



The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. is pleased to announce that Switzerland County's 2017-2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient is Abigail Dayadharum.

Abby is the daughter of Charles and Cheryl Dayadharum of Vevay. She has participated on the science and math academic competition teams while in high school and also serves as the Vice President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). She is a member of Student Council and National Honor Society and serves as an assistant Sunday School teacher at her church. Abby also works as a cashier at IGA. She plans on majoring in biochemistry at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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 accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana. This year, 143 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships will be awarded in Indiana.

The Community Foundation's selection committee reviewed thirteen 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 primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

Anyone interested in learning more information about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program can contact Melissa Andrew at the Community Foundation's office. The Foundation's office is located at 303 Ferry Street in Vevay and Melissa can be reached at 812-427-9160 or mandrew@cfsci.org.