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## 2020-21 United Minds Inspiring Innovation (UMII) Scholarship Application (Fall 2020)

The UMII Scholarship supports undocumented Illinois Tech undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need but do not qualify for federal aid (FAFSA). This scholarship is possible by the creation of a referendum by the Undocumented Student and Allies (USA) Illinois Tech student organization, which passed by the Illinois Tech Student Government Organization on April 7, 2016. Funds are available through a \$4.50 per semester opt-in fee and other private donations. The **Fall Semester Deadline is 5 pm on Friday, October 30, 2020. Applications should be submitted to Leticia Moreno at [lmoreno2@iit.edu](mailto:lmoreno2@iit.edu) (with subject line "UMII Scholarship Submission").**

**This is a one-time semester award.** Award amounts based on available funds. Students are permitted to apply as many times as they wish, but can only be selected as a funding recipient twice throughout the duration of their academic program.

### A. Personal Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Campus-Wide ID #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Date of Graduation

### B. Financial Need (please print)

Please attach a **signed and dated** copy of your and your parent(s)' **2018** federal income tax return\*

Please list the number of people in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Estimated Contribution Toward Educational Expenses (2020-21)

Indicate how much you and your family are able to contribute toward your educational expenses for the semester you are submitting an application. Include any funding received from the additional sources: (These figures should be for the **2020-21 school year only**.)

Student Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Outside Scholarships, loans, etc.: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Personal Essay:

Answer the following questions. **Your answer should not exceed 700 words.**

1. How have your struggles and triumphs as an undocumented immigrant influenced your pursuit of higher education?
2. What are your short-term and long-term goals (educational, career, etc.) and how will they help advance your community and the undocumented community as a whole?
3. How will being a recipient of the UMII scholarship allow you to accomplish your goals? Include any special circumstance affecting your ability to contribute toward your educational expenses.

## D. Community Service, Extracurricular Activities, Hobbies, Work, & Household Responsibilities

List any relevant items on the lines on the following page. **Do not include** any athletic participation as NCAA regulation prohibits us from awarding any scholarship monies based on athletic achievement.

Dates	Description (be brief)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## E. Honors, Awards or Special Recognition

List any relevant items. **Do not include** any athletic participation as NCAA regulation prohibits us from awarding any scholarship monies based on athletic achievement.

Dates	Description (be brief)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## F. Follow Up

Can we contact you with questions to be included in publications and a student profile? The student profile will be shared with donors for the benefit of acquiring support for this scholarship. This personal connection with your donors will not only benefit you, but will benefit future students who receive this scholarship. Answering “no” **does not** affect your scholarship eligibility.

Yes      No

## G. Undocumented Students and Allies Student Organization

Can we share your name and contact information with the Undocumented Students and Allies (USA) student organization for the purpose of peer support? Answering “no” **does not** affect your scholarship eligibility.

Yes      No

## H. Application Submission

The scholarship application should be submitted to Leticia Moreno at [lmoreno2@iit.edu](mailto:lmoreno2@iit.edu) (with subject line “UMII Scholarship Submission”). Only applicants who submit a **complete application by Friday, October 30, 2020 will have their scholarship considered**. Applicants with questions should call Leticia Moreno at 312-567-3422.

## I. Certification

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (sign in ink)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (dependent students only)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date