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The Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. administers a scholarship program that helps local students pursue higher education. Over the years the Community Foundation has helped provide scholarships to many Starke County students. We hope to add you to our list of recipients! If you need additional assistance contact Corinne Becknell Lucas, Scholarship Coordinator for the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (NICF) at 574.223.2227 toll free at 877.432.6423 or email questions to corinne@nicf.org. You can find our application online at nicf.org.

## Instructions for completing the application

Application Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

1. **Review the Scholarship Fund Information and Qualification pages** to see if you are eligible to apply for that specific scholarship.
2. Applications should be **typed or legibly printed in ink**.
3. Attach all required documents.
4. Only **one official school transcript** is required. The Foundation will make additional copies as needed.
5. Provide a quality **wallet size photo** with your name on the back of the photo.
6. **Letters of recommendation.**
  - Explain to the person(s) writing your recommendation(s) that they need to return the recommendation to you so you can submit it with your application.
7. **Scholarship Essay Question**
  - Submit your responses on a separate sheet of plain white paper.
  - Include your name on the top left of the page and the name of the scholarship you are applying for on the top right of each page.
8. **Submit one original application and all required attachments.** The NICF office will make all necessary copies.
9. **Do not use staples.** Use only paper clips or clamps to attach your application materials to each other. Organize your application and all required materials.
10. The application must be in the Northern Indiana Community Foundation office by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 at P.O, Box 807, 715 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975.

## Please Make Sure the Following documents are completed and attached.

- Application Information Part A
- Application Information Part B
- Estimated Expenses & Resources
- Academic Certification Form
- Application Signature Page
- Two Letters of Recommendation.
- Essay Question. Describe what the value of a college education means to you.
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- FASFA's Student Aid Report (SAR). This is the report FASFA returns to you. The EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

**Howard M. Utter and Helen Pike Utter Scholarship:** Helen, Howard and their families were pioneer settlers in Wabash and Fulton counties. The couple established a saw mill in Akron which evolved into today's Pike Lumber Company.

It is the intention of this scholarship to provide maximum benefit to one student, unless the student does not need the full scholarship amount available, before any available scholarship money is used for a second student. It would then provide the maximum possible benefit to the second student before benefiting a third student. The same would apply to subsequent students.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must reside in Indiana and have attended an Indiana high school during their senior year in high school. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, said high school graduates must have attended high school in Indiana for at least three (3) years, and be ranked in the top one-third of their high school (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12).

In making this selection, the following criteria shall be important factors in the Committee's point scoring of each applicant:

- 1) Child of an individual who has been an employee of Pike Lumber Co., Inc., an Indiana Corporation, for one year or more. Yes, 20 points. No, 0 points;
- 2) GPA: 0 to 20 points;
- 3) Standardized tests (SAT, ACT, etc): 0 to 20 points;
- 4) Extracurricular school activities: 0 to 10 points;
- 5) Extracurricular non-school activities: 0 to 10 points;
- 6) Original essay on the value to the applicant of a college education (2 page maximum length): 0 to 10 points; and,
- 7) Recommendation letters: 0 to 10 points.

### **Reapplication Requirements**

After the recipient's freshman year, this scholarship is renewable each year up to 3 years, subject to the availability of sufficient funds, recipient's maintenance of full-time student status (12 hours or more) at an accredited 4 year Indiana college or university, and the achievement of the following cumulative grade point averages:

- 1) At the end of the freshman year – 2.25
- 2) At the end of the sophomore year – 2.50
- 3) At the end of the junior year – 2.75

Upon renewal request, recipients must provide acceptable proof of their grade point averages.

No scholarship recipient will receive this scholarship for more than 4 years, and scholarship funds shall be used for tuition, fees and for required books only. A copy of the original tuition statement and book receipts (if requesting book expense) must be submitted to the NICF office.

If the recipient receives an award from another scholarship source of full tuition, fees, and book expenses, then this scholarship will be canceled, and the Scholarship Committee will determine the next qualifying candidate based on the factors named in this application. This is the only time when financial need is relevant.

The recipient(s) may utilize this scholarship at the same time he/she is receiving another scholarship as long as the total scholarships do not exceed the recipient's billing for tuition, fees, room and board.

The Uppers were strong believers in America, its form of government and economic freedom through capitalism. Recipients must show an appreciation for, and acceptance of, these beliefs in the application for and during the time of the scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee may decline to award or decline to continue the scholarship if they determine that the recipient has failed to maintain the apparent beliefs and standards of the original donors as set forth in the Scholarship Fund Agreement. This decision is strictly up to the Committee and not subject to any appeal by the recipient.





## Estimated Expenses & Resources

Name of College/University you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

### Estimated Resources

Have you received an award letter from this school? If so please attach. If no, please estimate your eligibility to the best of your ability.

Parent Contribution	\$
University Scholarship or Grants	\$
Federal Pell Grant	\$
Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant	\$
Federal Supplemental Grant (SEOG)	\$
Indiana Grants	\$
Federal Stafford Loan	\$
Federal Perkins Loan	\$
School Job	\$
Other (specify)	\$
Total Aid	\$

### Estimated Expenses

Tuition & Fees	\$
Room & Board	\$
Books & Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$
Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, clothing, etc.)	\$
Total Costs	\$

Do you have any other expense of which you would like to make us aware?

If your estimated expenses exceed your financial aid, how do you plan to pay the difference?

How much do you plan to earn working this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Special Circumstances: Please describe any special circumstances you or your family are experiencing.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Certification Form:**

**This Section to Be Completed By a High School Guidance Counselor**

**Diploma:**

The student will graduate with the following:

Reg. Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ CORE 40 \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Honors \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Placement Classes:**

Number of College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement, Weighted Courses offered at this high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Number taken by student: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Testing and Scholarship:**

Did this student pass both required sections of the ISTEP GQE? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Likely to be a recipient of the award? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Required Test and SAT/ACT Scores & Cumulative GPA:**  
*Only complete if information is not on the student's transcript*

Highest SAT Scores: Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Composite ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

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**Guidance Counselor Signature**

**Date**

**This Section to Be Completed By Applicant If They Are a College or Non-Traditional Student:**  
*You must still attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript*

GED recipients: Score on Section #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Score: Writing Math Critical Reading Total ACT Score composite \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Signature**

**Date**

## Application Signature Page

In signing this application, I hereby certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have fulfilled all of the requirements for the application and I am enclosing required attachments as requested on the **instruction and scholarship description section** of this document. I am aware that the Northern Indiana Community Foundation scholarships may be used at an accredited education institution. I also understand that the awards will be announced in the spring and summer of 2010. In addition, I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship committee and / or the scholarship fund founder. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent's signature is required.

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Applicant's Name (please print)

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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Parent's Signature

Date

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