Dear First-Year Student:

The Innocents Society, James S. Pittenger, and Irvin Sherman Memorial Innocents Society Scholarships are awarded each year to currently-enrolled, full-time, first-year students displaying academic excellence, leadership qualities, and involvement in co-curricular activities.

The Innocents Society was founded at the University of Nebraska on April 24, 1903, through the efforts of several notable alumni, including George Condra and Roscoe Pound. Thirteen Juniors were chosen for the Chancellor’s Senior Honorary based on academic excellence, campus leadership, and selfless service. These first Innocents took charge of such activities as supervising pep rallies, selecting yell squad members, and organizing Homecoming festivities. Their goal was to promote school spirit and to create an appreciation for the greater things for which Nebraska stands. These ideals still describe the Innocents Society today.

Unlike most senior honoraries, the Innocents Society is uniquely Nebraskan, forming a link between the faculty and the student body while guarding significant University of Nebraska traditions.

Former members of the Innocents Society include former Senator Bob Kerrey, former United States Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, former Governor Norbert Tiemann, previous University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken and Nebraska State Attorney General Jon Bruning. Honorary Innocents include Senator Chuck Hagel, Chancellor Harvey Perlman, Congressman Tom Osborne, President Emeritus Martin Massengale, the late Athletic Director Bob Devaney, former Governor Charles Thone, former Congressman Doug Bereuter, and former Vice Chancellor James Griesen.

Throughout the past year, the Innocents Society has continued the trophy exchange with the University of Iowa’s President’s Leadership Society during the Nebraska-Iowa football game, hosted the Blood Rivals Blood Drive, organized a service trip across the state of Nebraska, participated in homecoming activities, and co-hosted numerous events with Chancellor Green. Currently, the Innocents Society is planning the annual Ivy Day celebration and other philanthropic and social events.

If you have any questions regarding the application or the organization, contact either member of the Society listed below or visit our website at innocents.unl.edu.

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Personal Information

Full Name: ________________________________ Student NUID: ________________________________

Current Address: ___________________________ ZIP: ___________ Phone: ___________________________

Email Address: ________________________________

Name(s) of Parent(s): ____________________________

Home Address: ____________________________ ZIP: ____________________________

College: ____________________________ Cumulative G.P.A.: ____________________________

Major(s): ____________________________ Minor(s): ____________________________

Number of credit hours completed towards your undergraduate degree as of December, 2019: ______

I authorize the release of all academic information needed for my consideration for the Innocents Society, James S. Pittenger, and Irvin Sherman Memorial Innocents Society Scholarship.

Date: ___________ Signature: ____________________________

On an additional page, list and briefly explain: (1) high school and college activities, honors, and scholarships, and (2) charitable and community service activities. Please also provide your cumulative GPA, major(s), and minor(s). Do not put your name on this page.

On an additional page in no more than 400 words, describe your most significant intellectual endeavor (science project, high school activity, volunteer project, etc.). Tell why you feel it made a difference. Conclude briefly with your opinion about how it demonstrates your leadership, scholarship, and service. Please type this essay double-spaced. Do not put your name on this page.

Return two copies of your completed application in a sealed envelope (labelled with Innocents Scholarship on the front) no later than 4:00 pm Friday, January 17, 2020 to 59 Canfield Administration Building.