



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a national philanthropic organization that provides scholarships to individuals throughout the United States. Since 1931, The Elks National Foundation has helped students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, we award more than \$3 million in college scholarships to at least 850 outstanding service-minded high school seniors.

The Indiana Elks recognized that not all graduating seniors want to attend a four year academic program and made the decision to offer a Vocational Scholarship to Indiana Students. The Indiana Elks offers 10 Vocational Scholarships to Indiana High School graduating seniors at \$1000 each. No affiliation to the Elks is required. Applications may be obtained on the Indiana Elks Website or from either of the State Co-Chairmen of the Scholarship Committee (see back for contacts). Once the application is completed, it must be returned to one of the Co-chairs by the due date.

The Vocational Scholarship is paid directly to the school being attended after completion of a verification of enrollment. The funds may be used for any vocational program granting an Associates Degree, Diploma or Certificate. It is not for those obtaining a Bachelor's Degree or an Associates Degree as a step toward their Bachelor's.

A part of the application includes a short statement by the applicant describing their activities, accomplishments, community service, needs and objectives. This statement should include why he/she thinks they are the "best choice" for the judges to choose. Letters of recommendation from parents, coaches, employers or community members should include what that person has witnessed the applicant accomplish and how they think that accomplishment makes them the best candidate for our scholarship.

The funds from the Indiana Vocational Scholarship may be used for any school expense that is paid through the educational institution. This includes, but is not limited to, tuition, books, fees or

equipment purchase/rental. The funds must be paid to the educational institution and may not be paid to the student for any reason. Any questions should be directed to either of the State Co-Chairmen.

Separate from the national organization; The Indiana Elks' sponsors a State Major Project "Cancer Research". We have raised millions of dollars over the years that are split evenly between Indiana University and Purdue University Cancer Research .

The Indiana Elks also raises funds for Veterans within our State. We provide a helping hand to local Veterans. We help with everything from rent, utilities, transportation, and food. Our goal is to provide for Veterans when needed.

We also sponsor several Youth Programs including Hoopshoot, Soccer Shoot, Scholarships and more.