



2026 United Waves Scholarship Fund Application

Applications due no later than June 15, 2026 to scholarship@iiclb.org

Scholarship Funding Range: \$1,000 - \$5,000

Scholarships Awarded for Fall 2026

LONG BEACH IMPERIAL COURT MISSION STATEMENT

To sponsor, support and promote charitable and educational programs and efforts; to raise funds for organizations within the Long Beach Empire in particular organizations within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community; to promote and recognize community leaders and to shine a light on those social service organizations that offer support and overall enrichment to those in need.

APPLICATION QUALIFICATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Note: You may only be awarded the Scholarship two (2) times in a four (4) year period.

____ Student attending California State University (Graduate/Undergraduate)

____ Student attending State or City College

____ Student at an accredited Trade or Vocational College

____ Resident of the Long Beach Empire attending a two (2) or four (4) year accredited college outside the Long Beach Empire*.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered

1. California Residency (attach a copy of valid driver's license or other legal identification card)
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (attach proof of GPA)
3. Minimum of six (6) semester units or quarterly equivalent at an accredited institution with proof of registration
4. Proof of high school enrollment (if applying for 1st semester of college)
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation (1 academic and 2 personal)
6. Personal Financial Statement (form attached)
7. Completed Essay per attached guidelines
8. Signed Copy of Application Statement of Understanding
9. Completed Application with all components must be received via one email to scholarship@iiclb.org in the following formats (.doc or .pdf)

*Cities in the Long Beach Empire include Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Gardena, Harbor City, Lakewood, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Signal Hill & Wilmington

PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Student/Applicant Name

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email

Social Media Handles (We will tag you in all relevant social media posts)

SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School Currently Attending

Class Level

Major

Student ID#

SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE INFORMATION**

Contact Person

Title

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

*** All information is required for University, State and Federal reporting purposes and will not be shared publicly outside of the required entities.*

GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY

Essays should be no longer than 500 words (12 pt Times New Roman; double spaced) and must be in your original voice - no AI assistance to write your essay. Topics covered should include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. Talk about who you are and what makes you unique
2. Describe your educational/career goals
3. Describe your extracurricular activities and scholastic achievements
4. Talk about your involvement with local non-profits, particularly any LGBTQ non-profit organizations
5. Explain why you deserve this scholarship
6. Create a 1-3 minute video of your essay with the points stated above

GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit a total of three (3) letters of recommendation. One (1) should come from academic sources with your essay read then signed and the additional two (2) should come from a personal source. Please use the following prompts when drafting your letter.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. In what capacity?
3. What leadership qualities come to mind when you think about the applicant?
4. Why should we select this applicant for the 2026 United Waves Scholarship?

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

The winner(s) of this round of scholarships will be selected by a committee vote and will be announced in June and the scholarship will be awarded for the Fall 2026 semester. All decisions are final. Dates subject to change.

Candidates for this scholarship should save June for a public event to be recognized for receiving the scholarship at a Long Beach Imperial Court Event.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ESTIMATED COSTS		ESTIMATED INCOME	
Tuition	\$	Applicant	\$
Books & Educational Supplies	\$	Spouse/Partner	\$
Room/Board	\$	Parent's contribution	\$
Transportation	\$	Savings	\$
Medical	\$	Other Scholarships	\$
		Fellowships	\$
		Veterans Benefits	\$
		Student Loans	\$
Total Cost Academic Year	\$	Total Income Academic Year	\$

STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Please initial and sign all of the below statements to ensure your application is processed

_____ I understand that all documents submitted as part of the 2026 United Waves Scholarship Fund Application become the property of the International Imperial Court of Long Beach, Inc and that my name, image, and essays may be published or announced at local events.

_____ I affirm that the information listed throughout this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If any information changes after the submission of this application I understand that it is my responsibility to update the information

_____ I affirm that the attached writings are my own work and upon submission of this application are the property of the International Imperial Court of Long Beach and will not be returned to me.

_____ I have read and understand the criteria for eligibility and the method of selection regarding the 2026 United Waves Scholarship and agree to the terms laid out in this application.

Completed Applications must be received no later than Jun 15, 2026
Via email to: scholarship@iiclb.org

NOTE: all documents must be attached in ONE email.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact Rod Dizer at scholarship@iiclb.org