



THE INNOCENTS SOCIETY

The Chancellor's Senior Honorary University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Dear Junior:

The Innocents Society is the Chancellor's senior honorary at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Founded on April 24, 1903, and uniquely Nebraskan, the Society has been leading the campus in all aspects and promoting school spirit for more than 100 years. In the spring, thirteen new members are chosen from the junior class to carry on the Innocents Society's traditions and goals. Membership is based upon superior academic achievement, unparalleled leadership, and selfless service to the University and community.

The Innocents Society takes pride in being an active organization. This past year, the Society has co-hosted many events with Chancellor Ronnie Green, completed monthly service projects in the Lincoln community, participated in Homecoming Week activities, hosted the Corn Bowl Blood Drive Challenge, continued a trophy exchange with the University of Iowa's President's Leadership Society during the Nebraska-Iowa football game, and organized a volunteer trip across Nebraska.

Former Innocents Society members include: former U.S. Representative Howard Buffett, former President and Chair of the Cooper Foundation E.N. "Jack" Thompson, former Nebraska Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey, former University of Nebraska President James "J.B." Milliken, former Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning, and former NFL player Kyle Vanden Bosch. Honorary Innocents Society members include: former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, former Nebraska football coach, athletic director, and U.S. Representative Tom Osborne, former Nebraska football coach and athletic director Bob Devaney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Ronnie Green, former University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman, and University of Nebraska President Emertius Martin Massengale.

If you have any questions about the application or the Society, please contact Brett Begley, Kristina Zvolanek, or any other member listed below. You may also visit our website: <http://innocents.unl.edu>.

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Full Name: _____ Student Identification #: _____

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E-mail Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Permanent Address: _____ ZIP: _____

College: _____ Cumulative G.P.A.: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Transfer Student?: Yes / No If 'Yes,' from where?: _____

Total number of completed academic semesters not including Spring 2017: _____

Total number of completed credit hours toward undergraduate degree by August 2017: _____

Will you attend the University as a full-time student through the 2017-2018 academic year?: Yes / No

If 'No,' please explain: _____

A Note on Eligibility:

The Innocents Society only considers applications from UNL students who: (i) have maintained a minimum 3.3 G.P.A., (ii) have completed no fewer than four and no more than six academic semesters not including Spring 2017, (iii) have completed at least 89 total credit hours by August 2017, and (iv) plan to graduate no sooner than Spring 2018. Any eligibility questions may be directed to the Society's Selections Co-Chairs: Brett Begley and Kristina Zvolanek.

A Note on Shading:

Last year, the Innocents Society discontinued its tackling tradition in favor of a new tradition for selecting new members: "shading." During this formal presentation, each of the thirteen new members will receive a pair of sunglasses, an iconic symbol of the organization for nearly 50 years, to represent their selection into the Innocents Society. Any shading questions may be directed to the Society's advisor Michelle Waite at mwaite1@unl.edu or 402-472-2116.

Grade Release Form:

I hereby authorize the release of all academic information needed for consideration of my membership into the Innocents Society.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I. Academic Résumé:

Please include an academic résumé on one additional sheet of paper. List and briefly explain your academic involvement, membership in honorary organizations, and honors and awards in reverse chronological order. Please also provide your cumulative G.P.A., major(s), and minor(s). **Do not include your name on this page.**

II. Extracurricular Résumé:

Please include an extracurricular résumé on one additional sheet of paper. List and briefly explain your extracurricular involvement, service activities, and work experiences in reverse chronological order. **Do not include your name on this page.**

III. Essay Questions:

Please answer each of the following questions in no more than 300 words. Each response must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, double-spaced, and numbered appropriately. **Do not include your name on these pages.**

1. What one person, event, or activity has had the greatest influence on your intellectual development? Explain.
2. What is your leadership philosophy? Describe a situation in which you applied this philosophy to overcome a challenge or resolve a conflict.
3. What does selfless service mean to you? If selected to the Innocents Society, what one service project would you like to see your group undertake?
4. What are you most passionate about and why?
5. Create a unique prompt. Answer the prompt in no more than 300 words.

IV. Letter of Recommendation:

Please include one letter of recommendation in a signed, sealed envelope.

V. Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your application according to the following guidelines:

1. Include two copies of your academic résumé, extracurricular résumé, and essays. Include one copy of your personal information, letter of recommendation, and class and activity schedule. Do not staple or bind the contents of your application.
2. Include your name only on the pages that specifically request your name and/or signature. Do not include your name on any other pages.
3. Return your completed application in one sealed envelope labeled "Innocents Society" to 106 Canfield Administration Building by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017. If you apply to more than one senior honors society, please also submit one confidential preference form in a separate envelope.

Confidential Preference Form

Any student who applies to more than one UNL senior honor society must complete this confidential preference form. This form will be viewed only by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. No member of any senior honorary will know who has applied to what organizations, nor will any member know what preferences were indicated. This form will be destroyed after the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs assures that individual student preferences are honored.

If applying to all three organizations, please rank the order of your preferences by placing a "1" next to your first choice, a "2" next to your second, and a "3" by your third.

I, _____ (print name), if chosen for membership in multiple senior honor societies would prefer membership in this order:

_____ Omicron Delta Kappa _____ Mortar Board _____ Innocents Society

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return one copy of this form separate from your application in a sealed envelope addressed to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 106 Canfield Administration Building by 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2017. On the outside of the envelope, please write "Confidential Preference Form."