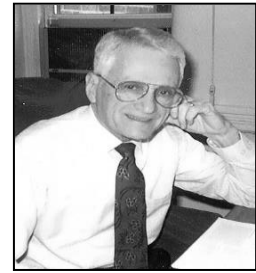




SINA / Ivan A. Backer Scholarship Information/How to Apply



SINA/Ivan A. Backer Scholarship: Three scholarships of \$4,000 (\$1000/year x 4) each will be awarded annually to graduating seniors continuing their education in a post-secondary program. The scholarships are renewable at \$1000 per academic year for four years, as long as the student is in good standing. Scholarship recipients are required to submit a copy of their tuition bill and a copy of their transcripts each fall semester by November 1. (*Copies of transcripts are required starting with student's sophomore year.*)

Who is Eligible: Any graduating high school senior who lives in the **06106** or **06114** zip codes planning on attending a four-year institution is eligible. Three recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

1. Service to Community, School, and Family
2. Academic achievement
3. Financial need

How to Apply:

1. Complete the following application, answering all questions, typed or in ink.
2. Have completed two letters of recommendation on the forms provided inside the application; one from your high school and one from the community (no relatives please).
3. Applications must be postmarked, hand-delivered, submitted electronically, or emailed by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, March 13, 2026.**
4. Mail to:

SINA
207 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106

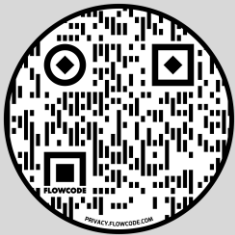
5. Apply electronically by filling out the Google Form. Visit www.sinainc.org/ibs2026 for the link.
6. Or email complete application to Linda Torres at lvalentin@sinainc.org with the subject title "Your Name: Ivan Backer Scholarship".
7. Questions? Feel free to call us at (860) 493-1618 or visit www.sinainc.org.

Application Process:

- Students will be selected for personal interviews by a subcommittee. Interviews will be done via video conferencing.
- The subcommittee will then review all applications/ interviews and select three applicants. The applicants are recognized at SINA's annual REACH Awards Ceremony and SINA's REACH Committee will continue to stay connected with former recipients.

The SINA/Ivan A. Backer Scholarship Application Check List

- Complete application including the Background Information, Community Service, and Future Plans section.
- Attach TWO letters of recommendations: one from your high school and one from the community. Fillable PDFs are available for download at www.sinainc.org/ibs2026. You may attach additional pages to recommendation forms.
- Attach your 500-word essay making sure to place your name on the paper.
- Attach your latest available transcript, showing classes are taken and grades achieved, along with class ranking.
- Attach a copy of your Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores.
- If available, attach a copy of your Acceptance Letter and Financial Award for each institution you have been accepted to.
- You may also attach any extra pages if necessary, such as Resumes, as well as documentation of special achievements, awards, or newspaper publicity.



Please note if you are submitting your application via google form you must have all documents ready to upload before filling out the online application as you will not be able to save your progress.

Link to Google form found at www.sinainc.org/ibs2026 or use the QR code on this page.

Alternatively, you may share your google drive folder/ dropbox folder with Linda Torres at lvalentin@sinainc.org. Or you may email the application and all attachments to Linda with the subject title “Your Name: Ivan Backer Scholarship”. If sending more than one email, please mention in the subject title what you are attaching; for example “Your Name: Ivan Backer Scholarship Community Recommendation”.

If you are having trouble uploading/downloading documents, contact Linda Torres via email or call (860) 493-1618.

Application Form

The SINA/Ivan A. Backer Scholarship

TYPE OR PRINT (LEGIBLE)

High School: _____

Background Information

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Name:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS:

NUMBER STREET APARTMENT

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE # _____

MOTHER'S (or guardian's) NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS (if different from yours): _____

OCCUPATION: _____

FATHER'S (or guardian's) NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS (if different from yours): _____

OCCUPATION: _____

How many dependent children in the household (applicant included, list ages):

Number _____ Ages: _____

How many family members will be in college at least part-time this next school year (including applicant)? _____

Please attach your latest available transcript, showing classes are taken and grades achieved, along with class ranking and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, AND FAMILY

1. List the activities and services you have engaged in, that have benefited your community, school, or family. What responsibilities did you have, and how long did you perform them?

Activity	How Long? (Dates)	Duties

2. Write an essay, maximum of 500 words, discussing activities or relationships in your life involving your community, school, or family. Include some, or all of these points:
 - a. Why and how did you get started?
 - b. Did you relate these activities to your schoolwork?
 - c. What have you learned about yourself through your involvement?
 - d. How valuable have these experiences been in your life?

Essay format: 500 words, typed double space. Make sure to place your name on the paper.

Attach extra pages if necessary, such as resumes, as well as documentation of special achievements, awards, or newspaper publicity.

FUTURE PLANS

1. Name of institution to which you have been accepted and will attend:

(Please attach a copy of Acceptance Letter and a copy of Financial Award.)

2. If you have not been accepted, list the institutions to which you have applied to and the status of your application.

3. What are the total annual expenses you anticipate?

Tuition:	\$ _____
Room & Board:	\$ _____
Books & Fees:	\$ _____
Transportation:	\$ _____
Other (Please explain):	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

4. Secured sources of income to cover your expenses:

Financial aid from institution:	\$ _____
Scholarships (other than this one):	\$ _____
Contribution by Parents:	\$ _____
Savings:	\$ _____
Employment:	\$ _____
Student Loan:	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

8. How do you anticipate covering the difference between your expenses and income?

The undersigned hereby certify that the information provided on this application, including attachments, is true to the best of their knowledge.

Check Box if you and/or your parent/guardian, give permission to use your **story/application and interview statements** for SINA's printed and online publications and events.

Check Box if you and/or your parent/guardian, give permission to use your **image** for SINA's printed and online publications and events.

Student Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

