

SINA/IVAN BACKER SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

- Program Purpose:** The SINA/Ivan A. Backer Scholarship program was established in 1997. It is an outgrowth of SINA's "Bulkeley Connection" program, which provides opportunities for students to explore possible future careers at SINA member institutions. The SINA/Backer Scholarship makes three annual scholarships to graduating seniors continuing their education in a post-secondary program.
- The awards are in honor of Ivan Backer, who served as president of SINA for nearly 20 years and is one of the driving forces behind the revival of Hartford's Southside neighborhood. For over 30 years, Mr. Backer worked in Hartford as an educator, organizer, and executive with most of that time spent at Trinity College. The SINA/Backer Scholarship makes three annual awards of \$3,200 each to graduating seniors continuing their educations in a post-secondary program.
- Program Sponsor:** Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) a coalition of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College.
- Awards:** The SINA/Backer Scholarship makes three annual awards of \$3,200 each to graduating seniors continuing their educations in a post-secondary program. The scholarships are awarded at \$800 per academic year for up to four years, provided the student remains in good academic standing.
- Graduating seniors at Bulkeley High School (BHS) are eligible to apply for the annual scholarships. Winners are selected based on service to the community, school and family; academic achievement, and financial need. A committee consisting of representatives from SINA, the community and BHS review all applications, interview selected candidates and determine the awardees.
- Event:** At the end of the academic year, an awards dinner to honor the recipients is held at one of the SINA institutions with students, BHS educators, family members and SINA representatives in attendance.