2022 Groups Scholars
Student Application
A recommendation from a Groups Scholars Recommender is the only way to gain opportunity to apply to the Groups Scholars Program. You must:

1. Be a resident of the state of Indiana (at least one of the applicant’s parents or legal guardians must live in Indiana.) No exceptions.

2. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen (have a green card)

3. Meet the Minimum College Preparatory Courses: Refer to IUB (Academic Preparation)

**Minimum College Preparatory Courses**

8 credits (semesters) of English – such as literature, grammar, composition and journalism.

7 credits (semesters) of mathematics – including 4 semesters of algebra and 2 semesters of geometry (or an equivalent 6 semesters of integrated algebra and geometry) AND 1 semester of calculus, pre-calculus or trigonometry.

6 credits (semesters) of social science – including 2 semesters of U.S. history, 2 semesters of world history/civilization/geography, and 2 additional semesters in government, economics, sociology, history, or similar topics.

6 credits (semesters) of science – including at least 4 semesters of laboratory sciences (biology, chemistry, or physics)

4 credits (semesters) of world languages

3 or more credits (semesters) of additional College Preparatory Courses – additional mathematics courses are recommended for students intending to pursue a science degree and additional world language courses are recommended for all students.

Students should schedule and complete at least 3 academic courses during the second semester of senior year. (Mid-year graduation is not recommended.)

**NOTE:** Application does NOT guarantee admission.
4. You must meet the income guidelines and eligibility criteria below:

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*A high EFC (Expected Family Contribution) as determined by the FAFSA will reduce the aid a student will receive.

5. **Have a MANDATORY minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5.**

6. SAT/ACT test optional.

7. **Recommend** that the FAFSA is filled out by November 1. Your income will be verified through the IRS data retrieval tool through the Financial Aid office. Aid is not awarded until FAFSA is submitted and verified. A high EFC as determined by the FAFSA reduces the amount of the Groups Grant you receive.

**NOTE:** There are housing options for transgender individuals at IUB. Information for roommate selection for the SEP will be provided to students via email after attending the Cream & Crimson Welcome at IUB. Meeting all of the requirements does NOT guarantee admission.
Groups Scholars Program Benefits

The Groups Scholars Program is a proven program of information, support, and guidance that helps provide students with the academic and emotional support necessary to excel in the classroom and beyond.

Supporting Students

- **Academic Advising**
  Professional staff advisors work with students as they select their major, design class schedule, and enroll in courses they need to graduate.

- **Tutoring**
  Groups Scholars receive free academic tutoring in almost every listed field of study.

- **Group Grant**
  Groups Scholars are eligible for need-based grants for up to four years. See financial aid information under Program Benefits for Groups.

Programs & Opportunities

- **SEP**
  Summer Experience Program—seven weeks of college courses and transition period to university life. Scholars live in residence halls, are introduced to resources, and become familiar with the campus.

- **Adaptive Technology**
  Through collaborative efforts with Adaptive Technology & Accessibility Center, Groups Scholars have access to technologies like Kurzweil 3000 and Inspiration.

- **Overseas Study**
  Advice and support for Groups Scholars who desire to spend a summer, a semester, or a year participating in an approved IU Overseas study opportunity.

- **Leadership Initiative**
  Students gain leadership skills to help them in all aspects of life, including self-awareness, time management, and critical thinking.

“Groups Five”

- **XAE**
  IU chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society. XAE recognizes outstanding academic achievement & strong leadership skills for first-generation students who serve as role models.

- **Ambassadors**
  Outstanding junior and senior Groups Scholars are invited into the program. They assist staff with programs, presentations, and serve as guides to incoming Groups Scholars.

- **STEM**
  Students helping students is a key philosophy behind the Groups Scholars Program. These scholars are trained to help with incoming class registration and other activities.

  Groups Scholars selected to become peer tutors must have a B+ or higher grade in the class, and go through an interview process before being chosen for this role.

  Prepares and advances students as research scientists, physicians, and professionals in health fields via Foundations of Research curriculum & practical lab or research experiences.
If you are selected to participate in the 2021 Groups Scholars Program, you are required to attend ALL EVENTS and fulfill ALL REQUIREMENTS to maintain your program eligibility. **If you do not complete one requirement/event, then you are not invited to the next.** More detailed information will be sent to you via email prior to each event.
Application Procedures

1. You must first apply to Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) as any other student would at admissions.indiana.edu. Your application must be complete, and you must have an IU identification number in order to complete a Groups application. You must have a completed IUB application by October 20. You will receive notification from the Office of Admissions as any other student. This means that some students may receive denial notifications from the IUB Office of Admissions. Even if you are denied through the IUB Office of Admissions, you may still be conditionally admitted through the Groups Scholars Program.

2. Eligible students must then complete a Groups Scholars Program Application online using link below Please make sure you have all the information you will need before beginning the online application. It is not a savable application. Complete the enclosed worksheet prior to logging into the application. Deadline Nov 1.

3. Submit all required documents to IU Office of Admissions. Do Not send any documentation to the Groups office unless we request it from you.

4. If you are asked to provide recommendation letters, your recommender will need to send these letters to the Groups Scholars office.

