**LGBTQ Scholarships**

**Instructions:**

We update our scholarships lists as often as we can, but if you see a scholarship that the deadline listed has passed, click on the link to see if it has re-opened since we last updated our list just in case!

Please read these quick tips to spot a scam:

1. Money flows to the student only. Reputable scholarships never charge you to apply.
2. Asking for membership to an organization is not the same paying to apply for a scholarship. Check the history of the organization, their membership benefits, and make sure their payment method is secure. Never pay in cash. Always get a receipt for proof to dispute a charge with your bank if needed.
3. Guarantees = lies. No scholarship is a guaranteed win.
4. Do not apply if the scholarship application is asking for non-relevant personal information. For example: maiden name, pet name, first school you attended, email password.
5. Leave a website immediately if they claim they have exclusive scholarships. Legitimate scholarship search engines or foundations always post scholarships which are public to others.
6. Be aware of the scholarships you applied for. Consider using our tracking sheet, if you want one you can download it at the top of the Aid Database page! Don’t ever send back information or money if you are receiving letters of potential awards you don’t recognize or remember applying to.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**The League Foundation**

<https://www.leaguefoundation.org/apply/>

<https://www.leaguefoundation.org/about-us-2/about-us-2/>

The applicant must:

* Be graduating from high school in the year he / she applies for a scholarship.
* Be a United States Citizen.
* Be attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school within the United States or Canada. Proof of acceptance is required.
* Provide an OFFICIAL copy of his / her high school transcript showing a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better using a 4.0 scale or equivalent. Weighted average can be used in this calculations. If the applicant’s high school does not use a numerical grading system, then a complete description of the measures of success and requirements for graduation is required.
* Complete 2 personal essays as outlined on the application form.
* Provide at least 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members.
* Prepare a detailed list of community involvement. "Extra-Credit" is given to those activities and leadership roles relating directly to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender communities.
* Sign an acknowledgement form agreeing to the outlined terms and conditions of the application. (See application form)

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance Scholarship Funds**

<http://agla.org/scholarships/>

Each year AGLA awards one outstanding high school senior with a $2,500 scholarship. Recipients are selected based on their demonstrated accomplishments in support of the school policies of diversity, fairness, and safety and/or their membership and activities in their schools’ Gay-Straight Alliance.

Funds scholarships for Arlington, VA public high school seniors who are active in their school's gay/straight alliance.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship**

<http://www.teamdc.org/>

<http://www.teamdc.org/scholarships/>

The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship is awarded to a self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) student-athlete who has made a contribution to the sport(s) he or she is a part of and, as a result of his or her contributions and involvement, has enhanced the perception of the LGBT community.

Awards are made to graduating high school seniors in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who will be attending a fully accredited two or four year college/university.

This includes the District of Columbia, Prince George’s County (MD), Montgomery County (MD), Calvert County (MD), St. Mary’s County (MD), Arlington County (VA), City of Alexandria (VA), Fairfax County (VA), and Prince William County (VA).

Candidates should demonstrate dedication to both academic and athletic excellence, as well as show promise of serving as a positive role model as a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender individual.

The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship will provide up to $2,000 of financial support to offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, room and board or books. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded annually.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration by the Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship Selection Committee:

Applicant must self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. (Note: Team DC is aware of potential issues around self-disclosure and respects the privacy of all applicants. Applicants do not have to be public in their self-disclosure, but they must self-identify as LGBT in order to be considered for this scholarship.)

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current college student and have demonstrated academic success.

Applicant must demonstrate active involvement/participation in interscholastic athletics or a competitive sport (club sport, recreation league, etc.). Sports include, but are not limited to, baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading/competitive cheer, crew, cross country, fencing, figure skating, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, sailing, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo, or wrestling. Activity in other sports can be considered. (NOTE: Applicants receiving other athletic scholarships must adhere to all NCAA rules concerning eligibility and reporting requirements.)

Applicant must supply an official copy of their most recent transcript from high school or college.

Applicant must intend to enroll full-time in an undergraduate program at a fully accredited two or four year college/university no later than fall 2016.

All questions should be directed to scholarship@teamdc.org.

