



Steuben County Community Foundation

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Calendar:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013- Deadline to initiate stock gifts to ensure gift is completed by December 31, 2013. For transfer information [click here](#).

Grant Cycle Calendar

Healthcare	January 31st
Other	April 30th
Human Services	July 31st
Education	October 31st

To access an application, [click here](#)

Hello !

Thanks to Our Donors

The Community Foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals, families, and organizations for their generous donations in the month of October. Your support is greatly appreciated!

DONORS

Donations can be made online through the Donate Now button (in the side column to the left), mailed to 1701 N Wayne Street, Angola, IN, 46703, or brought into the office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tax-Free IRA Rollover Opportunity

As part of the American Taxpayer relief Act of 2012, individuals aged 70 1/2 or older may make tax-free transfers up to \$100,000 from an IRA to the Steuben County Community Foundation. See the [IRA Rollover Guidelines](#) or consult a tax professional for more information.

Gifts for the 2013 tax year may be made until December 31, 2013. These transfers would fulfill some or all of your required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income. We have already received IRA gifts this month and are happy to work with donors to direct their contribution to a cause(s) that matters to them.

For further information please call or email Jennifer Danic at (260) 665-6656 or jdanic@steubenfoundation.org.



The *Baron von Steuben Society* is based upon a donor making a provision for a specific charity or general gift through the Steuben County Community Foundation in his or her estate plans. This can be done through any of the following methods: will bequests, life-income vehicles, trusts, life insurance policies, or tax sheltered accounts (IRA, 401K). There are not any set restrictions or minimums.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the *Baron von Steuben Society* and creating a legacy impacting future generations, or would like further information about providing an estate planning gift, please call or email Jennifer Danic at (260) 665-6656 or jdanic@steubenfoundation.org.



Donor Acknowledgement Letters

Donor Acknowledgement Letters should be provided by all non-profits for contributions of \$250 or more. If a donor wishes to make a non cash contribution of \$500 or more, a receipt must be provided.

Sample of the [SCCF Donor Acknowledgement Form Letter](#)

Conservation Grant Opportunity

The "Ralph Taylor Conservation Fund" is pleased to offer two \$1,000.00 grants to 501 (c)(3) public charities (including school systems) in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties. This grant program intends to distribute funds to nonprofit organizations and/or school teachers interested in introducing outdoor recreation and conservation to young people who have limited or no experience with natural resource opportunities.

Eligible projects should engage middle school or high school aged students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife and natural habitats and their conservation. The approved grant activities should be completed between April 1st and November 30th, 2014.

This fund was established in 2003 in recognition of Ralph Taylor's dedicated service of more than 30 years as an Indiana Conservation Officer with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. It is designed as a lasting and meaningful tribute to his dedication and passion to conserve our natural resources for the benefit of outdoor recreational activities.

The grant application submitted should have the following information:

- Organizations name, address, and phone number
- Grant facilitator's name
- Grant project name
- Project summary and budget
- How the project relates to outdoor recreation and/or conservation
- How the project will actively engage students with hands-on experiences
- How the project will support science and other academic concepts

Grant proposals should be submitted by February 21, 2014, to:

Jennifer Danic
Steuben County Community Foundation
1701 N. Wayne Street
Angola, IN 46703
(P) 260-665-6656 (F) 260-665-8420
jdanic@steubenfoundation.org

Grants will be evaluated and awarded no later than March 21, 2014. Following completion of the project, the SCCF will request a summary evaluation of the student experiences and pictures of the activities for news releases.

Online Scholarship Program Unveiled

The Steuben County Community Foundation now has a Notary Public on staff.



Should you have the need for a Notary, please see Sandy Ferrell, Office Manager, Mon.- Fri, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m

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The Steuben County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a new online scholarship program for the 2014 season. All general scholarships managed by SCCF are now available on one secure site that can be accessed [here](#) or on the Foundation's [homepage](#). SCCF is using an interface through ScholarSelect, which is used by other Indiana community foundations and educational institutions across the country with positive results.

This transition eliminates thousands of pieces of paper used each year, streamlines the application and review processes, and ensures the anonymity of applicants when seen by the reviewers.

SCCF manages 60 different scholarships. Each scholarship has varying requirements based on the establishing donor's desires. In the past, students had to review each application individually to determine if he or she was eligible and then apply for each scholarship one by one. Now, students need to go to only one site and answer 10 matching questions. The results will display the applications for which the student is eligible. The student then selects which scholarship(s) he or she wishes to apply for and submits a customized application.

[The application deadline for all general scholarships is February 15, 2014.](#)

The program was unveiled to school administrators from Angola, Fremont, Hamilton and Prairie Heights last month with positive reception. All schools offer the necessary technology for students to be able to apply for scholarships through this system, as do the public libraries.

There are scholarships available for all types of students: traditional high school seniors and non-traditional students such as adults returning to school, home schooled students, currently enrolled college students, and students pursuing vocational education.

F.I.S.T

Every year, F.I.S.T., and volunteers, go into the Angola, Fremont, and Hamilton communities to "trick-or-treat" for canned goods. In the past, the cans were donated entirely to Project Help. This year the cans were divided and donated to both Project Help and the Fremont Food Bank, equally. F.I.S.T. was very successful in the number of cans donated, and would like to thank everyone who volunteered and/or donated to the cause.



Member of the Month

Andrew Thomas was named November's F.I.S.T. Member of the Month. Andrew is a senior at Fremont High School, and has been a member of F.I.S.T. since 8th grade. He has served as the organization's Treasurer and PR Coordinator, along with being the chairman of the F.I.S.T. Fast Dash.

Andrew is an active member of the Fremont High School Student Council, Boomerang Backpacks, and National Honors Society. He participates in Basketball, Baseball, and the Ski Club at FHS.

Andrew has been accepted to both, University of Indianapolis and IUPUI. He is planning to work for a non-profit in the future and hopes to have the opportunity to travel the world. His advice is to, "Get involved, the greatest joy in life making someone happy."

Thank you!

Volunteer opportunities are always available.

Please contact us if you have an interest in serving on a committee or in another capacity.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the Steuben County Community Foundation