

College/University Information

List colleges/universities applied to in order of preference:

_____	I have been accepted
	I expect notification on _____ date.
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Major area of study, program or degree you plan to pursue: _____

Work Experience (Indicate Dates of Employment, Employer, Hours Worked per Week, Nature of Work)
For those jobs where you are currently employed, please type "currently employed" in second column.

Dates of Employment

		Employer	Hours/ Week	Nature of Work

Indicators

Please take a moment to think about the following traits and rate yourself from 1 to 10: (1 = Poor, 10 = Outstanding)

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| 1. Assertiveness = _____ | 2. Maturity = _____ |
| 3. Ability to interact with people = _____ | 4. Adaptability = _____ |
| 5. Promptness with deadlines = _____ | 6. Initiative = _____ |
| 7. Persistence = _____ | 8. Empathy for Others = _____ |

Additional Information

Indicate below any additional information or unique or notable circumstances, which you believe should be considered by the Selection Committee. Please limit your response to the space provided, additional materials will not be accepted.

Essays

Follow directions carefully. Please choose **three** of the questions below and attach a **typewritten** response for each question. Limit your response to no more than **400 words per question** and include the question at the top of each response. Failure to comply with the **400 word limit** may place the eligibility of your application in jeopardy. *Please keep in mind that your essays are a critical component of your application. Along with content, your ability to communicate your ideas and write clearly will be taken into consideration.*

1. How do you personally define service? What are your primary motivations for doing service and for being a Laidig Community Service Scholar?
2. Describe a challenging situation that you have faced and explain how you took the initiative to address this challenge.
3. Describe in detail one family, work or service activity to which you've felt most committed. How is/was it meaningful to you?
4. Please describe an experience you have had that has made you more aware of the diversity in our world. What makes this particular experience important?
5. What single problem do you think is the most urgent crisis in your community and/or in today's society at large and why?

Acceptance of responsibility as required by the Laidig Community Service Scholarship Program:

1. "If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to pursue full-time undergraduate study leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree at an accredited tax-exempt college or university."
2. "I understand that I must reapply for the program each year while satisfactorily completing my summer service internship (300 hours) and maintaining a minimum cumulative 2.5/4.0 GPA at my college or university."
3. "If I receive this scholarship, it is my intent to complete four summer internships at an approved St. Joseph County, Indiana non-profit organization. I understand that my scholarship award payment and summer stipend is based on the successful completion of each summer service assignment."
4. "I will maintain a professional relationship with the service organizations involved in the Laidig Community Service Scholarship Program that includes professional dress, showing up to work on time, completing assignments as given, and adhering to organization policies."
5. "To assist with the processing of my scholarship payments each semester or quarter, I will forward immediately to the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County all invoices received for tuition and any eligible fees that may be covered by my scholarship."
6. "I agree to notify the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County of any scholarship awards I may receive for tuition or required fees from a source other than the Laidig Community Service Scholarship."

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

By signing below, I hereby certify the information in this application to be truthful and accurate, and I meet the eligibility requirements of this program. (I am not entitled to receive free tuition at my university of choice and/or am not a family member of the following entities; a Laidig Community Service Scholarship Selection Committee member, a Jon & Sonja Laidig Foundation Board member, a Laidig family member or Community Foundation staff member.)

Student Signature

Date

*Please include the following check-list when you submit your completed application.



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The Jon & Sonja Laidig Community Service Scholarship Program Application Check-List

Please use this check-list as a guide when you complete your application. There are many attachments with this application; failure to submit a complete application will render your application ineligible.

When you submit your application, please make sure you:

- Do not use staples.
- Submit legible one-sided copies.
- Do not submit any additional materials not requested.
- Submit all materials in one envelope.
- Submit the application by 5:00 p.m. on March 13th. **This is not a postmark date;** applications received after this time will not be considered.

Please make sure the following documents are included with your submission:

- One copy of a completed **typewritten** application. Please make sure both you and your parent/guardian sign the application.
- Three** essays, printed one-sided.
- Two** letters of recommendations in their sealed envelopes.
- Your official transcript that **includes** your class rank. The SAT/ACT scores included on your transcript may be used for the official test scores.
- Your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** from the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is your responsibility to make sure you complete the FAFSA and receive your SAR report prior to the March 13th deadline.

Please answer the following questions:

- Please indicate how you heard about this scholarship, i.e. a teacher, counselor, advertisement, etc.

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- How do you most often learn about scholarship opportunities?
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All materials should be submitted via mail to:

The Jon & Sonja Laidig Community Service Scholarship Program
c/o The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
PO Box 837
South Bend, IN 46624

Or hand-delivered to:

The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
205 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 610
South Bend, IN 46601



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Letter of Recommendation

- Please provide a 1-page typewritten letter of recommendation.
- Place recommendation in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal to ensure confidentiality. Please do not staple letters.
- Letters of recommendation must be included in the student's application packet and received (not postmarked) at the Community Foundation office by 5:00 p.m., March 13th. Letters not included in the student's application packet will cause the student to be ineligible for consideration.

Letter of Recommendation for: _____
Student Name

By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you known student and in what context? _____

The student has applied for a 4-year Laidig Community Service Scholarship that will pay both a summer service stipend of \$2,500 and a \$5,000 a year scholarship for tuition and fees totaling \$7,500 per year, up to four years. Selection will be based, in part, on factors such as academic performance, leadership, community service, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and employment. Please comment on your personal knowledge of this student's achievements, character, and potential, and why you believe this student should be selected as a Laidig Community Service Scholar. Please submit your typewritten letter with this cover page.



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