



Drvol Family Innocents Society/Mortar Board Scholarship

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Senior Honor Societies



Dear Sophomore:

The Drvol Family Innocents Society/Mortar Board Scholarship is awarded each year to a currently enrolled, full-time sophomore who displays academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a dedication to service. The recipient of the scholarship is someone who is actively involved in the mentoring of others.

The Innocents Society is the Chancellor's senior honorary at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. 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. The Society was founded 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. Throughout the past year, the Innocents Society has completed monthly service projects in the Lincoln community, hosted the Blood Drive Challenge, organized a service trip across the state of Nebraska, participated in homecoming activities, and co-hosted numerous events with Chancellor Bennett.

Mortar Board, a national senior honor society, is an association of collegians selected for distinguished ability in scholarship, leadership, and service. Mortar Board was founded on February 15, 1918, at Syracuse University and has grown to include over 200 chartered chapters and 200,000 alumni. While it is an honor to be selected for membership in Mortar Board, it is the continued commitment to serve that differentiates Mortar Board from other honorary societies. During past years, Mortar Board has accomplished numerous activities including honoring individuals who have made a difference in students' lives through the People Who Inspire banquet, recognizing outstanding educators in the Professor of the Month award program, hosting exemplary University of Nebraska alumni during Master's Week, participating in our national Reading is Leading project, organizing the Jack Frost Jog benefitting the Team Jack Foundation, and connecting with Mortar Board chapters across the nation.

Please submit your application through an email to drvol scholarship@gmail.com **no later than 4:00 pm CST Friday, January 23rd, 2026**. Instructions for submission are on the following page.

If you have any questions regarding the application or the organizations, please contact any of the following members or visit our websites at innocents.unl.edu and unl.edu/mortarboard.

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The Drvol Family Innocents Society/Mortar Board Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Local Address: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s): _____

Home Address: _____ ZIP: _____

College(s): _____ Cumulative G.P.A.: _____

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

Number of credit hours completed towards your undergraduate degree as of December 2025: _____

I authorize the release of all academic information needed for my consideration for the Drvol Family Innocents Society/Mortar Board Scholarship. Virtual signatures are also accepted.

Signature _____ Date _____

Application Materials:

In order for us to select on merit, please include the following with your application.

- I. This attached form in PDF format, filled out and entitled “Personal Information”.
- II. A current résumé of college involvement in PDF format. Make sure to include any honors, awards, scholarship, leadership experience, and campus and community activities. The title of this document should be “Resume”.
- III. Include one letter of recommendation sent by your recommender in a separate email to drvolscholarship@gmail.com. The letter of recommendation should be completed by either your mentee or someone else in the place of your mentee (the mentee’s guardian, teacher, coach, etc.). The subject should be “Your Last Name, Your First Name Letter of Recommendation”, and the letter of recommendation should be a PDF attachment. This email should be received no later than **4:00 pm CST Friday, January 23rd, 2026**.
- IV. The response to the following prompt in 350 words or less and double-spaced as a PDF:

Describe a mentoring relationship in which you were the mentor. Tell how you have worked to make an impact on your mentee’s life. How has this relationship impacted you? The title of this document should be “Essay”.

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