William M. Plater Civic Engagement Medallion
2015-16 Application

For more information on the medallion, go to http://go.iu.edu/platermedallion

APPLICATION OVERVIEW:

- Applicants for the Plater Civic Engagement Medallion are undergraduate, graduate and professional students who will receive their respective degrees from December 2015 - August 2016. Doctorate Students: If you have permission to walk in graduation from your academic school, you are eligible to apply for this award.

- Applicants should submit their materials online no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. All faculty/staff and community partner recommendations must be completed no later than Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

- Because the recommendation email link is not sent until an application is completed in full, applicants are highly encouraged to submit their applications prior to the due date, to give recommenders ample time to submit their recommendations.

- Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

The application consists of four components:
1. Confirmation of Applicant Eligibility, including GPA
2. Recommendation forms (2)
3. Documentation of Civic Engagement Experiences
4. Personal essay

APPLICATION DETAILS: PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

PART I. Applicant Information/ Eligibility
Submission of general applicant information, including overall Grade Point Average (GPA)
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required, with a preferred GPA of 3.0 and above. Applicant GPA’s will be verified via IUPUI student records.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS: A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Applicant GPA’s will be verified via IUPUI student records. If you do not have a GPA, please indicate as such on your application.

NOTE: GPA is one of four factors that are considered in selection. Applicants can weigh this and choose to apply if they do not meet the requirement.

PART II. Recommendation forms and comments
Recommendation from an IUPUI faculty/staff member
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**Recommendation from a Community Member/Partner**
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**PART III. Documentation of civic engagement experiences**
Applicants should complete the Civic Engagement documentation portion by detailing NO MORE THAN THREE (3) meaningful civic engagement experiences that have occurred during their academic years at IUPUI.

To complete the documentation form, you will need information such as course numbers, faculty member names, names of experiences and community organizations, number of hours served, and a brief summary of the experience. You may want to gather this information prior to beginning the application.

**PART IV. Personal essay**
UNDERGRADUATES: Applicants are asked to upload an essay no more than 1000 words that addresses the following statement: "I have a responsibility and a commitment to use the knowledge and skills I have gained as an undergraduate college student to collaborate with others, who may be different from me, to help address issues in society." Applicants are asked to explain the ways in which they agree or disagree with this statement and provide personal examples. The definition and dimensions of a Civic-Minded Graduate should be used as a guide for the essay, and are explained more on the next page.

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**CRITERIA AND SELECTION**
A committee comprised of faculty, staff and community partners will review and score applications. Applications will be rated on the evidence of the dimensions of the Civic-Minded Graduate or Civic-Minded Professional as well as evidence of personal and intellectual growth and community impact as a result of civic engagement experiences.

Applications should reflect a breadth (variety) and depth (quality) of experience in several different community/civic engagement experiences.

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- Deepened your understanding on how social issues are addressed in society
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The dimensions of the Civic Minded Professional indicate how your civic/community experiences have:

- Influenced your development of **self, civic and professional identity**, including your commitment to personal and professional service
- Deepened your **understanding on how social issues are addressed in society**, through the lens of your discipline and professional expertise
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**NOTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION**

Applicants will be notified of their selection for this award no later than March 21, 2016. Recipients will receive a medallion and a photo recognizing their accomplishments. Recipients are expected to attend an award ceremony at the IUPUI Robert G. Bringle Civic Engagement Showcase and Symposium held annually at the end of the spring semester. **In 2016, the award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 12th in the Campus Center.** Family and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony. Recipients are also encouraged to wear the medallion at their school’s commencement ceremonies.

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**Part I: Applicant Information**

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Degree to be earned by August 2016: (Example: BA, MA, JD, etc.)

Expected Graduation Date Format: Month/Year (ex. 5/2020)

GPA: Overall university including most recent semester completed:

Instructions:
- Go to One.IU, Open the Unofficial Transcript app
- Select your academic institution and the Report type: "Unofficial/All Career"
- Scroll to the bottom
- Report the GPA associated with "Indiana University Undergraduate/Graduate Summary" (e.g., 3.64)

This information will also be verified through the IU Student Information System.

School of Enrollment: check all that apply

- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering and Technology
- Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Herron School of Art
- Honors College
- Informatics & Computing
- Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Kelley School of Business
- Library and Information Science
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Lilly Family School of Philanthropy
- Physical Education & Tourism Management
- Public & Environmental Affairs
- Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health
- Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- Science
- Social Work
- Other

Please write a 2 - 3 sentence summary describing your most meaningful civic engagement accomplishments, using the template below as a guide. You do not need to copy the exact wording. This summary will be published and may be edited.