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**Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community**

<http://www.apiqwtc.org/resources/apiqwtc-scholarship/>

The APIQWTC scholarship supports queer API women and transgender people in their pursuit of technical/professional training or higher education. The scholarship hopes to recognize those who are active in the community and encourage future leaders. APIQWTC will be awarding scholarships of $1,000 to two Asian/Pacific Islander lesbian, bisexual, or queer women or transgender individuals pursuing technical/professional training or an undergraduate/graduate degree.

Current students in a certificate or degree-granting program as well as high school seniors and other future students about to matriculate into certificate or degree-granting program should apply. Applicants should demonstrate academic commitment as well as community involvement.

APIQWTC will be awarding scholarships of $1000 to two Asian/Pacific Islander lesbian, bisexual, or queer women or transgender individuals pursuing technical/professional training or an undergraduate/graduate degree.

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**Hampton Roads Pride Scholarship Program**

<http://www.hamptonroadspride.org/scholarship/>

<http://www.hamptonroadspride.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/HRPride-Scholarship-Instructions.pdf>

Through the Hampton Roads Pride Scholarship Program we have been able to assist over 25 college bound area youth attend the college or university of their choosing. Scholarships are based on Merit, Academics and Community Involvement. Recipients are chosen by an outside jury. In 9 years the Scholarship Program has awarded nearly $60,000.

**Who Is Eligible?**

Any LGBTQ or LGBTQ ally seeking a degree at an accredited university or higher learning facility, regardless of concentration or major.

**NOTE:** This scholarship is not location specific, and any qualified candidate from Virginia or attending school in Virginia may apply.

In support of the LGBT business community, Hampton Roads Pride and Wells Fargo have partnered to offer a $2500 scholarship to an eligible student who identifies as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ), or is an LGBTQ ally. The scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

must currently be a junior or senior at an accredited college or university in Virginia;

must be a business major (supply chain or entrepreneurship concentrations preferred);

must have at least a 3.5 GPA (transcripts required);

demonstrated community service (1000 word essay required).

Official, current transcripts must be mailed to Hampton Roads Pride at the following address:

Hampton Roads Pride

P.O. Box 1118

Norfolk, Va. 23508-9998

A 1000-word essay is required for this scholarship. Please compose an essay that speaks to your community service experience, with emphasis placed on service to the LGBTQ community. Applications submitted without this essay will not be accepted.

As a reminder, this scholarship in partnership with Wells Fargo is separate from Hampton Roads Pride’s annual scholarships that are presented at PrideFest every year. Applicants for the business scholarship who are not selected as a winner have the option of automatically applying this application towards the general Hampton Roads Pride scholarships that will awarded at PrideFest on June 30, 2018.

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**Queer Foundation Effective Writing and Scholarships Program**

<http://queerfoundation.org/html/scholarship_application.html>

The **Queer Foundation Effective Writing and Scholarships Program** provides, nationwide, $1,000 college scholarships to outstanding LGBTQA high school students, winners of an annual essay contest to promote queer studies to improve the educational situation of queer youth. Collected, the essays form queer-the-curriculum materials for use in high schools to benefit all LGBTQA students.

Competing in the essay contest gives academically talented LGBTQA students another means and reason to be out and proud members of their communities—small or large—and to recognize that sexual minority status is seen as a plus.

**Purpose**

Scholarships enable LGBTQA youth, by means of their studies and effective writing, to contribute to building a stable future for queer youth through business/community involvement and self-directed improvement.

**How Are Queer Scholars Selected?**

Successful gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their friends volunteering their time identify and coach talented and academically gifted queer youth in writing an essay dealing with the announced theme. Their friends can also submit essays. A panel of judges will evaluate the essays. Authors of winning essays will be invited to an interview and, upon passing the interview and reference check, will be awarded $1,000 scholarships to the U.S. college or university of their choice.

**What Support Do Queer Scholars Receive and What Is Expected of Them?**

Queer Scholars receive mentoring, academic advising, and tutoring to enable them to succeed in their studies. In return they are expected to (a) maintain a suitable grade point average as determined by the college or university, (b) practice self care, and (c) give back to the community through doing community service, authoring queer studies papers, and/or mentoring high school or other college students. There is, however, no required check-in or report back.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Out to Innovate Scholarships**

<https://www.noglstp.org/?page_id=78>

NOGLSTP established the Out To Innovate™ Scholarships for LGBT STEM Students, following NOGLSTP’s inaugural Out to Innovate™ Career Summit for LGBT People in STEM. These scholarships are intended for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) programs who are either lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or an active ally of the LGBT community. The scholarships are designed to promote academic excellence and increased visibility of talented LGBT students in STEM careers.

