**Purpose**: This scholarship is designed to recognize individuals that have demonstrated a commitment to serving Franklin/Ripley County, Indiana by making a positive impact on our community.

**Qualifying Educational Facilities:** This scholarship award is available to individuals who will attend or are presently attending a post-secondary accredited degree or certified program.

**Eligibility:** High school or GED graduates (includes current seniors). The student **must** be a resident of Franklin/Ripley County, Indiana. Family and household members of Franklin County United Way staff, Board of Directors, and Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible to receive an award. Any individual involved in the selection process that has a conflict of interest must declare such and not participate in any of the processes of the scholarship selection.

**The Award:** The amount designated will be determined on a yearly basis by the Governance Committee. The Scholarship committee will determine the number of recipients per year.

The selection committee will consist of a diversified group of community members and the United Way scholarship committee members. The awards are intended to be utilized for educational expenses only.

**Selection Criteria:** Awards will be based on the **applicant’s demonstrated commitment to community service and the extent to which the applicant has impacted his or her own community** **through leadership or service**. The Selection Committee will also consider personal circumstances. Your submission will be judged on the content and quality of your responses to the application questions. This is **not** a need or academic achievement-based scholarship.

**Application Procedure:**  All individuals who meet the eligibility requirements can submit an application. Applications must be submitted by mail or presented in person at the office of the Franklin County United Way. The **application must be postmarked no later than April 1st** of the current year. Applicants selected to be finalists may be required to participate in a personal interview. It is expected that the award recipients will be notified by the end of June of the current year.

**Verification/References:** Include with your application **at least two reference letters verifying your volunteerism and the impact your efforts have had on others.** **These reference letters must be from the recipient of the services or the community organization for** **which you have provided services**. In addition, **include at least one letter** **of reference from an educator (teacher, principal, or counselor) regarding your** **character.**

**Letters of Acceptance:** Please include copies of any documentation verifying admission, acceptance or attendance of a qualifying educational facility. The monetary scholarship will not be awarded until proof has been established of post-secondary educational enrollment.

**Application Checklist:** This application becomes complete and valid only if you have included the following materials: **Completed application, and Letters of verification and** **reference.** **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

**Additional Information:** Contact: Kelly Bulmer, United Way of Franklin County, 518 Main Street, PO Box 105, Brookville, Indiana 47012 Phone: 765-647-2789 or Kelly@uwfcin.org

**Applicant Information Sheet**

**(Please Type)**

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| Applicant Name: |  |
| Street Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Are you a resident Indiana: |  |
| Are you a resident of Franklin/Ripley  County, Indiana  Indiana |  |
| High School attended and graduation year  Or HSE date |  |

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| Parents or Guardians Names and address: |  | | |
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Educations Facilities applied to/or attending: Status

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The LIVE UNITED scholarship is designed to recognize students

that have demonstrated a commitment to serving Franklin/Ripley County, Indiana by making a positive impact on our community.

Your submission will be judged on the quality and content of your writing.

**Please submit your typed answers on a separate sheet of paper.**

(1) Describe yourself in 100 words or less.

(2) List and describe, in order of importance, all the volunteer or community service activities which you have been involved. Include the nature of your service, estimated number of people impacted and the approximate number of hours devoted to each activity. Please note if the activity was completed as a requirement of school, church or other.

(3) Describe specifically how your efforts have impacted others. Who was impacted? How did they benefit by what you did?

(4) Which project, program, or activity in which you have been involved has had the most significant positive impact on you? Please explain.

(5) Explain why it is important and what motivated you to become actively involved in community service.

(6) Do you have any personal or family circumstances you feel make you uniquely qualified to receive this scholarship? If so, please describe.

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I authorize the release of my name and/or likeness or that of my child to be used for United Way of Franklin County, Indiana publicity purposes.

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Applicant’s Signature Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Please submit your Scholarship packet postmarked no later than

April 1st of the current year.

Scholarship Selection Committee

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Brookville, Indiana 47012

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