FORMAT: [YOUR NAME], a [YOUR SCHOOL] graduate from [YOUR HOMETOWN], [A SHORT SUMMARY OF YOUR EXPERIENCES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS].
Example: Susie Johnson, an IU School of Education graduate from Fort Wayne, Indiana, has shown great dedication working with youth in the Indianapolis community through her service to a variety of organizations including the George Washington Community High School, the Christamore House, and The Oaks Academy. For nearly three years, Susie has participated in the Peace in the Streets initiative and worked with the families and friends of homicide victims, where her work has been instrumental in increasing participation in this initiative.

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**Part II: Recommendations**

**Recommendation from an IUPUI faculty/staff member**

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Faculty or Staff Recommender’s Name

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Recommender’s Job/Position Title

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Recommender’s email address

In what capacity did this person advise, supervise, observe your community/civic engagement experience(s)?

Please identify your Recommender’s School at IUPUI, if applicable.

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Name of Community Member/Partner Recommender

Recommender’s Job/Position Title

Recommender’s email address

Name of Community Member/Partner’s Organization
In what capacity did this person advise, supervise, observe your community/civic engagement experience(s)?

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Part III: Documentation of Civic/Community Engagement Experiences

Instructions (Please read carefully)

Activities documented must have occurred during the years in your current degree program as a student at IUPUI.

Applicants should complete the Civic Engagement documentation portion by detailing no more than THREE (3) civic engagement experiences that have occurred during their academic years in their current degree program at IUPUI. If more than three experiences are submitted, the selection committee will only review the first 3 experiences.

Select the categories that you will document and then click "Next." You will then be directed to a set of questions specific to each of those categories so that you may document your experiences in detail.

You do NOT need to document a experience in each category; categories are only there for structural purposes.

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IUPUI Civic/Community Engagement Experiences

Remember: Please document only three (3) experiences in total.
If you aren't sure what category your experience fits into, simply check the box that makes the most sense to you. These categories are simply for classification.

Curricular (Course/Credit-Based) Activities

- Research or assessment project focused on a community issue (research completed with a faculty mentor and community agency that focused on addressing a community issue)
International study abroad with service learning component (taken for credit)
Service learning course (credited course that includes unpaid volunteer work as an integrated part of the coursework)
Experiential learning in the community for academic program (unpaid, voluntary work performed at a charitable non-profit, government or school-based site that was documented through credit; e.g., internships, co-op, practicum, clinical or student teaching)
Other course/credit-based experience (either not mentioned above or an additional entry from the list above)

Co-Curricular (Out-of-Classroom) Activities

- Campus-sponsored day of service (A one-time service project organized by IUPUI)
- Intensive service project (a service project with a significant amount of voluntary community service over a set period, such as alternative breaks or study abroad experiences not taken for credit that included a service component)
- Volunteer service/civic engagement (Unpaid, voluntary or pro-bono work performed at a charitable non-profit organization, school, government agency, or political campaign; can include voluntary service/civic engagement with a student organization)
- Membership or leadership in a civic engagement-based student organization (Participation or leadership role in a service, political or social-issue based organization that is registered with the Office of Student Involvement)

Other co-curricular experience (either not mentioned above or an additional entry from the list above)

Compensated Activities (via monetary, scholarship, or similar benefits)

- Community based work-study employment (Federal work-study position performed at a charitable nonprofit community organization, school, or government agency)
- Sam H. Jones Community Service Scholarship Program
- National Service (including AmeriCorps, NCCC, VISTA, etc.)
- Scholarship that requires a minimum 20 or more hours of service per year
- Military Service (including ROTC)
- Paid internship at a community based site (government, school, or non-profit organization)

Other compensated civic/community engagement activity (either not mentioned above or an additional entry from the list above)

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Name of course/experience
Name of faculty member who offered course/experience
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Co-Curricular (Out-of-Classroom) Activities

- **Campus-sponsored day of service** (A one-time service project organized by IUPUI students or staff)
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Name of event or activity

Name of community service agency/partner(s) with which you served

Approximate date(s) of service (month/year)

Approximate number of hours served
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Name of activity or scholarship

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Brief summary of service experience (What did you do or accomplish? Why was this experience meaningful to you?) 500 words maximum.

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You are almost finished! Click the SUBMIT button below to send in your application. After
doing this, you will be sent an email that details what you submitted.

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