The next scholarships will be awarded for the academic year, and will be funded by the Motorola Solutions Foundation. Students currently enrolled at any U.S.-based college or university that meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply.

The mission of the Out to Innovate™ Scholarships is to:

* Award scholarships to LGBT or LGBT-supportive students currently enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) or STEM-related teaching fields.
* Honor students who support a creative educational community that increases the visibility and the accomplishments of LGBT and LGBT-supportive students
* Encourage students to be out in their careers and support diversity in the STEM workforce

Scholarship Awards: Two $5000 scholarships will be awarded for the academic year. One $5000 scholarship will go to an undergraduate student, and one $5000 scholarship will go to a graduate/professional level student. Students currently enrolled at any U.S.-based college or university is eligible to apply.

Award Guidelines:

* Scholarship awards will be paid in the semester/quarter only.
* Scholarships must be used in the academic year.
* Scholarships are not guaranteed from one year to the next.
* All awards will be credited to the awardees’ college/university account and used towards the awardees’ tuition.
* Graduate/professional students may have the award credited to a research/fellowship account.

Eligibility:

* Successful completion of a minimum of two years of post-high school education at an accredited college or university
* Maintenance of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for the entirety of college/university enrollment
* A declared major in an accredited STEM or STEM-related teaching field
* Be an active supporter of and participant in programs or organizations that promote LGBT inclusion and visibility
* Students must be eligible for fall term registration and must not be under disciplinary sanction.

Application Package:

* application form with signed waiver, which includes
* personal information
* academic and community achievements
* demographics survey
* coursework / program summary
* work experience
* awards/honors
* community and extracurricular activities
* financial aid profile
* list of references
* personal statement (essay)
* official transcript
* three letters of reference

Where to send the application package:

Scholarship Committee

NOGLSTP

PO Box 91803

Pasadena CA 91109

Late or incomplete application packages will not be evaluated

Electronic submissions will not be accepted

Questions: David Crombecque, Ph.D., NOGLSTP Scholarship Program Coordinator at: scholarships at noglstp.org

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Virginia Pride Scholarship**

<http://www.vapride.org/scholarship2018>

<http://www.vapride.org/about-2>

Virginia Prides’s Board of Directors is proud to assist members of the LGBT Community and their family, friends and supporters with the expenses of post high school education.

All questions should be sent, via e-mail, to [scholarships@vapride.org](http://www.vapride.org/gpv-scholarship-program/mailtoscholarship@vapride.org)

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Parents, Friends, Lesbians and Gays Scholarship**

<https://www.pflag.org/scholarship>

The PFLAG Richmond chapter is pleased to offer an annual scholarship of $500 (subject to funds availability).

The scholarship is available to students ages 16-21 who are high school graduates and plan to attend an accredited college, university or trade school. The focus is on activism for, within and on behalf of the LGBT community. It is open to sexual and gender minority students, as well as allies.

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- **The NGPA Education Fund**

<https://www.ngpa.org/scholarships>

The NGPA Education Fund (NGPA-EF) provides scholarships to aspiring aviators pursuing careers as professional pilots and who have demonstrated community involvement, including support of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual & transgender (LGBT) community. We have given more than $149,000 in 41 awards since 1998.

To be eligible for an NGPA Education Fund Scholarship, an individual must:

* be seeking to develop professional aviation skills and ratings beyond their private pilot certificate.
* be at least 18 years of age at the date of application; and
* have earned at least a private pilot certificate.

Scholarship funds may be used to pay for:

* advanced flight training (e.g., instrument, multi-engine, commercial, instructor, or ATP);
* tuition and fees, within a flight education program at an accredited college or university, which cover the cost of advanced flight training.

Funds may not be applied towards a sport, recreational or private pilot certificate.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**NWSA Lesbian Caucus Award**

<http://www.nwsa.org/content.asp?contentid=16>

The purpose of the annual NWSA Lesbian Caucus Award is to provide a $500 research award in recognition of a Master’s Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation research project that resonates with the mission of NWSA and the goals of the Lesbian Caucus.

