

PURPOSE

Blue River Community Foundation (BRCF) currently administers over 95 scholarship funds which provide financial support to students. Thanks to the generous donors who establish these funds, students have a local resource to help meet the costs of pursuing post-secondary education credentials.

IMPACT



3,305 Scholarships



1,828 Students



\$7.6 Million Awarded

*Information is from 1994 through 2023. Scholarship total includes Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship which is made possible through Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Independent Colleges of Indiana.

DETAILS

BRCF offers these scholarship opportunities for students each year:

- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
 - BRCF is proud to partner with Lilly Endowment Inc. to award this prestigious scholarship each year to one Shelby County student graduating from high school.
- BRCF Scholarships:

Over 175 Scholarships: 1 Application

This opportunity consists of scholarship funds established by generous donors with the intent to provide financial support to students pursuing post-secondary education. Over 150 students receive an award annually.

BRCF scholarships are awarded to:

- Current High School Seniors
- Current College Students
- * Nontraditional Students

*Individuals returning to school or starting for the first time

Please note: applicants can be pursuing any type of secondary education credential e.g. certification or accreditation in a vocational or technical program, associate and bachelor degrees, graduate or professional program degrees

Learn More



Over \$425,000 awarded annually

lan prepare participate

APPLY

FRESHMAN

	SOPHOMORE
1	Although these items are listed under freshman activities, they should continue through all four years.
	Start a list of extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer activities/hours, and awards/honors to build your high school resume
	Consider participating in academic enrichment programs, workshops, and camps that allow you to explore possible career paths and gain experience
	Participate in school and/or community-based activities; take on leadership roles when possible
	Research career options and post-secondary education opportunities; start a list of institutions you want to visit
	Focus on academic performance; the first six semesters of high school make a difference
	challenge you; discuss options that best fit your needs with your school counselor

	SOPHOMORE
	Attend career and college informational events when possible; take advantage of College Go Week
	Prepare for standardized testing (PSAT, SAT/ACT) that may pertain to you in 11 th grade
	Explore the costs associated with a post-secondary education
	Learn the difference between grants, loans, and scholarships
П	Plan to engage in a summer activity that will help build

JUNIOR

*Open to all Shelby County students; held at Shelbyville High School
Obtain & review BRCF scholarship resource guide *See your school counselor for a copy or visit blueriverfoundation.com for a digital version
Register for the SAT, ACT, or both; scores are required from at least one of these standardized tests to apply for BRCF administered scholarships
Attend BRCF scholarship information sessions at your school in the spring
Understand BRCF's scholarship opportunities and determine which application cycle (as listed below) is best for you; know the timeline and what to expect
Think about people you should ask to serve as recommenders for the application process; one school affiliation and one personal recommendation must be provided
Attend BRCF Scholarship Workshop in June or July; covers essay writing, interviewing tips, and other application suggestions as well as information from BRCF Scholar Alumni

SENIOR

Or Winter Cycle: (7/1 - 9/1)

or Winter Cycle: (11/1 - 1/15)

Opportunities:

- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
 - *LECS applicants do NOT have to reapply to be considered for BRCF administered scholarships
- BRCF Scholarships

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Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA®, after October 1st and before the January 15th General Scholarship deadline

*The FAFSA must be completed as part of BRCF's scholarship application process

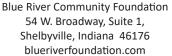


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areas of your high school resume that may be lacking

(e.g. job, volunteer experience, internship, a club,

a sport, academic program, music camp, etc.)