

ICON HISTORY

The Imperial Court of Nebraska was founded on July 15, 1980. One of the first organizations to benefit from ICON's fundraising was the Muscular Dystrophy Association. HIV/AIDS did not hit Omaha until around Reign 3. It was during this reign that Emperor Ken Dillard and Empress Toadie Lee Marvelous started raising money to combat the illness sweeping the community. Not long after, what we now know as the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) was born. During Reign 16 our Scholarship Fund was established. During Reign 25 ICON became a 501c3 non-profit organization. Now during Reign 36 all of our history and important documents are being housed at the UNO Criss Library's Queer Archives for many generations to know how ICON has helped impact the State of Nebraska.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

Friday, June 14, 2024
6:30pm Appetizers
7:30pm Show and Awards

The Verdict Bar & Grill
1901 Harney Street
Omaha, NE 68102



ICON SCHOLARSHIP
PO Box 3772
Omaha, NE 68103



ICON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

The ICON Foundation Scholarship Fund was originally established in 1996 to provide scholarships for individuals who self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or as children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender persons. The first scholarships were granted during Coronation 17 in 1997. Each year there will be at least one scholarship awarded in each category in which there are applicants who meet established criteria. The total number and award amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the number of successful applicants and funds available for distribution. Equal consideration will be given to any program of post-high school education, including but not limited to college, technical, and trade schools. Recipients must send proof of enrollment in a program of higher education within 6 months of the announcement of the award to the ICON Foundation. Awarded scholarship money will be disbursed within 30 days of receipt. Failure to send proof of enrollment in the allotted time will revert the monies to the Scholarship Fund. At the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, unclaimed money may be awarded to other applicants or may be held for future use.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible applicants must:

1. Be a resident of Nebraska or Southwest Iowa or be registered to attend a school in Nebraska or Southwest Iowa.
2. Self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer or as the biological, adopted, step, or foster child of a GLBTQ+ person.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must include the following:

1. Proof of Nebraska or Southwest Iowa residency.
2. A letter of acceptance from a higher learning institute.
3. A letter self identifying as a member of the GLBTQ+ community OR the child of a member of the GLBTQ+ community.
4. A personal statement that includes personal history and description of any community service or involvement as well as a detailed plan describing your higher education goals.
5. Letters of recommendation from three (3) professional persons not related to you. At least one (1) of these letters must be from a person who self-identifies as a GLBTQ+ person.
6. A statement of financial need.

Incomplete application will not be accepted. Please verify you have all required documents before submitting you application.

Return completed application to:
Imperial Court of Nebraska
PO Box 3772
Omaha, NE 68103

Postmarked by Friday, May 3, 2024
Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

Questions? E-mail us at:
Scholarship@imperialcourtofnebraska.org
Subject **"Scholarship Application"**

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I give permission for my name as indicated to be utilized in publications, social media and in print:

Yes No

I give permission for my photo as indicated to be utilized in publications, social media and in print:

Yes No

I Will be attending the award ceremonies on Friday, June 14, 2024 at The Verdict, 1901 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68102. Event starts at 8:00pm.

Yes No

By signing below, I declare that the information I have furnished is truthful and correct. I also hereby acknowledge that I am of the GLBTQ+ community or that my parent(s) are of the GLBTQ+ community.

Signature

Date

Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age)