Letters of recommendation must be sent to:

NWSA

Attn: Lesbian Caucus Award

7100 Baltimore Ave #203

College Park, MD 20740

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Women in Medicine Scholarships**

<https://womeninmedicine.org/>

<https://womeninmedicine.org/leadership-scholarships/>

Women in Medicine will present four $5,000 academic leadership scholarships for LGBTQ female medical students enrolled in allopathic or osteopathic medical schools in the United States or Canada this year. Applications and letters of references are due April 15, 2016. The scholarships will be presented at the WIM annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, which will be held August 3-7, 2016. The medical students must be present at the retreat to receive their awards. Applicants should be in good academic standing, and have actively contributed/demonstrated leadership for the LGBTQ community.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Point Foundation LGBTQ scholarship**

<https://pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/>

Point Foundation empowers promising LGBTQ students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential despite the obstacles often put before them to make a significant impact on society.

Very strong academic performance is one characteristic that Point seeks in all its applicants and subsequent scholars. Additionally, proven leadership skills and the desire to make a difference in the world are highly valued. Each person who applies for a Point Scholarship is evaluated on the totality of their situation. Academic achievement, personal merit, leadership, involvement in the LGBTQ community, professional experiences, financial need, marginalization, personal and future goals are all taken into consideration.

**Does Point encourage graduate and post-graduate students to apply?**

Yes. Applicants from all levels of higher education may apply for Point's scholarship award.

**Are community college students eligible to apply?**

Yes, as long as the student is asking for financial support to transfer to an accredited four-year university beginning in the fall semester. Point does not currently fund education at the community college level.

**If I am a senior in high school and I do not know yet where I will be attending college, can I still apply to be a Point Scholar?**

Yes, Point understands that many applicants will not have finalized plans for their education at the time that they apply. You neither have to be enrolled nor accepted to a particular program/university to apply to be a Point Scholar.

**I would like to apply for a scholarship to study in spring of 2013. May I submit an application now?**

No, scholarship awards for spring are not available. Only applicants who are either starting or continuing their education in the fall are eligible to apply.

**I have taken the past several years off to begin my career, but now I am looking to go back to school for a second degree. Is there an age limit to apply to become a Point Scholar?**

No, there is no age limit to be eligible to become a Point Scholar. You may apply at any time during either your education or career as long as you plan to be enrolled full-time by the fall.

**If I am planning to complete my degree through an online program, am I eligible to apply for a Point Foundation Scholarship?**

No, Point does not provide support for students who pursue an education or a special program solely online. Point believes it is important for Point Scholars to be a part of an academic community and interact face-to-face with other students and faculty on a regular basis while earning a degree and representing Point.

**Do I need to identify within the LGBTQ community to apply? Will I be expected to reveal this identification to the public?**

Yes, each person who receives a Point Scholarship Award is expected to be “out” as a person who identifies as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allied (LGBTQA) individual. To let our donors know where their support is going, we post a picture and a short bio of each scholarship award recipient on Point’s website. Additionally, Point Scholars are expected to attend and occasionally speak about their own experience of being an LGBTQA identified individual in public settings such as fundraisers and conferences.

**If my career goals are not exclusively focused on the LGBTQ community may I still apply?**

Yes, Point selects scholars whom it believes have made a contribution to the LGBTQ community and who will continue to do so in the future. Some scholars will choose a career that focuses on the LGBTQ community and others will use their skills and influence in other ways, while not working full-time on LGBTQ issues. Talent and a drive to contribute to society are key characteristics of a Point Scholar. Point welcomes accomplished scholars in all fields.

**I am not sure that I qualify (or identify) as either financially disadvantaged or marginalized, but I am confident that I have many of the other strengths (history of leadership, dedication to a field, etc.). Should I still apply?**

Yes, you may qualify and should apply. Point's selection committee weighs all facets of each person's application. Academic achievement, personal merit, leadership, professional experiences, financial need, marginalization, future and personal goals are all considered. Point supports scholars who have a variety of needs and who demonstrate a record of accomplishment and high achievement.

**Are Point's scholarship awards restricted to any specific geographic regions?**

Point's scholarship awards are limited only to scholars who are enrolled within the United States of America.

**Does Point provide scholarships to citizens of foreign countries?**

Point's application process is open to all college students regardless of citizenship. However, the organization's scope of support is limited to higher educational pursuits at accredited institutions that are located within the borders of the United States of America.

