



Imperial Court of Iowa's Guardian Angel Scholarship

The Imperial Court of Iowa has scholarships available for graduating high school seniors and those post-secondary adult students looking to continue their education. The scholarship(s) will be awarded each year to those applicants who are enrolled or accepted into an accredited educational program. The amount and number of scholarships awarded will be determined based on funds available. The recipients of the scholarships will be chosen by a Scholarship Evaluation Committee chaired by a person who is, at the time of the evaluation process, not an Imperial Court of Iowa member but who is an active member of the LGBTQ+ Community. Applications will be accepted October 1st through June 30th with application review taking place July 1st through July 31st. Award announcements will take place by August 15th. Award recipient will be invited to attend Coronation in September of the year they are awarded the scholarship as a guest of the Imperial Court of Iowa at no cost to scholarship recipient.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a resident of the State of Iowa
2. Enrolled or accepted into an accredited post-secondary school
3. Identify themselves as LGBT or are a supporter of the LGBTQ+ Community
4. If the applicant is for the *Hal Thompson Mother Earth Scholarship*:
 - The applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary program related to earth studies.
 - Examples include (not a complete list):
 - Agriculture
 - Landscaping
 - Forestry
 - Horticulture

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

1. Application is to be completed by applicant. All questions must be answered. Please type or print clearly.
2. Attach the following to completed application:
 - A. Documentation of enrollment or acceptance into a post-graduate program
 - B. Completed response to required essay question:
In 1,000 to 1,500 words answer the following question,
"The word COMMUNITY has many different meanings to everyone. What does Community mean to you?"
(Essay evaluation rubric available upon request)
 - C. Two (2) letters of recommendation from ICIA members or active members of the LGBTQ+ Community
3. Application and all other required information must be postmarked by **JUNE 30th**.

Return completed Application and all required attachments to:
Imperial Court of Iowa, Inc.
P.O. Box 1491
Des Moines, IA 50305-1491

Any questions may be submitted to scholarship@imperialcourtofowa.org



Application for Imperial Court of Iowa's Guardian Angel Scholarship

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all statements in the application packet submitted by me are correct, complete, and of my own origin.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Date

Personal Information

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Address

City

State

Zip Code

(_____)_____
Phone Number

Email

Enrollment Information

Program/School Student is enrolled or has been accepted

Major

Degree or Certificate Sought

Expected Date of Completion

I am applying for the *Hal Thompson Mother Earth Scholarship*.



**Imperial Court of Iowa's Guardian Angel Scholarship
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

1. Permission to Release Confidential Recommendation – (Applicant Completes This Section)

I have applied for the *Imperial Court of Iowa's Guardian Angel Scholarship* and understand my eligibility for the scholarship is partially based upon the information provided in this letter of recommendation. My signature below documents my permission for this information to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

2. Instructions (cannot be member of Scholarship Committee)

The deadline for submission of the recommendation is June 30th.

You are being asked to provide information that will be used by the Scholarship Committee to determine the extent to which this student exhibits the values of the Imperial Court of Iowa and the LGBTQ+ Community. When completed you should mail letter to: *Imperial Court of Iowa, Inc.*

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Des Moines, IA 50305-1491

DO NOT RETURN THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE APPLICANT

3. Imperial Court of Iowa Values - Please rate this applicant based on the following scale:

E = Exceptional

C = Competent

I = Opportunity to Improve

Compassion

Rating _____

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Respect

Rating _____

Applicant treats others with dignity and is a wise steward of individual talents and skills.

Communication

Rating _____

Applicant strives to communicate with others in an effective and honest manner. Applicant demonstrates willingness to be flexible and open to new thoughts and ideas while celebrating their own diversity.

Excellence

Rating _____

Applicant demonstrates a passion for quality, zest for improvement, and commitment to maintaining the highest standard of community service.

I recommend this student because:

4. Evaluator Information

Signature

Please print name

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Address

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**Imperial Court of Iowa's Guardian Angel Scholarship
Committee Review Form**

Applicant's Name

Please review applicant's information and rank the applicant based on the following scale with "4" being highest and "0" being lowest:

Essay Question: *"The word COMMUNITY has many different meanings to everyone. What does Community mean to you?"*

Please do not give "half points" and/or mark in between two scores.

Applicant provided an essay (1000 – 1500 words) related to the statement on the application form and provided support for his/her opinions/viewpoints.

Grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc. was appropriate

References were provided with enough information that committee could locate information if desired – APA format was NOT required

Overall recommendation

4	3	2	1	0

Score _____

Comments (use back of page if needed):

Letter of Recommendation

Applicant received "E" in all categories

5 points

Applicant received "E" in 3 categories

4 points

Applicant received "E" in 2 categories

3 points

Applicant received "E" in 1 category

1 points

Applicant did not receive "E" in any category

0 points

Score _____

Comments (use back of page if needed):

Total Score: _____

Committee Member Signature

Date