



USI/Epi-Hab Endowment to Support Students with Disabilities

2021-2022 Scholarship Information and Application

Application deadline February 12, 2021 (No later than 4:00 pm CST)

DETAILS OF AWARD

Ten \$1500 awards will be given to USI students registered with Disability Resources. To encourage participation from a variety of majors, there will be at least one recipient from each college/division that has at least three qualified applicants. The remaining scholarships will be awarded based on quality of materials submitted regardless of college/division.

Selection Process: The selection committee will review each application based on the materials submitted, in accordance with the required items. Once all the qualifications are met, the selection committee will then make its selections based on the quality of organized thought and originality of the essay and the two letters of recommendation. The chosen recipients will be notified by April 30, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY:

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

- Is currently enrolled at USI and registered with Disability Resources.
- Enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at USI during the Spring 2021 semester
- Has completed or transferred to USI, a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Has a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for undergraduates or 3.0 for graduates.

Previous recipients can apply but priority will be given to first time applicants. Recipients who have been awarded twice are no longer eligible to apply.

USE OF THE AWARD: Scholarship funds will be deposited in recipients' 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 recipient has a maximum of four calendar years in which to use the award (from the first registration period following the award), recipients will be able to utilize the award beginning with the fall semester of 2021, but not before.

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

HOW TO APPLY

- **Write an essay.** (not to exceed 1,000 words)

Essay topic: Adaptability, Perseverance, and Success

We credit Nelson Mandela with saying, "It always seems impossible until it's done." Write an essay in which you discuss the ways in which you persevered and were successful during the pandemic. You may discuss your perseverance and success with your diverse abilities but are not required to do so. You may discuss personal success and/or success in the community (USI, Evansville, your hometown, etc.)

Essays should not exceed 1000 words and they will be judged based on quality of organized thought and originality.

- **Get two letters of recommendation:** from individuals familiar with your goals, background, career, and community service. Ask for the letters of recommendation to be emailed or given to you so they may be included in your application packet.
- **Complete and sign the application** (below).

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Include your essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- And the completed application form in a packet clearly marked: **Epi-Hab Scholarship Application**

Submit application materials:

By mail: USI Disability Resources SC 2206, Epi-Hab Scholarship
8600 University Boulevard
Evansville, IN 47712

By email: usi1disres@usi.edu

(Application, Letters of Recommendation, and Essay must be sent in Microsoft Word or Adobe .pdf format.) Use 'Epi-Hab' for the email subject.

Hand deliver: Office of Disability Resources, SC2206

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All applicants will be notified by April 30, 2021 as to whether or not you will receive the scholarship.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Local Address _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Student I.D. Number: _____

College/Department: _____

Program/Major: _____ Minor _____

By signing and submitting this form, I agree:

- To permit USI officials to verify my enrollment status, grade point average, and financial aid status.
- To verify that I am registered with Disability Resources (whether or not I am currently using accommodations does not affect my eligibility).
- That I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the scholarship award.
- 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, February 12, 2021 (no later than 4:00 p.m. CST.)

For questions or additional information, please contact: Disability Resources – 812-464-1961