

LEGENDS Scholarship

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The LEGENDS scholarship celebrates the individual who overcomes challenges and obstacles in the pursuit of a dream of a college education and lifelong learning. The LEGENDS Scholar must demonstrate one or more of the virtues of Exploration, Courage, Creativity and/or Innovation. The recipient will receive \$1000 toward higher education and his or her name will be displayed at the Lake County Convention & Visitor's Bureau as a LEGENDS Scholar.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The applicant must be enrolled in one of these six educational institutions in Northwest Indiana: Calumet College of St. Joseph, Indiana University Northwest, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Northwest, Purdue University Calumet, Purdue University North Central, and Valparaiso University.
2. The financial aid office from each of the six institutions will nominate (1) candidate each to the LEGENDS Scholarship Committee on or before April 10th, annually.
3. The applicant must be a current student in good standing, have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours, and intends to be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at one of the six institutions in the following academic year. The scholarship must be used for (or must be applied to) the academic year following receipt of this award.
4. **Each applicant must submit:**
 - a. An application form
 - b. A 300 to 350 word essay (12 pt font, double spaced) that incorporates:
 - How one or more of the virtues of Exploration, Courage, Creativity and Innovation have enabled you to overcome obstacles in pursuing your dream of a college education?
 - How you will use these values to improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana?
 - c. Two recommendation letters; one from a faculty member and one from a faculty member, employer or volunteer leader, explaining why the candidate is a good representative reflecting these "core" values for Northwest Indiana.

Note: Letters of recommendation should be 12 pt. font, single-spaced and no longer than one page.

5. All awards will be sent directly to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled and will be credited to their student account for tuition and required fees and/or books and required equipment.
6. The LEGENDS Scholarship is non-renewable.
7. All selection decisions made by the Legends Scholarship Committee will be final.
8. **Application materials must be received by your College or University financial aid office by March 15th, annually, to be eligible for consideration. (If March 15th, falls on a weekend, the application materials are due the Friday before.)**

Definition of Terms:

Courage: The state or quality of mind and spirit that enables an individual to face and to overcome challenges and/or potential barriers to success with self-possession, confidence, and resolution.

Exploration: A quality of inquisitiveness that leads to investigation, study, or search.

Creativity: The act of being imaginative and original in thinking; a better idea.

Innovation: The capacity for developing and introducing new ideas, methods, or devices.

