2027 United Waves Scholarship Fund Application

Applications due no later than January 1, 2027 to scholarship@iiclb.org
Scholarship Funding Range: $500 - $5,000
Scholarships Awarded for Spring 2027

UNITED WAVES SCHOLARSHIP FUND MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to sponsor, support, and promote charitable and educational programs; raise funds for organizations serving the Long Beach Empire, particularly those supporting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, broader LGBTQ+ community, and our allies; recognize and celebrate community leaders; and highlight social service organizations that provide support, resources, and enrichment to individuals and communities in need.

APPLICATION QUALIFICATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Note: Applicants may apply for scholarship funding up to four (4) times within a four-year period. The total cumulative amount awarded to any individual applicant during that four-year period may not exceed $5,000.

_____ Student of the Long Beach Empire attending a California State University, State College, or City College, or an Accredited Trade or Vocational School.

_____ Student outside of Long Beach but a resident of Southern California attending a California State University, State College, or City College, or an Accredited Trade or Vocational School.

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. 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)***

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 2027 United Waves Scholarship?

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

The award(ees) of this round of scholarships will be selected by a committee vote and will be announced in March and the scholarship will be awarded for the Spring 2027 semester. All decisions are final. Dates subject to change.

Candidates for this scholarship need to be present on March 6, 2027 for a public event to be recognized for receiving the scholarship at Long Beach Coronation 56.

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 2027 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 2027 United Waves Scholarship and agree to the terms laid out in this application.*

_____ *Signature* _____*Date*

Completed Applications must be received no later than Jan 1, 2027
Via email to: scholarship@iiclb.org

You should receive a confirmation email within 72 hours.
If not received, please follow up ASAP.

NOTE: all documents must be attached in ONE email.

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