

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship

PURPOSE and INFORMATION

To honor the memory of Helen F. Pope, a revered leader in the civil rights movement in South Bend, and to further the mission of Indiana University South Bend, this scholarship recognizes and encourages the commitment and leadership of undergraduate and graduate students who are active participants in the Civil Rights Heritage Center. This scholarship allows the recipients to increase their concentration on academic and leadership skills by reducing or eliminating the need for employment. Preference is given to African American/Black, Hispanic, or women students.

CRITERIA

The Helen F. Pope Scholarship is based on an 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. A minimum 2.5/4.0 undergraduate or 3.0/4.0 graduate cumulative GPA;
5. Two letters of reference sent directly to the Director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center;
6. Formal admission as a student at IU South Bend, enrolled in at least six credit hours each semester the award is in effect;
7. Demonstrated financial need - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

AWARD VALUE

The dollar amount of the award will **not be less than \$500 during the semester offered**, but may vary, depending on the availability of funds.

RESPONSIBILITY

Recipients of the Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship 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.

Students may receive the Pope scholarship more than once, but must apply for the competition anew each time that it is offered.

APPLICATION

Applications for the Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship are 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, if offered)**, each year.

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2008-09 Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate your ethnic heritage: _____ and gender: _____

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: _____

c) If you are a transfer student, college attended: _____
GPA: _____

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 (Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship) 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 Civil Rights Heritage Center Scholarship Committee, according to the terms of the scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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