INDIANA UNDOCUMENTED SCHOLARSHIP YOUTH ALLIANCE 2016

About the Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance

The Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance (IUYA) is a youth-led organization that seeks to empower young immigrants to achieve higher education and engage in the community to demand more just and humane policies that affect undocumented families. We believe we can build power by organizing at the local and statewide levels, all while providing resources to support undocumented students and their families, and creating meaningful alliances with other advocacy organizations. Our network is made up of undocumented and documented youth, allies, and affiliate organizations.

About the IUYA Scholarship

The IUYA Scholarship is funded by community members that support undocumented Hoosiers. The scholarship is only available to undocumented students that either have or do not have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), who reside in Indiana, demonstrate financial need, and are pursuing higher education.

Scholarship Awards

Five scholarship recipients will be awarded \$1000 each in \$500 installments during the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. Recipients must commit to attend IUYA's scholarship ceremony on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 30th, 2016</u>. Scholarship recipients must only use the award for tuition and books.

Eligibility:

- Must be an undocumented student residing in Indiana (with or without DACA)
- Currently attending, or planning to attend, a two or four year college/university in Indiana
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must demonstrate financial need

Application Materials:

- Completed application
- Two recommendation letters (cannot be from family members)
- An official transcript from your current school
- Evidence of enrollment to an Indiana college/university (i.e. acceptance letter)
- A resume that highlights extracurricular activities and community service
- Response to essay questions

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

July 22, 2016

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:







Part I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:		Birth Date://_
Mailing Address: City:		Zip Code:
How long have you lived in Indiana?		
Country of Origin:		
Phone Number: ()	Preference: 🗆 Text	□ Call
Email Address:		
Alternate Contact Information: Name:		
Relationship to the Applicant:		
Phone Number: ()		
PART II – DEMOGRAPHICS This information will not affect the decision of scholar		
What race do you identify as? What ethnicity do you identify with?		
What gender do you identify with?		
PART III- EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION		
Name of High School Attended:		
City: State:		
What type of high school diploma did you obtain, or GPA:/ <u>4.00</u>	will obtain? GED?:	
Name of college/university attending, or planning to City: State	o attend:	
For fall 2016, will you be enrolled part-time or full-t	ime? 🗆 Part Time 🛛 Full Ti	me
Intended Major: / <u>4.00</u>		
Are you a First Generation college student? □ Yes	🗆 No	

PART IV- FINANCIAL NEED

Applicant lives with: 🗆 Both Parents	□ Mother	🗆 Father	□ Other	🗆 Independent
Total Number of Household Members	(Include your	self):		
Total Number of Family Members in C	ollege Next Ye	ear (Include	yourself): _	
Estimated Financial Help from Family	: \$			

List your Estimated Education Expenses for the Fall 2016 semester:

Category	Amount
Tuition	
Fees	
Books	
Subtotal	

Provide any additional information that would help assess your personal or financial needs (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

PART V -LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants must mail in two signed letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with their extracurricular activities, can describe their skills, leadership and personality. Cannot be from family members.

PART VI- TRANSCRIPT AND EVIDENCE OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

- Applicants must mail their most current official transcript from their high school or college/university
- Applicants enrolled in a college/university must mail in proof of their enrollment (i.e. acceptance letter)

PART VII - ESSAY QUESTIONS

Answer <u>TWO</u> of the following three essay questions below. Your response for each should be 300-500 words, size twelve font and Times New Roman, double spaced, and must contain a header with last name and page number.

Essay #1:

IUYA seeks to empower undocumented immigrants to engage in their community and support political change by sharing personal testimonies. In 300-500 words, share your testimony in which you answer the following: when and why did you and/or your family immigrate to the United States, what does it mean to you to be undocumented, and how does your story influence your academic goals and community service?

Essay #2:

IUYA defines the term UndocuChallenges as the challenges experienced when one is undocumented: family separation, employment exploitation, ineligibility to obtain a driver's license, out-of-state tuition rates, no health insurance, or language barriers. In 300-500 words, write about any UndocuChallenges you have faced, what made them significant, and your suggestions to overcome them if you knew you could help someone else facing a similar situation.

<u>Essay #3</u>

IUYA demands more just and humane laws at a local and federal level. Reflect on immigration laws that are in place, locally or nationally, that affect you and your family. **Upon reflecting, write a 300-500 word opinion editorial that argues against anti-immigrant laws. You may include, but are not limited by, what laws are in place that affect the undocumented community, who authored and advocated for such laws, why they believe the laws in place are right, and what solutions you would propose to end law-making that affects the undocumented.**

PART VIII - APPLICANT SIGNATURE

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. False information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
If under 18, Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

CHECKLIST

- \Box Completed Application
- \Box Two Recommendation Letters
- □ Proof of College/University Enrollment (i.e. copy of acceptance letter)
- □ Response to Essay Questions
- \Box Most Current and Official High School or College/ University Transcript
- \Box Resume

*Any incomplete applications or late submissions will not be considered for review.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS must be MAILED to:

Re: IUYA Scholarship 120 E Market St. Suite 1200 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Andres Mares at <u>IUYAscholarship@gmail.com</u> or (317) 629-8676