

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates

PURPOSE

The Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates recognizes IU South Bend students who demonstrate an understanding of the values of personal responsibility and a commitment to community service. Current undergraduate students, incoming freshmen, and transfer students may apply.

NOTE: Federal regulations and university policies defining community service explicitly exclude any volunteer activity that 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

The Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates is based on assessment of the following:

1. A personal statement of purpose explaining why the values of the Civil Rights Movement are still relevant in communities today, and how they relate to your educational and career goals;
2. A full description of your volunteer community activities;
3. Active participation in one or more programs of the Civil Rights Heritage Center;
4. Satisfactory academic performance;
5. Two letters of reference sent directly to the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center;
6. Formal admission as an undergraduate student at IU South Bend, enrolled in at least six credit hours each semester the award is in effect;
7. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

AWARD VALUE

The dollar amount of each award varies 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.

RESPONSIBILITY

Recipients of the Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates, while maintaining enrollment at IU South Bend, must agree to take an active volunteer role in the work of the Civil Rights Heritage Center in its mission to promote "a better understanding of individual responsibility, race relations, social change, and minority achievement" in the Michiana community. Each award recipient must contact the Civil Rights Heritage Center at IU South Bend to arrange an appropriate volunteer assignment. Successful participation as a student volunteer is determined primarily by periodic assessment by the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center and successful completion of assignments.

APPLICATION

Applications for the Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates is available at the Civil Rights Heritage Center or online at www.iusb.edu/~scholar1. Applications for the awards must be submitted to the Department of History, Indiana University South Bend, Wiekamp Hall 3248, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, Post Office Box 7111, South Bend, Indiana 46634-7111, by **APRIL 1** (for fall semester), and **OCTOBER 1** (for spring semester), each year.

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2008-09 Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates Application

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

H.S. GPA: _____ H.S. Class Rank: _____

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

Credits completed: _____ GPA: _____

College attended: _____

2. List the names of two references (relatives should not be included) who have agreed to submit letters directly to the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center. The letters must include the name of the award (Civil Rights Heritage Center Community Service Award for Undergraduates) for which you are applying.

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. Be sure to include social services, charitable, civic, minority affairs, fine arts, and related groups in which you have participated. 2) Include a personal statement of purpose telling how you believe the Civil Rights Movement still has relevance in modern American society, and how promoting its values will relate to your educational and career goals.

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: _____

Return the completed application to the Department of History, Indiana University South Bend, Wiekamp Hall 3248, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, Post Office Box 7111, South Bend, Indiana 46634-7111. The application deadline is APRIL 1 (for fall semester), and OCTOBER 1 (for spring semester), each year.