**If I apply and am not selected as a Point Scholar, may I reapply?**

Yes, applicants may reapply the following year. Point does not keep copies of semifinalist/finalist materials from previous application cycles; thus materials submitted in the past must be resubmitted for consideration.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Pride Foundation and Greater Seattle Business Association scholarships**

<https://pridefoundation.org/find-funding/scholarships/>

<https://pridefoundation.org/find-funding/scholarships/guidelines/>

The following are required criteria for all Pride Foundation and Greater Seattle Business Association scholarships:

**Northwest Residency:**

Applicants must be a resident of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon or Washington but may study elsewhere. Applicants are considered a resident of one of these states if they currently live within that state and have done so for at least three months prior to the application deadline; or have lived within that state for at least one year at any time within the five years prior to the application deadline; or have lived within that state for more than one year at any time and have been continuously enrolled in an accredited academic institution for the five years prior to the application deadline.

**LGBTQ Community Involvement:**

Preference is given to students who are self-identified LGBTQ, members of LGBTQ families, or straight allies who have been strongly supportive of the LGBTQ community. All scholarships emphasize demonstrated commitment to equality and civil rights for all people.

**Pursing Post-Secondary Education:**

Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary education. This includes community college, four year public or private college or university, certificate programs, vocational/technical/trade programs, law school, medical/dental/veterinary school, or graduate education. Current college students and those individuals planning to enroll in a program next year are eligible as are current high school seniors. High school freshman, sophomores, or juniors are not eligible nor are individuals who are not planning to enroll in higher education next year.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**American Atheists and LBGT scholarship**

<http://atheists.org/scholarship>

American Atheists wants to celebrate student activism by awarding scholarships to students who demonstrate atheist activists in their communities and schools.

The Founders' Scholarships grant a first-place award of $2,000 and runner-up award of $1,000 to atheist students going to college.

American Atheists is proud to also award a $1,000 scholarship for LGBT atheist activism.

The scholarships can be used by current college students or by high school students entering college the upcoming year. Applicants must be atheists and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (in academic subjects) or better. Race, gender, sexual orientation, political views, etc., are never taken into consideration – applicants are judged based on their actions as atheists.

You do not have to be a member of American Atheists to apply for a scholarship, but you do have to be a member to accept a scholarship if you win. All applicants are offered a free one year membership to American Atheists.

**How are the recipients chosen?**

American Atheists is an organization of activists, so our scholarships are awarded based on activism. Qualified applicants must submit an entry form and any and all information or evidence they have of their activism for the previous year. Examples include:

* Letters printed in newspapers.
* Letter to politicians about key issues with the replies from those politicians.
* Letters of testimonials from teachers, friends, or other activists.
* Evidence that you sponsor an Atheist TV show, podcast, blog, etc.
* Student essays.
* Photos.

While all activism is important and considered, special attention is given to those students who show activism specifically in their schools, such as starting an atheist group or fighting against violations of the separation of church and state within their school.

Please note that merely writing an essay will not win you the scholarship. This is about activism, and your essay should be about your activism for the cause of atheist civil liberties, the separation of church and state, or presenting a positive view of atheism to the general public and your fellow students and faculty. Show proof: include clippings, printouts, copies of letters, etc. Writing well is important, but we will accept a poorly written essay about activism over a well-written essay about nothing any day.

**How to enter:**

Winning is hard, but entering is easy. Simply fill out the entry form and submit it along with a 500- to 1,000-word essay, and all supporting documentation via email: [scholarship@atheists.org](mailto:scholarship@atheists.org)

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**LIVE OUT LOUD Educational Scholarship**

<http://www.liveoutloud.info/programs/scholarship/>

The LIVE OUT LOUD Educational Scholarship was created to provide financial support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) youth who are pursuing a college degree.  Through this scholarship, LGBTQ youth can apply for funds to pay for educationally related expenses to pursue a degree from an accredited college, university, or technical/vocational program. This year Live Out Loud is awarding 5 scholarships for $5,000.00 each.

