

Community Foundation invites charitable foundations to submit proposals for 2009 grant cycle

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The Scott County Community Foundation invites all charitable organizations to submit proposals for the Foundation's 2009 grants cycle. The grants may be used for any charitable purpose in the areas of community service, social service, education, health, the arts, environment and entrepreneurship. The Foundation has awarded over \$2.3 million in grants and scholarships to the community since being established in 1997.

The Board of Directors is continuing to meet the needs of Scott County through the availability of over \$187,000 in support to the community this year because of funds established at the Community Foundation. Through the Foundation, scholarships totaling \$29,600 will be awarded to numerous deserving students this year, and over \$18,000 has already been awarded to charitable organizations and purposes. In addition, the Board has agreed to provide up to \$25,000 in matching funds for its new Forever Tree Society memorial and tribute program.

The Foundation also has almost \$14,000 that it may award from its unrestricted funds for its competitive grants cycle, including the Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, the Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Memorial Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and Scott County Immediate Response Fund.

All charitable organizations and causes are invited to submit proposals for the competitive process. There is no limit on the amount organizations may apply for this year.

"We are very pleased to be able to open our grants cycle to the community this year, especially with the situation in our economy," said Connie Kenninger, grants committee chairperson. "Our committee always looks forward to reviewing the creative ideas on how organizations are making an impact in our community, and we are excited to provide an opportunity to help make that difference."

Applications are due Monday, July 20 at 3 p.m. Interviews to the finalists will be conducted in August.

To receive an application, which includes guidelines and policies, email the Scott County Community Foundation at info@scottcountyfoundation.org or stop in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg. You may also download applications from the website at www.scottcountyfoundation.org.