Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars
Application Recommendation Form

Application/Recommendation deadline: March 1st
Please complete and mail the form by date indicated above.

Applicant Information (Please print with black ink or type)

Name: ________________

Telephone: ________________ __________________________

E-mail: __________________________

Under the Family Educational Rights and privacy Act of 1974, enrolled students have access to their individual educational records. Students are also permitted to waive their rights of access to recommendations.

☐ I DO WAIVE my right to inspect this recommendation form and accompanying letter.
☐ I DO NOT WAIVE my right to inspect this recommendation form and accompanying letter.

Recommendation (Please print with black ink or type)

I have known the applicant for _______ years in my capacity as _________________________________.

1. Please rate the applicant on each characteristic in comparison with others at the same level by checking the appropriate box.

   A. Motivation for undergraduate studies
   B. Need for financial support
   C. Need for academic support
   D. Willingness to fully participate in program
   E. Openness to actively participate in peer group
   F. Openness to community service
   G. Potential for success as a student

   No Basis Below Avg Avg Above Avg Exceptional

2. In the form of a letter, please provide an assessment of the student’s fit with this scholarship, particularly in terms of needing both financial AND academic/life skills support, of the likelihood the student will fully participate in the program, and the likelihood that the student will embrace the values of the program such as success through education and community service. Please cite specific examples to support your recommendation.

Signature of Recommender: __________________________ Date: ____________

Print Name: __________________________ Phone Number: _______________

Thank you for taking the time to help us make a decision regarding this applicant.

Return to:
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What is the Nina Scholars Program?

This program was created by the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust in 2001 in tribute to the life and values of Nina Pulliam (1906-1997), who was a journalist, business leader, humanitarian, and lover of all creatures. The Nina Scholars Program is available at both IUPUI and Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana. 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 and books and provides a living allowance of $2,750 annually. The Nina Scholars office is open approximately fifty hours per week and provides academic advising, personal life coaching, instruction on study skills, one-on-one tutoring, one-on-one mentoring, linkages to community resources, and opportunities for networking with peers, faculty and staff.

Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholarships are awarded to six students—or Nina Scholars—each year at Ivy Tech and seven students at IUPUI. Nina Scholars remain eligible by maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5 in their first year and 2.75 in subsequent years AND earning eighteen credit hours per academic year. Nina Scholars have up to four years of eligibility to earn their two-year degree at Ivy Tech and up to six years of eligibility to earn their four-year degree at IUPUI. In addition, Nina Scholars are expected to attend monthly one-hour meetings with fellow scholars and complete two service activities per year. Social activities are also planned throughout the year and culminate in an End of the Year Celebration in May.

Who can apply?

Individuals who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Incoming freshmen ages 18-25 who were raised in the child welfare system and have no other means of financial support
- College-aged youth and adults with physical disabilities
- Adults ages 25 or older who have dependents in their family unit

What are the criteria?

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be working toward their first college degree
- Be a US citizen and resident of Indiana
- Demonstrate financial need, with priority given to those with a household income of 80% or less of the median income for Marion County (approximately $36,750 annually). NOTE: Applicants must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Have completed no more than 24 degree-applicable, college level credits.