Application Guidelines and Procedures

* This award is open only to Graduating High School seniors who identify as LGBTQ.
* Applicants need to be from the Tri-State area including New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.
* Award criteria are based on the demonstration of past leadership and community  
  service involvement, academic credentials, personal essay, letters of recommendation,  
  an individual interview, financial need, and future goals.
* Applicants must send (a) the completed application form; (b) two letters of  
  recommendation; (c) two essays.
* Finalists must participate in an individual interview that will be scheduled in March.
* The scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony
* All applications must be complete for consideration.
* Any incomplete applications will not be considered.
* Live Out Loud is not required to award all 5 scholarships annually. Awards are given  
  only to applicants approved by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria above

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Lax Scholarship Fund for Gay Men**

<http://breadrosesfund.org/grants-scholarships/lax-scholarship-fund/>

The Lax Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 by the late entrepreneur and inventor Jonathan R. Lax for the purpose of encouraging gay men to obtain additional education; aspiring to positions in which they contribute to society; being out about their sexual orientation; and acting as role models for other gay men with similar potential.

Tuition scholarships are awarded in amounts up to $20,000 to men from the five-county Philadelphia region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties) and Camden County, who are attending accredited colleges, graduate or professional schools anywhere, or to men attending such schools within the Philadelphia region.

Applicants should be either from the five-county Philadelphia metropolitan region, attending a qualified school in or out of the region, or from outside the region, attending college, graduate or professional school within the region. Please click here to access the Lax Scholarship requirements checklist. For more questions, please contact lax@breadrosesfund.org

Bread & Roses Community Fund

The Philadelphia Building

1315 Walnut Street

Suite 1300

Philadelphia, PA 19107

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**The Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA), formerly known as the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA)**

**The Kenneth W. Payne Prize for outstanding anthropological scholarship by a student on a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered topic**

<http://queeranthro.org/awards/the-kenneth-w-payne-student-prize/>

The Kenneth W. Payne Student Prize is presented each year by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) to a graduate or undergraduate student in acknowledgement of outstanding anthropological work on 1) a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender topic, or 2) a critical interrogation of sexualities and genders more broadly defined. Papers are judged according to the following criteria: use of relevant L/G/B/T/Q and/or feminist anthropological theory and literature, potential for contribution to and advancement of queer studies and our understanding of sexualities worldwide, attention to difference (gender, class, race, ethnicity, nation), originality, organization and coherence, and timeliness.

The Prize includes a cash award in the amount of $400. Submissions are encouraged from graduate or undergraduate students in any of the four fields of anthropology. To be eligible for consideration, work should have been completed since June 2011 and while the applicant was still enrolled as a student. Research papers as well as visual media (e.g. documentary film) are eligible for submission for this competition. Papers should be no longer than 40 pages, double-spaced, and typed in 11 or 12 point font; published papers or works accepted for publication will not be accepted for review. Visual media should run no longer than 60 minutes; media projects already under contract for commercial distribution will not be accepted for review.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Gamma Mu Foundation Scholarships**

<https://gammamufoundation.org/scholarship-guidelines/>

The Gamma Mu Scholarships Program provides support to gay men who want to further their education at a college, university, or vocational or professional training program. In addition, effective 2016, the Gamma Mu Scholarship Program will award one scholarship annually (“The Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship in Memory of Ray Williams”) to a student from the broader LGBT community. These programs support a wide range of educational options, including vocational and technical training, associate, bachelors and graduate degrees. The Foundation will not fund online education degree programs. Scholarships are offered for full-time study beginning at an accredited institution or program of the student's choice. We strongly urge students to also review the tab on this web site labeled "Scholarship FAQ's."

**Eligibility:**

**NOTE: No affiliation with Gamma Mu is required.**

Scholarships are awarded based upon financial need and the desire to pursue additional training through academic or vocational endeavors. The applicant must be a gay man (with the exception of the “Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship In Memory of Ray Williams” which will be awarded to an LGBT student) under 35 years of age, have completed high school (or GED) by June of the current year, and be a U.S. citizen. Preference is given to 1) students who are living in, have come from, or plan to attend school in a rural and/or underserved area; 2) students who have overcome issues of discrimination and/or marginalization within their community; 3) students who demonstrate leadership qualities and pursue goals to benefit the GLBT community; and 4) students who demonstrate a strong academic performance. All of these key factors are taken into consideration in evaluating scholarship applications. To qualify for a scholarship, students must:

**NOTE:** The Foundation has received several inquiries regarding the age limit. We understand that there are many who seek education later in life, and that the problem may be exacerbated for those students in rural and/or underserved areas. Quite often the discrimination and marginalization endured in these areas results in individuals not being able to earn a college degree in their early 20's. However, the main mission of our Program is to target young people who are just starting out in life and have no previous work history, income, or resources to help finance higher education.

