

Press Release

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Putnam County Community Foundation Announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipients

Two Putnam County students have been named recipients of full, four-year scholarships as the Putnam County Community Foundation's 2008 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars (LECS).

Seniors Ashlyn Archer of Greencastle High School and James Fidler of Cloverdale High School will receive full tuition to any Indiana public or private college or university of their choice and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. The college or university must be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Archer, daughter of Keith and Melissa Archer, Greencastle, is accepted at four Indiana higher education institutions (Hanover College, Butler University, DePauw University and Franklin College). Ashlyn plans to major in education or communications. Her goal is to pursue a career as a math teacher.

Fidler, son of Jeffrey and Deborrah Fidler, Quincy, plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University. James' intended major is mathematics education. His career goal is to teach high school for several years and to receive masters and doctorate degrees.

The LECS scholarship selection committee of the Putnam County Community Foundation selected eight finalists for personal interviews from a field of 36 candidates. They were chosen for outstanding academic achievement, school leadership and extensive participation in their community, school, church and work.

Finalists nominated for awards were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipients. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There were 216 scholarships awarded statewide.

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