



The Imperial Court of Washington, DC

The Nicole Murray Ramirez/Mame Dennis Memorial Scholarship

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Imperial Court of Washington, DC's Nicole Murray Ramirez/Mame Dennis Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund is an opportunity to give back to the Mid-Atlantic LGBTQ+ community and promote higher education.

The Imperial Court of Washington, DC (ICWDC), founded in 2010, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is a chapter of the International Court System. The International Court System, founded in 1965, is an international non-profit organization with over 70 chapters spanning the United States of America, Canada and Mexico. The mission of both organizations is to perform noble deeds and services to each and every community that is represented by a charter. Each charter is an autonomous organization bound together in shared structure, policies, and goals. The International Court System has played a significant role in many local LGBTQ+ communities, nationally, spearheaded HIV/AIDS fundraising and services, human rights advocacy, and is for many the link to the LGBTQ+ community. We promote cooperation and communication among member courts, create awareness and visibility, and stake our place in LGBTQ+ history.

Qualifications and Obligations

- This scholarship is open to any individual that has either graduated or is about to graduate (high school or equivalent) who is interested in pursuing a level of higher education and identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community or who has a parent or guardian who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- In the event that the LGBTQ+ connection pertains to a parent or guardian, the parent/guardian will also be required to sign a media release for publicity purposes acknowledging that their names and/or images may be used in media or printed materials.
- The recipient(s) is requested to attend the annual ICWDC Gala of the Americas on **Saturday, September 10, 2022** or attend another official ICWDC Coronation Weekend event for the award presentation.
 - The recipient will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the Gala of the Americas
- Each application will need to provide proof of residency with the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania or Delaware.

- Each applicant will be required to include a copy of their high school, GED, or most recent post-secondary education transcript with their application.
- Prior to disbursement of award monies, the recipient will need to provide written proof, in the form of an acceptance letter, from the post-secondary accredited institution to the ICWDC, along with student identifier (ID number) and physical address for payment reception.
- Funds from the scholarship will be used as payment toward the recipient's tuition at a post-secondary accredited institution. Monies will be submitted directly to the institution as identified by recipient.
- **All applications must be typed.** Handwritten applications will be no accepted
- Completed applications shall be mailed to:
 - Imperial Court of Washington, DC
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2616
Washington, DC 20013

ALL APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 30, 2022



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The Nicole Murray Ramirez/Mame Dennis Memorial Scholarship Application

(Must be typed. Handwritten application will not be accepted)

Basic Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Legal Guardian (if applicant under 18 or if using as LGBTQ+ connection)

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Post-Secondary Education Institution

College/University/Trade/Technical School Attending:

Degree Pursuing: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No

Projected Start Date: _____

Write a 1000-word essay outlining your education plans, involvement with the LGBTQ+ community, how it has influenced your life, and how you would give back to the community.



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The Nicole Murray Ramirez/Mame Dennis Memorial Scholarship Release & Acknowledgement

Release

I have read and agree to the terms set forth in this scholarship application. I also consent that in the event that I am selected as the recipient of this scholarship, I authorize the Imperial Court of Washington, DC to use my name and image strictly for publicity purposes as deemed appropriate.

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Legal Guardian (If applicant is under 18 or being claimed as LGBTQ+ connection)

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Acknowledgement

All information mentioned in this application is filled out the truest and best of my abilities. Any purposely misleading or false information will result in dismissal and forfeiture of any and all award monies. In the event that misrepresentation is discovered after the scholarship monies have been awarded, the winning applicant will be responsible for repaying any and all monies awarded. Failure to pay back any funds will result in legal action.

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Legal Guardian (If applicant is under 18 or being claimed as LGBTQ+ connection)

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____