

# INDIANA BLACK EXPO, INC.

*Celebrating 40 Years of Excellence*



## *Circle City Classic Scholarship Application*

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY!**

### **Applicants must meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements:**

- Must be a high school senior;
- Must be an Indiana resident;
- Must have demonstrated academic success (with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale);
- Must have engaged in community service within the previous 12 months;
- Must be attending college full-time for the year of which they are seeking the award; and
- May not be a family member of IBE Board of Directors or staff. Family members include children, siblings, parents, uncles, aunts, first cousins, grandparents, nieces, and nephews.

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

1. Applicant must complete the official IBE Scholarship Application. Only neat, typewritten applications will be accepted. All requested supplementary information must be submitted with this application or it will not be considered!
2. Applicant must submit a one page, typed personal statement essay addressing the following question, *"If awarded this scholarship, how will it help you achieve your educational goals and benefit your community?"*

### **Official Documents Required:**

- Most Recent Transcript (High School or College) or GED Certificate;
  - Completed FAFSA Form (online form preferred); and
  - College Letter of Acceptance
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who know of your past performance and future potential. Letters must be submitted by teachers, educators, ministers or employers. All recommendation letters must be included with Scholarship Application.
  4. Applicants must submit a recent (head and shoulder) photograph, at least 3 x 5 size, with this application.
  5. Applications must be received by **April 15** for the upcoming academic school year.
  6. All information submitted becomes the property of Indiana Black Expo, Inc. and will not be returned to the applicant.
  7. All applicants should select a scholarship opportunity based upon the following descriptions:
    - **General** - Open to students of families with a combined household income of \$30,000 or less. Preference will be given to first generation students and/or applicants with demonstrated financial need.
    - **HBCU Scholars** - Indiana natives that are enrolled full-time at historically black colleges & universities with preference given to those students attending HBCUs participating in the Circle City Classic game during the current year of the application deadline. Visit [www.circlecityclassic.com](http://www.circlecityclassic.com) for featured HBCUs.



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Must be printed neatly to be considered

## Select scholarship program

General

HBCU Scholars (limited to 2 outstanding students)

### Section I - Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Legal Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years? \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Section II-Academic Information

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_  
College choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter and university address)

### Section III- Extracurricular Activities

Awards & Honors

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School & Community Service Activities

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience (Employer, Position, Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been actively involved in IBE programs? Please explain

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section IV - Financial Information**

1. With whom does the applicant live?

- Mother       Father       Both Parents       Spouse       Self       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**For Dependent Applicants**

2. Custodial Parents' Employer: Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Parents' Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of other dependents enrolled in college? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of dependents living in parent's home (including yourself)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of family members living in household? \_\_\_\_\_

**For Emancipated Applicants**

2. Applicant's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

3. Applicant's Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of other dependents enrolled in college? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of dependents living in parent's home? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of family members living in Household? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section V - Financial Need Statement:**

Briefly explain the aspects of applicant's and/or parents' financial situation that might be helpful to the IBE Scholarship Committee.  
(attach separate sheet if needed)

**I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE.**

I understand that withholding information requested, with the exception of the information which was requested voluntarily, or giving false information may result in my ineligibility for a scholarship. I hereby give Indiana Black Expo, Inc permission to use and authorize others (media outlets) to use all or any part of my (his/her) interview/photograph/video in IBE related media such as books, magazines, journals, pamphlets, electronic (Internet) and other written and video formats, interview/photograph/video, regardless of the medium by which it is recorded. I also hereby release Indiana Black Expo, Inc. and its directors, its members, volunteers, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and suits, including but not limited to, claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, breach of contract or other claims arising out of or in connection with the use of information submitted as part of the application packet interview, photograph or video.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent's signature is required if applicant is under the age of 23, or if the applicant was either claimed by parents as a tax exemption, lived with parents 42 weeks or more, or received more than \$750 in support from parents.

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Indiana Black Expo, Inc. is committed to assisting Indiana students in their pursuit of higher education. Scholarships will be awarded to current high school seniors who exhibit outstanding leadership, scholarship and community service. Emphasis will be placed on financial need and first generation students. Additionally, in order to support the mission of Circle City Classic, two scholarships will be distributed to students attending HBCUs with particular preference given to the universities participating in Circle City Classic. Each applicant will be evaluated based on the application information provided and recipients will be selected by a review committee. The scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Circle City Classic Football Game and are payable upon recipient's full-time enrollment in a post secondary institution. Almost \$2 million has been awarded to students since 1984.

## Submission Checklist

**(Please ensure that all items are enclosed with this application)**

- Completed Application
- One Page Typed Personal Statement Essay
- Current Resume'
- Completed FAFSA Form (online "Confirmation Page" preferred [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Transcript or GED Certificate with SAT/ACT Scores
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Recent Photograph

**Please Submit Applications to:  
Circle City Classic Scholarship Program  
Indiana Black Expo, Inc.  
3145 N. Meridian  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208**



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