At the University of Indianapolis, we believe that a complete education involves building both intellect and character as well as developing an awareness of our privileges and responsibilities to society. A strong service ethic and high-quality education combine to help build a fulfilling and satisfying life. The University of Indianapolis Community Service Leadership Award is designed to acknowledge the importance of these attributes and attract students who share UIndy's values.

An award of $10,000 per academic year is awarded to a limited number of entering freshmen. You are eligible to apply if you are an entering full-time freshman undergraduate student who has demonstrated high academic achievement and leadership through community service at your school, in your community, or in your church. The award is renewable each year continuing through your senior year (maximum of four consecutive undergraduate years), provided you remain in good social standing and maintain at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA as a full-time student.

Demonstrated financial need is not required but may be considered in financial aid packaging.

Defining service

- Service is defined as an activity that addresses a community need by contributing in some tangible or measurable way to meeting that need.
- The service experience should be connected to a nonprofit institution and be acknowledged by that institution (religious organization, community service organization, school, etc.)
- The activity must have official, responsible, and recognized supervision.
- No service experience is applicable if any form of payment has been received for it.

Eligibility

Initial eligibility will be judged on the following criteria:

- You must be an entering freshman full-time undergraduate (seeking first undergraduate degree).
- You must have demonstrated leadership through community service at your school, community, or church (minimum of 30 hours of service required).
- Your GPA must equate to a B average or better.
- You must have taken a challenging college-preparatory high school curriculum.
- You must have a minimum combined SAT (Critical Reading & Math) score of 1100 or a minimum ACT composite score of 24.
- You must submit, by January 1, the award application and an essay (500 words or fewer) that demonstrates your service.

Essay

In a typed essay (500 words or fewer), address the following:

- a statement about your commitment to service;
- what you have learned about yourself and others from your community service and leadership;
- specific leadership skills and behaviors that you would like to develop while a student at UIndy;
- ways you might engage other students in community service.

Selection procedure

Selected candidates will be invited to an on-campus competition from which the scholarship recipient will be selected. A University committee will review each candidate’s original essay and on-campus interview, and will make final selections based on that review.

Coordinating this award with other UIndy grants and scholarships

The Community Service Leadership Award would replace any previously awarded merit scholarships of lesser value. Additionally, should an applicant receive a merit scholarship of greater value than the Community Service Leadership Award that award would take precedence. Other University awards, such as Athletic, Music, Speech, Art, Theatre, and also need-based University aid, may be combined with the Community Leadership Service Grant. However, the combination of grant aid from all sources may not exceed direct charges for tuition (commuter) or tuition, room, and board (resident student).

Application

To apply for the Community Service Leadership Award, you must submit the following documents:

2. Application for Community Service Leadership Award (page 2), completed by you and your service organization supervisor, by January 1.
3. Essay demonstrating your service in 500 words or fewer.

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Service is defined as any activity that addresses a community need by contributing in some tangible or measurable way to meeting that need and for which financial compensation is not received.

The service experience must be connected to and verified by a nonprofit institution (religious organization, community service organization, school, etc.)

Application is not complete without an essay (500 words or fewer).    □ Essay attached    □ Essay sent separately

SECTION A  (to be completed by student)

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Social Security # (optional): ____________________________


Phone: ( _______ ) __________________________________________

Name of service organization (i.e., church, school, or community organization) ____________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ City: __________________________ State: _______ Zip: ________

SECTION B  (to be completed by service organization supervisor or official representative of religious organization)

Description of services student provided for your service or religious organization. ____________________________________________

1. How long has this student been an active member of, or active in service to, your service or religious organization? __________________________

2. Please rate the activity level of the student:  

□ Very active    □ Moderately active    □ Minimally active    □ Inactive

3. If known, please list the approximate number of hours of the student’s nonpaid involvement (annually) in your service or religious organization since he/she became an active participant: ____________________________________________

4. Please list any additional comments and/or recommendations that would help the selection committee: ____________________________

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5. Please indicate the specific nature of the work or projects in which the student was involved, as well as any leadership that the student demonstrated.

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Name of Organization Official: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________________________ Signature: ____________________________