Historically, scholarship recipients have received an award of between $1,000 and $2,500 to use during the following year of under- or post-graduate study or in the vocational program in which he is enrolled.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Rainbow Business and Professional Association**

<https://rbpa.org/#scholarship>

To benefit deserving students by granting scholarships to individuals enrolled in an accredited program and to enhance self-esteem; to recognize and foster diversity; and to reward and support sensitivity to human rights.

To promote positive role models for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals in the academic environment and community at large.

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Bisexual Foundation Scholarship Award**

<http://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/awards/bisexual.aspx?tab=1>

Annual fund awarding up to $1, 000 per award to selected graduate students to advance research on the psychology of bisexuality.

The Bisexual Foundation Scholarship is an annual fund awarding up to $1000 per award to selected graduate students to advance research on the psychology of bisexuality. This new award recognizes the growing importance of research on bisexuality to the field of LGBT issues in psychology and offers concrete support and encouragement to emerging scholars in this field.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a Department of Psychology at the graduate level. Applications from students in allied disciplines, such as social work and sociology, cannot be considered at this time.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Malyon-Smith Psychology Scholarship**

<http://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/awards/malyon-smith.aspx>

The Malyon-Smith Scholarship is named for two founding past-presidents of the Division, the late Alan Malyon and the late Adrienne Smith. It is a fund that annually awards up to $1000 to selected graduate students in psychology to advance research in the psychology of sexual orientation and gender identity. The award represents one of the Division's major efforts to mentor and support science in LGBT psychology by encouraging the work of young researchers.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a Department of Psychology at the graduate level. Applications from students in allied disciplines, such as social work and sociology, cannot be considered at this time.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Transgender Research Award**

<http://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/awards/transgender.aspx?tab=2>

The division honors research that makes a notable contribution to the understanding, health, and well-being of transgender people and gender diversity in society.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association Scholarships**

<http://www.nlgja.org/resources/aarons/>

The National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association has several scholarships and internships for LGBT journalism students

NLGJA puts emphasis on the education and development of tomorrow's journalists and communications professionals. Not only does NLGJA internship programs in California and DC, but also scholarship opportunities, as well as an opportunity at the student project each year with NLGJA's Summit & Convention.

Contact Matthew Rose for more information about specific student programs: [mrose@nlgja.org](mailto:mrose@nlgja.org)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**National Organization of Black Lesbians on Aging**

<http://zaminobla.org/audrelordescholar.html>

From 1995- 2008, the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund, administered by ZAMI: Atlanta’s Premiere Organization for Lesbians of African Descent based in Atlanta, Georgia awarded over $200,000 in scholarships and expenses to out LGBT students of color globally. In 2013, the scholarship fund was re- launched by ZAMI NOBLA to provide scholarship assistance solely to black lesbians 40 and older in the United States.

The ***Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards*** are designed to recognize **out\***black lesbians making significant contributions to their communities. ZAMI NOBLA wants to support and encourage their continuing education by providing scholarships to those women enrolled in accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs.

\*Out is defined as an acknowledgement of lesbian identify to self, and to family, friends, and community.

**Eligibility:**

* An out black lesbian who is 40 years old or older attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States
* Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution
* Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 3.0 or higher

Please do not submit an application if you do not meet the eligibility requirements as your application will not be reviewed. No exceptions to the eligibility requirements are considered. The Fund does not offer scholarships for weekend programs, summer sessions, research, special projects, or for study out of the country.

