



The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. is pleased to announce that Switzerland County's 2016-2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient is MacKenzie Covington.

MacKenzie is the daughter of Joe and the late Barb Covington of Vevay. She is the vice president of BPA, serves as her class co-president and is the president of the National Honor Society. She also participates on the varsity soccer and track & field teams. MacKenzie plans on majoring in nursing and will decide what college she plans on attending by the spring.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition for four years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree. It also covers all required fees and up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment. Students receiving the scholarship must attend an Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of College and Schools.

The Community Foundation's selection committee reviewed eight applications this year. The applicants were evaluated on academics, financial need, activities (school activities, community service, and work experience), and writing samples. All four of the evaluation criteria were worth 25% each. The selection committee used a blind process to evaluate the applications, meaning committee members did not know whose applications they were evaluating. After the Community Foundation's selection committee selected the recipient, they submitted their recommendation to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), who makes the final decision on the scholarship recipient.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree-granting, nonprofit, independent colleges and universities in the state. Lilly Endowment, Inc. contracts with them to administer the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program is the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment Inc. initiative to raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana. Indiana ranks near the bottom of the 50 states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree.

Anyone interested in learning more information about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program can contact the Community Foundation's office. They are located at 303 Ferry Street in Vevay and can be reached at 812-427-9160 or [info@cfsci.org](mailto:info@cfsci.org).