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Scholarship Application Worksheet



Pride Foundation and the GSBA Scholarship Fund provides educational scholarships to current and future lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight-ally leaders and role models from Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Washington. There are nearly 50 different types of scholarships offered, but only one application to complete. Pride Foundation and GSBA's LGBT and straight ally scholarship program is one of the largest of its kind in the country with specific scholarships for:

- Students from various geographic areas in the Northwest
- Students of color
- Students raised by LGBT parents
- And many, many more!

Most of our scholarships cover any accredited post-secondary school. This includes community colleges, 4-year public or private colleges and universities, trade or vocational training, creative studies programs, certificate programs, medical or law schools, graduate studies, or other accredited degree programs.

In order to be eligible for our scholarships you must be a resident of one of the five states we cover (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington). Pride Foundation & GSBA considers a person a "resident" of a state if they: a) currently live within that state and have done so for at least three months prior to the application deadline; or b) have lived within that state for at least one year at any time within the five years prior to the application deadline. Eligibility will also be granted to applicants that have lived within a state for more than one year even if it was more than five years prior to the application deadline provided they have been continuously enrolled in an accredited academic institution during the past five years.

Pride Foundation and GSBA scholarship funds may cover nearly any education-related expense that can be charged to your student account. This may include tuition, fees, books, supplies, on-campus housing, and study abroad programs. If all tuition and fees are covered, you will need to contact Pride Foundation to discuss other uses (such as graduate student research or professional development). Scholarship funds cannot be used for loan repayment, off-campus housing, travel, computer purchases, transportation or childcare expenses, or non-academic uses.

Before you begin

In order to complete the application, you will need certain pieces of information. This includes:

- your most recent transcript in PDF format (we'll help you get it into this format)
- tuition and related financial information from your school or program (this can usually be found online under your school's admissions page)
- your own unique email address that you check frequently for your account login

You will be unable to submit the application without these pieces. If you have additional questions along the way, visit www.PrideFoundation.org/scholarships and click on "Questions & Answers" for a list of frequently asked questions.

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Application Components

The application is made up of eight (8) separate parts. You can begin your application and complete it over time. You can also complete the sections in any order you wish. Each page allows you to save and return to that part before you submit. The application pages are:

- 1) **Contact Info:** this includes your name, mailing and permanent addresses, phone number, and email address
- 2) **Basic Info:** demographics, such as your sexual orientation and gender identity, which help us match you with specific scholarships
- 3) **Recommendations:** You will need to provide contact information for two (2) references. Recommendations are also due January 31 and we cannot accept late ones! We suggest you complete this section early to ensure the person writing your recommendations has sufficient time to respond. Consider asking a teacher, professor, adviser, or someone who has supervised you as a volunteer or employee. Before you input their information, please ask them so they are not surprised!
- 4) **Educational History:** an opportunity to tell us schools you have attended, explain grades if necessary, and upload your most recent transcript
- 5) **Educational Goals & Finances:** tell us about where you are going or programs you are considering and share your income and expenses. You will need to know tuition, room & board (if applicable), school supplies, and other expenses for your top school choice to complete this section. You can usually find this information on your school's admissions page.
- 6) **Scholarship Criteria:** Some of our scholarships have been set up by donors to have additional criteria, such as those studying specific academic fields or those from a specific geographic region
- 7) **Essay Questions:** this is a very important section that helps us learn more about you as a candidate. You will be asked to discuss your educational and career goals, highlight activities and experiences, discuss how you plan to contribute to the LGBT community, discuss personal challenges, and share a favorite quote. Returning applicants will also be asked to complete an essay where you tell us about your experience since receiving a Pride Foundation and/or GSBA scholarship.
- 8) **Artwork or music (optional):** if you are studying choral conducting, music, visual arts, interior design, graphic design, or fashion, you will be asked to submit electronic copies of your work. Please have a sample ready for online submission. If you need assistance uploading your work, just email us!

If you want to take a break or leave the application, just click "Logout" on the bottom left part of the application site. If you need to update your email address or password, click on "My Account" to do so.

Helpful Tips

- The application is your chance to tell us about yourself!
- Remember to be thorough and honest in your responses.
- Proofread your application several times!
- Consider asking someone you know and trust to help you with proofreading too!
- Do not use slang or abbreviations that reviewers will not know.

