



USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies 2010-2011 Scholarship Application

DETAILS OF AWARD:

A one-time award of \$1,000 will be given to one student from each of USI's five colleges and one from University Division/Bachelor of General Studies program.

Students are asked to write a 1000 word essay: Describe your proposed field of study and future career plans; include how these plans will support our mission to help advance the knowledge and understanding of disability in America and within our community. Explain how you will use your education or experience to make a difference for people with disabilities. Essays will be judged based on quality of organized thought and originality.

Selection Process: The committee will review each application on the basis of the information submitted, in accordance with the required items. Once all the qualifications are met, the selection committee will then make its selections based on the content and originality of the essay and recommendations. If the number of colleges changes in future years, or if the available funds change, the amount and number of the awards may also change. In the event that any college or division has fewer than three qualified applicants, the scholarship selection committee reserves the right to create an at-large pool of applicants. The chosen recipients will be notified by March 2010 and the scholarship will be presented during Honors Week.

Use of Award: Scholarship funds will be deposited in winners' USI accounts. Funds will be distributed in the fall and spring semesters (50% per semester) following the award, and may be used toward educational expenses incurred at USI including tuition, course fees, textbooks, and housing.

Each winner has a maximum of four calendar years in which to use the award (from the first registration period following the award) i.e., winners from the 2010-2011 year will be able to utilize the award beginning with the fall semester of 2010, but not before.

Please Note: The scholarship award will not cover expenses incurred prior to winning the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the Epi-Hab Scholarship, the applicant:

- Is currently enrolled at USI.
- Will be enrolled in a minimum of three semester hours at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) at the time of application and the time of award.
- Has completed at USI, or has had accepted for transfer to USI, a minimum of 12 semester hours.
- Has a minimum cumulative GPA (grade point average) of 2.7 for undergraduates or 3.0 for graduates.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Submit an essay, (not to exceed 1,000 words) describing:
 - a. The student's own experience of disability in modern America, whether his/her own disability or those of others.
 - b. How the student will use his/her educational experiences at USI to make a difference for people with disabilities and for the community (see Details of Award, paragraph 2).
2. Complete and sign this form and drop off or send along with items 1 and 3.
3. Submit two letters of recommendation:
 - a. A letter from a member of the USI faculty or staff .
 - b. A letter from an individual familiar with the student's background, career, and community service.

4. Send or drop off application packet to:

By mail: USI, Extended Services, OC1068
C/O Lorie Van Hook, Epi-Hab Scholarship
8600 University Boulevard
Evansville, IN 47712

By email: **LVanhook@usi.edu** (Application, Letters of Recommendation, and Essay must be sent in Microsoft Word or Adobe .Pdf format).

Hand deliver: Extended Services is located in the Orr Center, first floor, next to the elevator.

5. All applicants will be notified before Honors Week, March 2010

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Local Address:
(where you live while at USI) _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Home Phone Number: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Parent's Telephone Number: _____

Social Security Number or
Student I.D. Number: _____

College/Department: _____

Program/Major: _____

By signing and submitting this form, I agree:

1. to permit USI officials to verify my enrollment status, grade point average, and financial aid status.
2. that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the scholarship award.
3. to use the award, should I receive it, for educational expenses at the University of Southern Indiana, as described above.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Submission Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2009 (no later than 4:30 p.m.)
Awards will be presented during Honors Week 2010.**

For questions or additional information please contact:
Lorie A. Van Hook, Extended Services - 812/464-1863 or Lvanhook@usi.edu .
Check out our website: <http://www.usi.edu/extserv/outreach/epihabscholarship.ASP>