our website <u>www.NobleCountyCF.org</u> on Friday, February 15th, 2013 and your interview, if selected, will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6 pm at the Noble County Community Foundation office in Ligonier.

- For those scholarships which require financial aid information as indicated on page 12 of the application (Edgell, Frehse, Gardner, Noble County Retired Teachers' Association, Schermerhorn, Shumaker, and VanMeter) the financial aid information is due to the Noble County Community Foundation (via mail or in person) by 4:30 Thursday, March 14, 2013 to be considered for these scholarships. This information requires applicants submit the results of a completed Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) which indicates the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- For additional financial aid information, **visit Indiana College Costs Estimator** at <u>www.indianacollegecosts.org</u>. You can learn where the money is, see free scholarship search sites, learn why Indiana diploma types matter, and understand the different types of financial aid.
- Most importantly all applications must be delivered (via mail or in person) on or before Thursday, January 24, 2013 by 4:30 p.m. No scholarship applications will be accepted past this time.
- Scholarship time is a very busy time for us and so it is best to complete your scholarship application and turn it in early. Don't wait until the last minute! **Be sure to read the FAQs page under** scholarships on the community foundation's website <u>www.NobleCountyCF.org</u>.

Question can be directed to the Noble County Community Foundation by e-mailing <u>nccf@ligtel.com</u> or calling 260-894-3335 Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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