The Helen F. Pope Memorial Scholarship

PURPOSE:
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 was established to recognize and encourage the commitment and leadership of undergraduate and graduate students who are active participants in the Civil Rights Heritage Center. This scholarship is intended to allow 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 Memorial 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 Grade Point Average;
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. 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 will be determined primarily by periodic assessment by the director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center and successful completion of assignments.

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

APPLICATION:
Print and complete this application. Applications for the awards must be submitted to the Director of the Civil Rights Heritage Center, Indiana University South Bend, 3271 Wiekamp Hall, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue P.O. Box 7111, South Bend, IN 46634-7111, or email to: daheller@iusb.edu, by APRIL 1 (for fall semester), and DECEMBER 13 (for spring semester, if offered), each year.
INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

2016-17 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: ______________________

Return the completed application to [daheller@iusb.edu]. The application deadline is APRIL 1 (for fall
semester), and DECEMBER 13 (for spring semester, if offered), each year.