



**Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire
2023/24 Sierra Montana
Scholarship Program
Application Form**



Applicant Information

Name: _____

Are you LGBTQ+? Yes ___ No___

Are you a LGBTQ+ Supporter? Yes ___ No___

Permanent Mailing Address:

Phones: _____ home _____ cell

Email Address: _____

Email Address Is Required

IL Resident: Yes ___ As of: _____ No _____

HS Graduation or GED Date: _____

Class Standing as of Fall 2023:

- _____ Freshman, first time in college
- _____ Freshman, transfer or continuing
- _____ Sophomore _____ Junior
- _____ Senior _____ Graduate

Semesters/Quarters you will attend:

- Fall 2023 Winter 2023
- Spring 2024 Summer 2024

Enrollment Status: Full time Half time

Expected Graduation/Completion Date: _____
Month/Year

Amount Requested

**Institution/School
Information**

College/University
Trade or Vocational School

Name:

Address:

Major/Minor/Academic Area:

Attach (do not send separately):

- Personal essay
- Statement of financial need
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcripts

Mail Application to:

treasurer@imperialcourtofchicago.org

**Complete applications must be
received no later than
May 31, 2023**

**Applications and associated
documents may also be given to
IWCCPSE Board members for
Scholarship committee
consideration**

For questions/clarifications please contact:
Scott Turner, 2023-24 Scholarship Committee Chairperson
at treasurer@imperialcourtofchicago.org



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The Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire (IWCCPSE) is pleased to open the 2023/24 Sierra Montana Scholarship Program process. Scholarship awards are granted for the 2023/24 academic year. Awards are based on economic need, scholastic achievement, leadership ability and contributions to the Lesbian/Gay community. Application is offered to Illinois residents with preference given to members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied (GLBTA) community.

To Qualify for an Sierra Montana Scholarship, Applicant:

- must be an Illinois resident;
- must be fully admitted to any college, university, trade or vocational school;
- may be an incoming or continuing student;
- must meet academic/trade program's satisfactory academic progress criteria;
- must have a cumulative GPA average of at least (On a 4 point scale):
2.0 for undergraduate/trade programs or
3.0 for graduate/professional programs; and
- must attend at least as a half-time student.

Procedures

1. Complete a 2023 Sierra Montana Scholarship Program Application Form.
2. Attach a **personal essay** (maximum 500 words). Describe your educational goals and objectives, your plan and timeframe for meeting those goals; your professional goals; your specific qualifications for this scholarship (i.e. contributions to the LGBTQ+ community, leadership ability, scholastic achievement).
3. Attach a **statement of financial need**. This statement should be no more than one page. Identify your educational costs including, tuition, fees, books, room & board, parking, and other educational expenses (i.e. daycare, special course fees, uniforms, tools, flight training, etc.). Identify income sources, including work (full or part time), entitlements, other scholarships, etc. List any financial hardships (i.e. single parent, lack of family support, disability, etc.). Outline how this award aids you in your educational pursuits.
4. Attach a one-page **letter of recommendation** prepared by an individual, other than a family or household member. This may be from professors, current/former teachers, teaching assistants, counselors, employers, former employers, or ministers who know you well. Someone who can evaluate your academic ability and potential. Allow enough time for your referral to complete the letter of recommendation and submit with your completed scholarship application by the deadline date. The letter should describe your strengths, whether in academic achievement, intellectual abilities, leadership, or character.
5. Attach a **copy of academic/trade program transcripts**. If first-time student, submit high school or GED transcript. An explanation of academic standing will be accepted in certain cases. Transcripts with hand written notes will not be accepted.
6. Attach a **copy of your State ID/Drivers License/Passport** for identification purposes

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