



USI/Epi-Hab Endowment to Support Students with Disabilities

2025-2026 Scholarship Information and Application

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**Application deadline February 28, 2025 (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 the selection 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 25, 2025.

#### **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 2025 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.

**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 2025, but not before.

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

## HOW TO APPLY

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

The University's Core Values are:

*Service, Inclusive, Innovation, Engage, Collaboration.* We will collaborate to engage all students in inclusive and innovative ways. We will promote service to our campus, the city of Evansville, and our global community.

### **Essay topic:**

Given USI's commitment to fostering inclusivity and celebrating diversity, how would you define a sense of belonging within a diverse and inclusive community, and what steps can you take to create a stronger sense of connection at USI? Please share a personal experience where you felt included or helped others feel included at USI, and what insights did you gain from that experience? What specific actions or initiatives can you take to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion at USI, both in your daily interactions and within the wider campus community?

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

- **Provide 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](mailto: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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**Candidates will receive notification regarding the scholarship status by April 25, 2025.**

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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 28, 2025 (no later than 4:00 p.m. CST.)**



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