A little help can make a BIG difference.
The Jerome M. Strauss Scholarship provides emergency funding for IU Bloomington students who are facing unforeseen financial hardships.

Hoosier to Hoosier

A Hoosier by birth and degree, Jerry M. Strauss worked his way through Indiana University where he was the recipient of an IU Student Foundation Scholarship for working students. Jerry was President of the IU Student Body, and in addition President of the Big Ten University’s Student Body President’s Council. He was also a member of the Board of Aeons, and founding member of the Indiana University’s Little United Nations Assembly.

In 1956 Jerry graduated cum laude with a degree in government and was honored with a Fulbright Scholarship to the London School of Economics. Strauss later received a JD from New York University where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. Jerry attended Harvard Law School, and in 1964, studied in Cambridge, Mass. with renown Harvard Law School Professor James Casner, earning a Harvard Law School Certificate in Advanced Estate, Trust & Tax Planning.

Since graduation, Jerry has spent more than fifty years practicing law and he has continued to serve Indiana University through leadership and philanthropy. The majority of Jerry’s estate, trust and tax law practice was accomplished by traveling throughout the United States in a 40’ Bluebird Wanderlodge motorhome pulling a Chevrolet Tahoe or other vehicle in tow. Jerry’s mobile office allowed him to travel throughout the United States to lecture, present seminars, and to meet clients at their home or office.

Since 1995 Jerry has practiced law principally in Indiana and Southwest Florida and he takes great pride in being known as the “RV Attorney”. His “bus” displayed a sign across the front proclaiming, "Where There is a Will, There is A Way" and his license plate read, "RV-Atty", a moniker that stuck and one that has brought him both personal satisfaction and renown.

Because of his keen desire in truly knowing and understanding his clients, he developed not only long standing personal friendships but enduring business relationships, too.

With the creation of the Jerome M. Strauss Scholarship Fund, Jerry is passing on the gifts he gratefully received from his beloved alma mater.

Criteria

Scholarship recipients must possess a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. A preference will be given to students who have earned at least 65 credits towards a bachelor’s degree.

Selection

The Scholarship Committee of the Division of Student Affairs will determine the scholarship recipients. The number of scholarships and the amounts awarded will vary based on number of applicants and need.