

DreamsWork Scholarship

About DreamsWork

DreamsWork had its unofficial beginnings in the mid-1990s when Trinity United Methodist Church of Elkhart began to provide growing numbers of tutors for students at Hawthorne Elementary School. With the aid of a well-qualified steering committee, an Elkhart businessman who had been a mentor with Hawthorne students for four years established DreamsWork in 2001. The first students (15 fourth-graders) and their mentors were selected in the fall of 2001. The program began small, evolving and expanding over time. In the fall of 2013, the DreamsWork Youth Success Initiative began which moved the program from a 1:1 mentor model to group mentoring/club model.

The most basic goal of DreamsWork is that all students participating will graduate from high school with a full awareness of future possibilities. This knowledge will serve as the stepping stone toward the goal of attending a college, trade school, or apprenticeship program, and/or attaining certification in a marketable area of expertise. With post-secondary education comes increased opportunities which will ultimately enable DreamsWork Scholars to contribute positively to both the economy and the culture. The overriding goal is that the DreamsWork graduates will be employable, productive citizens who will positively impact the quality of life and future generations in Elkhart County.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Student must have enrolled and been accepted into DreamsWork by the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Graduating High School senior from Elkhart Central or Elkhart Memorial.
3. Student must remain in Elkhart Community Schools from time of enrollment until high school graduation. A student who transfers to another school district at any time is not eligible.
4. Planning to attend an accredited public college, university, trade or vocational school in Indiana
5. Must be a full time student
6. Student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
7. Students must have completed and submitted a Twenty First Century Scholarship application prior to June 30th of their 8th grade year. Students who graduate from high school in 2015, 2016 & 2017, who enrolled during the 2013-2014 school year, are exempt from this requirement.
8. Students must complete a FAFSA by March 1st of their senior year in high school and each year they attend college.

To Apply: The scholarship application is available on the Community Foundation of Elkhart County website under Additional Community Scholarships. Applications are available in November and due on March 15th.

Awards: The DreamsWork Scholarship will be available annually while funding exists.

- Students who enrolled in DreamsWork before the 2013-2014 school year and who meet the qualifications are eligible to receive up to a \$5,000 scholarship for each of 4 years.
- Students who enrolled in DreamsWork during the 2013-2014 school year and who meet the qualifications are eligible to compete for one, one-time, \$2,000 award.