**Requirements:**

* Submit official/unofficial up- to- date academic transcript (s) supporting the GPA entered on your application. You may send transcripts only from your most recent school(s), provided two semesters of study are included.
* Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman or transfer student.
* Completion of two of five essay questions outlined in the application. Do not combine answers. Each essay answer must be at least a page in length.
* Three letters of recommendations~ one must be from a teacher/ professor, one must be from a supervisor/ mentor, and one from an activist/organizer in the LGBT community. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
* A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality headshot photograph. We prefer to receive photographs by email. Application will not be accepted if a clean headshot is not enclosed. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Scholarship Amount: $1000

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards**

[http://www.colinhiggins.org](http://www.colinhiggins.org/yca/process-timeline-inactive/)

Each year, the Colin Higgins Foundation salutes and celebrates courage in the face of adversity and discrimination by awarding $10,000 individual grants to:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirit, Queer and Questioning youth activists

(through age 20) who have transformed their experiences with bigotry and discrimination into opportunities to inspire others by taking action, rallying support, building community, and working to change the systems and institutions that impact their lives.

Colin Higgins Youth Courage Award winners receive: an individual grant of $10,000; a trip to Los Angeles for an honorary celebration with special guests; and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change presented by the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce.

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**The SMYAL LGBT Youth Leadership Award Program**

<http://www.smyal.org/scholarship>

The SMYAL LGBT Youth Leadership Award Program will provide up to $8,000 of financial support to offset the cost of college expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, room and board or books. Individual awards range up to $2,000 and are paid directly to the student in their first semester of college. Winners must be enrolled in a fully accredited two or four year college/university no later than spring 2017, or actively applying to college. Awards will be made to students once enrolled and attending their selected college/university.

Self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) high school seniors from the DC Metro Area, who have demonstrated personal growth and leadership in their school or community are encouraged to apply!

Eligibility:

* Self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender (LGBT).
* Have demonstrated personal growth and leadership in your community.
* Not be related to, the spouse of, the domestic partner of any Selection Committee member or SMYAL board or staff member.
* Consider your comfort level with being selected. Winners will have their picture and biography publicized.
* Be a high senior in the Washington, DC Metro Area.

This includes the District of Columbia, Prince George's County (MD), Montgomery County (MD), Calvert County (MD), St. Mary's County (MD), Arlington County (VA), Fairfax County (VA), and Prince William County (VA).

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**University of Virginia Serpentine Society LGBTQ Scholarship**

<https://aig.alumni.virginia.edu/serpentine/awards-scholarships/scholarships/>

The Serpentine Society administers several scholarships for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students across the course of their UVa career, both incoming first-year students and upper-class students who distinguish themselves as exemplary student leaders. A list of prior recipients is [here](http://aig.alumni.virginia.edu/serpentine/previous-scholarship-recipients/).

Today, these funds collectively award three $5,000 scholarships annually, a total of $15,000, to promising LGBTQ and allied students, helping them achieve their full academic and leadership potential.

Additional awards and scholarship opportunities for LGBTQ and allied students include:

* [UVa Alumni Association](http://alumni.virginia.edu/scholarships/): list of scholarship opportunities
* [UVa Center for Undergraduate Excellence](http://www.virginia.edu/cue/scholarships.html): database of undergraduate fellowships and scholarships
* [Undergraduate Admissions Office](http://www.admission.virginia.edu/scholarships): list of UVa fellowships, scholarships, and grants
* [Women, Gender & Sexuality Essay Awards](http://wgs.virginia.edu/essay_awards)
* [Double Hoo Research Grant](http://www.virginia.edu/cue/research_opportunities.php?go=6)
* [Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards](http://www.virginia.edu/cue/harrison.html)
* More scholarships of interest: [WGS Scholarship List](http://www3.alumni.virginia.edu/multimedia/aig/serpentine/wgslist.xlsx)

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* [Human Rights Campaign](http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/scholarship-database): database of scholarships, fellowships, and grants for LGBT and allied students at both the undergraduate and graduate level
* [LEAGUE Foundation](http://www.leaguefoundation.org/): scholarships for LGBT high school seniors entering their first year of institutions of higher learning

**---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------The Virginia Commonwealth University Burnside-Watstein LGBT Award**

[http://www.omsa.vcu.edu](http://www.omsa.vcu.edu/scholarships/)

<https://inclusive.vcu.edu/diversity-awards/lgbtqia-burnside-watstein-award/>

The Burnside-Watstein LGBT Award is given annually by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Subcommittee of VCU’s Equity and Diversity Committee to one or more individuals who enrich the community at VCU and make a significant difference in the lives of LGBT faculty, staff and students. ‌

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**Another great resource is the Campus Pride National Scholarship Database which has tons of location specific scholarship opportunities.**

<https://www.campuspride.org/national-scholarship-database/>