A Groups Scholars COMPLETED APPLICATION includes these components:
- IUB Application (online, prior to Groups Application) No later than Nov 1
- Groups Scholars Application (online) No Later than Nov 1 All required
- documents to IU Bloomington (https://admissions.indiana.edu/apply/freshman/step-two-application.html)
- Groups Application Link: See Recommender for link to apply

All elements of your application must be received by November 1, 2021
How to Apply for Financial Aid

You must complete your 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for aid. We recommend that you complete this by no later than November 1. Be sure to include IU Bloomington’s school code: 001809. **The 2022-2023 FAFSA will be available on October 1, 2021 and is due by April 15, 2022.**

**Prepare to File Your FAFSA**
When you file your FAFSA, you’ll be asked to include your prior year’s income tax and W-2 information. This information is used by the Department of Education to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

If you’re considered a dependent student by the FAFSA, you’ll be required to include your parents’ tax information.

- Here are the documents and information you’ll want to have ready before you file your FAFSA:
  - Federal tax information or tax returns for you, your spouse (if you’re married), and your parents (if applicable). This includes W-2 information.
  - In the income section of the FAFSA you should retrieve data from the IRS directly into your FAFSA application. This will streamline and expedite the processing of your application. If you do not, the IU Office of Financial Aid will eventually request for you to submit a copy of your Tax Transcript from the IRS.
  - Your Social Security Number and your parents’ Social Security Numbers if you are providing parent information
  - Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S citizen.
  - Other information you and your parents (if applicable) may need to provide: checking, savings, investments, and business assets.

- **The IUB school code is 001809.** Be sure to enter this so that your FAFSA information gets sent to IUB.

The amount of the Groups Grant will vary from student to student and will be determined based on the information submitted on the FAFSA.

If you have additional questions about financial aid, please visit IU’s Office of Student Financial Assistance website at [studentcentral.indiana.edu/financial-aid/](studentcentral.indiana.edu/financial-aid/) or the Federal Student Aid website at [studentaid.ed.gov](studentaid.ed.gov).

To speak to the financial aid staff directly, you may go to Student Central located on Union Street if you are in Bloomington, or call 812-855-6500.

You do **NOT** need to apply for Summer Aid or complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA.
To be considered for the Groups Scholars Program, you must complete this application in its entirety. If it is not complete, it will not be reviewed. This application consists of 45 questions to include 2 essay questions and one requiring video response. The application should take no more than 45 minutes if you have completed the paper worksheet you received from your Recommender. You also must complete an application for Indiana University Bloomington admissions and receive your IU student ID number. After completing this application, you will receive an email confirmation, so please verify the email address you enter.

Have you completed the application to Indiana University Bloomington? If you select no, then be sure to complete an IU Bloomington admissions application prior to November 1. Your Groups application will be considered incomplete if you have not completed this step and will not be processed further until you have a completed the IU application on file.

☐ Yes
☐ No

What is the university identification number you were assigned 7 days after you applied. Email would have been sent from the IU Office of Admissions. Must start with (0 or 2) and be 10 digits. Enter N/A if you do not have one.

STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name (legal name)

Preferred Name
Middle Name

Last Name

Email Address (please enter the same email address you used or will use on the IU admissions application)

Please enter your birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino or none of these?
- Yes
- None of these

Place of Birth

Country
City
State

Are you a resident of the state Indiana?
- Yes
- No
Enter your street address

Enter your City

Enter our State and Zip Code

Phone number with area code (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Are you a ward of the court?
- Yes
- No

Are you homeless?
- Yes
- No

Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:
- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Other
Have you been employed?
○ Yes
○ No

Where were you employed?

Is English your first language?
○ Yes
○ No

Your T-Shirt Size
○ S
○ M
○ L
○ XL
○ 2XL
○ 3XL
○ 4XL

Parent Information

Who do you (the student) live with?
○ Mother and Father (adopted or biological)
○ Mother Only (adopted or biological)
○ Father Only (adopted or biological)
You selected other on the previous question, who is the person you live with and their relationship to you?

Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s) Full Names:

Are your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or adopted parent(s) residents of the state of Indiana?

- Yes
- No

Email address for a parent, legal guardian, or adopted parent

Has your biological or adopted mother earned a four-year bachelor's degree?

- Yes
- No

Has your biological or adopted father earned a four-year bachelor's degree?

- Yes
- No

Number of people who live in your household?
What was the annual income of your parent(s), legal guardian(s) or adopted parent(s) last year? (You may be asked to provide copies of tax documents for verification.)

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**Academic Information**

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Name of High School

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Your Recommender Name

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Your Recommender Email

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Are you a 21st Century Scholar?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

List your extracurricular and volunteer activities

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List any AP/Dual Credit/IB courses that you have already taken or will take during your senior year. (Format: Course Name Economics Type IB College/University)

Essay

Applicants must provide answers to both questions below. Each answer should be between 100-300 words and only ONE paragraph long.

Discuss how you have persevered through an obstacle or adversity in your personal and/or academic life. (100-300 words)

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now? (Provide Details) (100–300 words)

What will you gain from being a part of the Groups Scholars Program? (Upload a video that is no longer than 30 seconds and it must be in mp4 format.) Prepare your video prior to opening application.