

**ORANGE COUNTY IMPERIAL COURT
HARVEY MILK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**



The Orange County Imperial Court is proud to offer the Harvey Milk Scholarship Award. This scholarship is awarded to applicants based on economic need, scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and contributions to the community (specifically to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual community.)

Award Requirements

To **qualify** for an OCIC Harvey Milk Scholarship Award an applicant **must** meet the following criteria:

- Applicant **must** reside within the boundaries of Orange County, California.
- Applicant **must** be fully admitted to any college, university, trade or vocational school.
- Applicant **may** be an incoming or continuing student.
- Applicant **must** meet academic/trade program's satisfactory academic progress criteria.
- Applicant **must** attend at least as a half-time student.
- Applicant **must** meet one of the following GPA requirements.
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for undergraduate/trade programs
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for graduate/professional programs

Application Procedure

1. Complete the application form in its entirety (see page 2.)
2. Attach a **personal essay** (max 500 words.) Describe your educational goals and objectives, your plan and time frame for meeting these goals, your professional goals, and your contributions to the community with emphasis on the LGBT community.
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. List any financial hardships and how receiving an OCIC Harvey Milk Scholarship Award would aid you with your educational pursuits.
4. Attach a one page **signed letter of recommendation** prepared by an individual other than a family or household member. This may be from a professor, a current/former teacher, a counselor, or an employer that knows you well...someone who can evaluate and attest to your academic ability and potential. Allow enough time for your referral to complete the letter so it can be submitted with your application. The letter should describe your strengths whether in academic achievement, intellectual abilities, leadership or character. Your letter of recommendation should be in a **sealed envelope signed across the seal by the person writing the referral** and submitted with your application.
5. Attach a **certified copy of academic/trade program transcripts**. If you are a first time student, attach a certified high school or GED transcript. A notarized affidavit of grades, including cumulative grade point average or explanation of academic standing will be accepted in certain cases when transcripts are not available. Electronic copies of transcripts will be accepted but must be certified. Transcripts with hand written notes will not be accepted.
6. **Application deadline is March 1st.** Mail the application and all required documentation to:

Orange County Imperial Court
Attn: Harvey Milk Scholarship Review Board
PO Box 11332
Westminster, CA 92685

No hand-delivered applications will be accepted. All applications will be reviewed by the Orange County Imperial Court review board and awarded to recipients at the annual Coronation Ball held at the end of April. Number of recipients and award amount will be determined on a yearly basis based on the amount of funds available and number of applicants. Recipients **must** be present at the annual Coronation Ball or at Orange County Imperial Court's May Board Meeting (held the second Wednesday of the month) to receive the scholarship. If recipient does not attend one of these to dates to receive the scholarship, monies will be forfeited and returned to the Orange County Imperial Court Scholarship Fund.

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| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | | |
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| Applicant Name (Last, First, Middle): | | | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): |
| Street Address: | | City, State: | Zip Code: |
| SSN or Student ID Number: | Daytime Phone: | Evening or Alternate Phone: | Email Address: |
| High School Graduation or GED Date: | Expected Graduation/Completion Date: | Do you plan to live in Orange County, CA after graduation? | |
| Class Standing (Check One): | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First time Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer/Continuing Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate | | | |
| Semesters/Quarters you will attend: | | Enrollment Status (Check One): | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time | |
| COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION | | | |
| Name: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| City, State: | | | Zip Code: |
| Major/Minor/Academic Area: | Applicant's Signature | | Date |

Documentation to Include with Application

- Personal Essay
- Statement of Financial Need
- Signed Letter of Recommendation
- Certified Copy of Academic/Trade Program Transcripts

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