

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Community Service Award

PURPOSE and INFORMATION

The IU South Bend Student Community Service Award recognizes entering and current undergraduate students who demonstrate involvement in community activities and organizations and encourages continued community service involvement. Scholarships are awarded by the IU South Bend Scholarship Committee.

NOTE: Federal regulations and university policies defining community service explicitly **exclude** any volunteer activity which may include partisan or nonpartisan political activity, lobbying, solicitation of donations, religious proselytizing, conducting religious services or instruction, pro- or anti-union activity, and activities that result in displacement of employed workers.

CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- (a) Be formally admitted or enrolled as an undergraduate student at IU South Bend.
- (b) Be enrolled in at least six credit hours each semester that the award is in effect.
- (c) Complete a needs analysis form such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

To assist the Scholarship Committee in selecting award recipients, please provide the following:

- (a) A full description of your volunteer community activities and your participation in an IU South Bend Office of Community Links-approved activity.
- (b) A personal statement of purpose explaining how your community service activities, past and future, relate to your educational and career goals
- (c) Two letters of reference sent directly to the Office of Student Scholarships at the address listed below.
- (d) Completion of a needs analysis form such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The dollar amount of each award is based on the number of credit hours in which the recipient is enrolled and the availability of funds. Awards are renewable up to eight regular academic semesters, or upon completion of the first bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. Recipients of the Community Service Award must agree to take or continue an active volunteer role in community service while maintaining enrollment at IU South Bend. Each award recipient must contact the IU South Bend Office of Community Links to arrange an appropriate volunteer placement.

RENEWAL

Successful participation as a student volunteer is determined primarily by progress reports submitted to the Office of Community Links. Applicants must continue to submit an updated applicant along with the requested material every year to receive a renewed scholarship.

APPLICATION

Applications are available online at www.iusb.edu/~scholar1. Return completed applications to the Office of Student Scholarships, Administration Building Room 151, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, Post Office Box 7111, South Bend, Indiana 46634-7111.

Completed applications and reference letters must be received by the Office of Student Scholarships by April 1 each year.

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2009-2010 Community Service Award Application

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

1. a) If you are an incoming freshman, please provide the following information:

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

H.S. Grade Point Average: _____ H.S. Class Rank: _____

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

Credits Completed: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

c) If you are a transfer student:

College Attended: _____ GPA: _____

2. List the names of two references (do not include relatives) who will submit letters directly to the Office of Student Scholarships. The letters must reference the Community Service Award.

a. _____ b. _____

3. On a separate piece of paper: 1) list the major events, activities, organizations, and groups in which you have demonstrated community service; 2) include a personal statement of purpose stating how your past community service activities, including those in which you plan to be involved at IU South Bend, relate to your educational and career goals; and 3) describe your community service project.

I certify that 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 Office of Financial Aid to provide the results of my FAFSA to the Office of Student Scholarships for review by the scholarship committee.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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