Eligibility Requirements

- High School Junior
- Enrolled in a college preparatory curriculum (Core 40 Diploma or Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma in Indiana)
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Wrap-around Support Services

BSP is a student-centered outreach program that provides underrepresented minority students with a continuum of support. Students who pursue an undergraduate degree program at IUB will benefit from support including mentorship, advising, and academic resources. BSP staff collaborates with other IUB programs including the Groups Scholars Program and the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program to aid in the success of these students.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela

“The Balfour program has helped me in numerous ways. I never thought I would learn so much about careers, college, or myself. This program itself is life changing and I can’t wait for my siblings and friends to be involved in this program because I want the best for them.”

— 2014 Balfour Scholar
About the Balfour experience!

After acceptance into BSP, scholars participate in a five-day residential pre-college academy (no cost for the participants). During the week, students attend sessions facilitated by representatives from a variety of campus units that focus on becoming a better scholar, managing finances, completing a degree program on time, exploring and planning for a career, and becoming involved in student activities and organizations, internships, and service learning. In addition, students attend various informational sessions about what IU has to offer, financial aid, and scholarship. Scholars also have the opportunity to attend sample college lectures taught by IU professors. For example, some popular sessions are the cultural identity and career workshops. In these sessions, students engage in personal identity development and explore possible majors and careers. The academy experiences help students develop the skills needed to make informed decisions about college choice and college fit.

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Scholar Spotlight

Javonte Henderson was part of the inaugural class of the Balfour Scholars Program. After the program, Javonte decided to apply to IU and is currently a freshman this fall. He plans to major in Recreational Sports Management, and is currently a student manager for Indiana University Women’s Basketball. Along with being a Balfour Scholar, Javonte is also a Groups Scholar.