

# **INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND**

## **Charles W. Cole Scholarship**

### **PURPOSE, CRITERIA, INFORMATION**

The Charles W. Cole Scholarship provides financial support for undergraduate IU South Bend students from St. Joseph County, Indiana, or adjacent Indiana counties to complete a bachelor's degree at IU South Bend. Current undergraduates, incoming freshmen, and transfer students may apply.

### **CRITERIA**

Applicants must:

1. Rank below the top 10 percent of their graduating high school class.
2. Demonstrate financial need: complete a needs analysis form such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
3. Provide a personal statement of purpose.
4. Maintain a minimum 2.50 semester and cumulative GPA and satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at IU South Bend.

### **VALUE**

Scholarship awards vary depending on financial need and the number of credit hours enrolled. Maximum annual awards are expected to be \$3,500 (\$1,750 per semester for full time [12+ credit hours] enrollment), \$2,600 (\$1,300 per semester for three quarter time [9 to 11 credit hours] enrollment), and \$1,750 (\$875 each semester for half time [6 to 8 credit hours] enrollment).

Award amounts include a book stipend and may also be allocated to the following educational expenses that have not been paid by any other grant or scholarship: IU South Bend tuition, fees, and parking. Additional funds to pay child care expenses at the IU South Bend Child Development Center may be requested. Cole Scholarship recipients may apply for additional funds for summer school. Recipients are subject to the IU South Bend Financial Aid Withdrawal Policy. This means that all financial aid, including the Cole Scholarship, is recalculated under two circumstances: 1) if a recipient withdraws from a class or classes during the first week of classes; or 2) if a recipient withdraws from all classes during the first 60 percent of the semester. The recalculation of awards under either circumstance may require a repayment of funds to the Cole Scholarship account. Any required repayment must be completed before further scholarship funds are released.

### **RENEWAL**

An annual scholarship application and a needs analysis form such as the FAFSA are required. Preference is given to renewal applicants. Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress, which is defined as maintaining a minimum 2.5 semester and cumulative GPA and completion of at least 80 percent of enrolled courses. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress results in the loss of the Cole Scholarship for a minimum of one calendar year. An appeal to regain the scholarship may be made after the academic year is complete. Recipients are expected to enroll in continuous semesters for the fall and spring semester. However, recipients may make a written appeal for a leave of absence for up to one year, in the event of extenuating circumstances.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND**  
**Charles W. Cole Scholarship Award Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Documentation that you ranked below the top 10 percent in your graduating high school class is required.**

If you are an incoming freshman or transfer student, please provide high school information:

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a continuing student at IU South Bend, please provide the following information:

Dates Attended IU South Bend: \_\_\_\_\_ IU South Bend GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement:** On an attached page, please briefly describe 1) your career goals and intended major; 2) why you need a Cole Scholarship and how it will assist you in reaching your educational and career goals; and 3) your time-frame for achieving your bachelor's degree.

Please indicate the ***number of credit hours*** in which you intend to enroll:

Fall 2007: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2008: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2008: \_\_\_\_\_

IU South Bend childcare expenses requested (circle one):    Yes    No

I certify that the information and statements made in this application are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give my express permission for the IU South Bend Office of the Registrar to provide an internal academic transcript and to the IU South Bend Office of Financial Aid to provide the results of my FAFSA for review by the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County and/or the donor, according to the criteria established for the scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed applications must be returned to the IU South Bend Office of Student Scholarships, Administration Building 146, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, Post Office Box 7111, South Bend, Indiana 46634-7111, by April 1.**