NINA MASON PULLIAM LEGACY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

About
Nina Mason Pulliam
Nina Mason Pulliam (1906 to 1997) was a journalist, a business leader, a humanitarian and a lover of all creatures. She was born and raised in central Indiana in a farming family of seven children. She lived her adult life in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Phoenix, Arizona, as well as traveled the world extensively. She was the founding secretary-treasurer and a director of Central Newspapers, Inc. which her husband Eugene C. Pulliam established in 1934. Among its many newspaper holdings were The Indianapolis Star, The Indianapolis News, The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette. Mrs. Pulliam was both a journalist and a business woman, she was the first female member of the Sigma Delta Chi, now the Society of Professional Journalists. During her lifetime many charitable and civic organizations benefited from her generosity.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established upon the death of Nina Mason Pulliam on March 26, 1997, to support for 50 years the causes she loved in her home states of Arizona and Indiana. The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust seeks to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich community life in the metropolitan areas of Indianapolis and Phoenix.

In 2001, the Trust established the Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars program in tribute to the life and values of Nina Mason Pulliam. The Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars program is highly focused in all aspects on the success of its student participants. This scholarship program is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for individuals who would not normally receive traditional academic scholarship and whose personal commitments and financial circumstances would preclude their attendance without substantial, long-term scholarship support. The Nina Scholars program provides each student with an academic advisor/mentor, as well as a student mentor. This program provides variable financial support toward the cost of Attendance for up to 6 years at the participating universities and for up to 4 years at the participating community colleges. In addition, the program covers fees, books, and includes a $2,750 annual living allowance. The Nina Scholars program is highly focused in all aspects on the success of its student participants.

Applicants
Applicants must also meet all of the following requirements:

Arizona

- Must apply to MCCCD Campus and/or ASU.
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning.
- Be a U.S. citizen and an Arizona resident.
- Have no more than 24 college-level, degree-applicable credits and includes current semester credits enrolled in at the time of application.
- Be working toward your first undergraduate degree with the intent to seek degree completion at the institution to which you are applying.
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the FAFSA, with priority given to those with a household income of 80 percent of the median income for Maricopa County.
- Interviews (applicable only if chosen as finalist).

Indiana

- Must be a U.S. citizen and an Indiana resident.
- Demonstrates financial need, as determined by the FAFSA, with priority given to those with a household income of 80 percent or less of the median income for Marion County.
- Interviews (applicable only if chosen as finalist).

Application process requires:

- High school transcript/GED score (beginning of senior year)
- A personal essay (See application for essay question.)
- 2 to 4 recommendation forms/letters from a teacher, employer, or other community contact.
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions of higher learning.
- Interview (applicable only if chosen as finalist). FAFSA on file at institution to which you are applying.

Applicants must also meet all of the following requirements:

- Must apply to either IUPUI or Ivy Tech before applying for the scholarship.
- Be working toward your first undergraduate degree with the intent to seek degree completion at the institution to which you are applying.
- Be a U.S. citizen and an Indiana resident.
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the FAFSA, with priority given to those with a household income of 80 percent or less of the median income for Marion County.
- Interviews (applicable only if chosen as finalist).

Essays: Essays should observe the general rules of English grammar. It is also recommended that you put your name on each page of the essay. Cover pages, plastic report covers, etc. are not necessary and will be removed when we process applications. (See application for essay question.)

Recommendation Forms/Letters: Applicants must provide at least two and no more than four recommendations. These must be from a teacher, employer, or other community contact. Applicants should use recommendation form found at each institutions website.

Transcript: A high school or GED transcript is required to complete this application. If you are a transfer/continuing student, a transcript from previous and/or current institutions of higher learning will be required as well. For Ivy Tech applicants, a copy of your academic assessment scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) will need to be submitted with your application.

FAFSA: To be eligible for this scholarship you must demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA. If you have not yet filed your FAFSA, you may do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Note: you must apply for FAFSA to be eligible for this scholarship.


Scholarship Eligibility Definitions

Dependents in the household
* Adults age 25 or older with dependents (with no more than 24 college-level, degree-applicable credit hours accumulated)
These are adults who are 25 years of age or older and have dependents living in the household (self not included). These adults may be first-time college students or returning students (those with previous college experience). The family unit may include relatives or other persons who may live in or outside the applicant’s household but for whom the Internal Revenue Service has determined there is a financially dependent relationship.

Physical disability
* College-age youth and adults with physical disabilities (with no more than 24 college-level, degree-applicable credit hours accumulated)
A physical disability for the purposes of this scholarship program is one that limits or impairs a person’s ability to access and/or be fully mobile on campus, and/or creates a special challenge for classroom instruction, tutoring, student support services, participation in campus offerings, and other academic and extracurricular activities. This includes disabilities that substantially limit major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, writing and working. These disabilities may be results of, but not limited to, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, speech impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, loss of limbs, and severe orthopedic injuries. Applicants are to provide official documentation of their physical disability from a medical or health care provider.

Child welfare system
* Incoming freshmen or continuing students (with no more than 24 college-level, degree-applicable credit hours accumulated) ages 18 to 25 who have been raised through the child welfare system and have no form of financial support
The child welfare system for the purposes of this scholarship program is described as the public-supported system that serves neglected, abused, abandoned, at-risk children and/or those who are wards of the courts. A person who has experienced time in the child welfare system may have lived in an institution such as a group home, child protection agency, and special facility for children, and/or with a foster family. This applies particularly to those persons who were raised away from their biological parents or relative caregivers for extended periods of time, were financially supported by sources other than their families, and are presently responsible for themselves financially.

Application Checklist
Wait! Be sure that you have completed the following before submitting your application:
- Completed admissions process at ASU, IUPUI, Ivy Tech or Maricopa Community College?
- Filed the FAFSA to determine financial eligibility?
- Completed Scholarship Application?
- Completed Scholarship essay?
- Included all academic transcripts?
- Included documentation/proof of qualifying criteria?
- Included all applicable standardized test scores?
- Submitted 2-4 recommendation forms/letters from a teacher, employer or other community contact?
- Checked box indicating applicant type and scholarship eligibility?

Note: These criteria are in addition to an applicant’s attesting to citizenship, residency and income eligibility requirements as stated on the application form.

Application Deadline March 1