

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Civil Rights Heritage Center *Freedom Summer* Award

PURPOSE

Freedom Summer Awards recognize and support IU South Bend undergraduate students who, seeking a deeper understanding of the importance and viability of personal commitment in a democratic society, choose to participate in one of the *Freedom Summer* study tour courses directed by the Civil Rights Heritage Center at IU South Bend.

CRITERIA

Civil Rights Heritage Center *Freedom Summer* Awards are based upon assessment of the following:

1. A personal statement of purpose explaining how participation in a *Freedom Summer* study tour is expected to enhance your understanding of the values of the Civil Rights Movement and how it will impact your commitment to and sense of individual responsibility for promoting those values in your local community;
2. One letter of reference (from a non-relative) sent directly to the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center;
3. Formal admission as an undergraduate student at IU South Bend;
4. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

AWARD VALUE

The dollar amount of each award varies, based upon the amount of funding available, but in no case is less than \$500.

RESPONSIBILITY

Recipients of the *Freedom Summer* Awards must agree to:

1. Participate fully in all *Freedom Summer* pre-trip activities, including group fundraisers;
2. Participate fully in all phases of the *Freedom Summer* study tour itself;
3. Volunteer actively in the work of the Civil Rights Heritage Center during the academic year following participation in the *Freedom Summer* study tour.

Successful participation is determined by the assessment of the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center.

APPLICATION

Applications for the Civil Rights Heritage Center *Freedom Summer* Awards may be obtained from the Civil Rights Heritage Center or online at www.iusb.edu/~scholar1. Applications for the award 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 **March 1**.

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2008-09 Civil Rights Heritage Center *Freedom Summer* Award Application

Name: _____ Student ID # : _____

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

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Credits completed: _____ GPA: _____

If you are a transfer student, college attended:

_____ GPA: _____

2. List the name of one person who knows you well (relatives should not be included) and who has agreed to submit a letter of reference directly to the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center. The letter must include the name of the award (*Freedom Summer* Award) for which you are applying.

Name: _____

3. On a separate piece of paper: Include a personal statement of purpose explaining how participation in a *Freedom Summer* study tour is expected to enhance your understanding of the values of the Civil Rights Movement and how it will impact your commitment to and sense of individual responsibility for promoting those values in your community.

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 46634-71111. The application deadline is **March 1**.