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APPLICATION WORKSHEET

You can print this preview worksheet and use it to help you draft your responses to the application. Once you've finished, you can log into PrideFoundationScholar.org & complete the actual application.

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Contact Information

Preferred First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Legal Name: _____

(If your first name is different on your school account, please list it above)

Phone #: _____

Current Address: _____

(This is where you live now)

Current City & State: _____

Current County: _____

(NOT County!)

Permanent Address: _____

(This is where you live during the summer. If it is the same as your current address, you can leave this section blank)

Permanent City & State: _____

Permanent County: _____

(NOT County!)

(For both addresses, you will need to tell us how long you have lived there. An estimate is okay.)

Basic Info

Have you previously received our scholarship? When? _____

What is your date of birth? MM ___ /DD ___ /YYYY _____

What is your sexual orientation? _____

What is your gender identity? _____

What is your preferred gender pronoun? (e.g., she, ze, hir) _____

What is your race or ethnicity? _____

What is the primary language you speak? _____

Are you a person with a disability? YES NO NO ANSWER

Do you have any dependents you support? _____

Do you have an LGBTQ parent or guardian? YES NO UNKNOWN

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Recommendations

Applicants are required to provide two recommendations to be considered for our scholarships. Recommendations must be submitted using the online system and we cannot accept more than two recommendations per applicant.

Your recommenders will be asked to comment on your academic abilities, community involvement, potential for success, and your commitment to the LGBTQ community using a web based form. Recommendations provide another perspective on you that can be used to help us select the most qualified candidates. Your recommendations can come from a teacher, professor, instructor, counselor, academic representative, mentor, supervisor, or other individual who can speak to your qualifications as an applicant. Recommendations cannot be from family members, friends, or partners.

Name of Recommender #1: _____

Name of Recommender #2: _____

We'll provide instructions on how to ask your recommenders to complete the online form. **Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure they complete it on time so start this portion early to ensure your recommenders have enough time!**

Education History

What is your current education status? I am currently a high school senior.
(check only one) I am currently in college/university.
 I am not currently enrolled but will be next year.

High School or GED Information

School Name: _____
State/County of School: _____
Year Completed: _____
GPA/GED Score: _____

Post Secondary Education

*(This is for any schools or programs you have attended after high school **BUT ARE NOT currently enrolled**. You will have a chance later to list any schools you are currently attending or plan to attend next year.)*

School Name: _____
State/County of School: _____
Year Completed: _____
Type of Degree: _____
Major: _____

Transcripts: *(You will be required to upload a scanned in copy of your most recent transcripts. Please note you can use unofficial transcripts.)*

Cumulative GPA: _____

Are you the first person in your family to attend college? YES NO UNSURE/NO ANSWER

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Educational Goals & Finances

*(We need to know where you are **currently** going to school or **plan to attend** next year. If you are currently deciding where to attend, that's okay. You can list up to two choices if you are currently deciding or awaiting admissions decisions.)*

School Name: _____
City & State of school: _____
Degree Sought: _____
Major: _____

(If you are undecided, just list "undecided" or tell us what you are interested in studying.)

Expenses

(The easiest way to complete this section is to have your most recent student account bill or to check the admissions page of the schools you are considering. Please list expenses for the whole year and you can estimate expenses if they are not yet set. Do NOT leave any of these sections blank unless they do not apply.)

Tuition & Fees: _____
On Campus Housing: _____

If you are living OFF campus, don't list rent expenses here.
You'll have a chance to list rent later.

Books & Supplies: _____
Program & Course Fees: _____

Other Expenses

(These are general expenses that apply regardless of where you are attending. Our scholarships cannot be applied toward these expenses.)

Off-campus housing: _____
Transportation: _____
Child/Dependent care: _____
Other expenses: _____

Income

Work Earnings: _____
Savings: _____
Funds from Parents/Relatives: _____
Other Income Sources: _____

Scholarships you've received: _____
Grants you've received: _____

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Scholarship Criteria

Some of our scholarships have been set up by donors to have additional criteria, such as for those studying a certain subject or living in a certain geographic area. Check the boxes that apply. Don't worry if you aren't able to check any (or very many) boxes.

- I am a Washington resident AND I have not received any four-year college degrees.
- I am currently a high school senior in an East King County high school.
- I am a woman of color who has a demonstrated history of activism and/or leadership in the LGBTQ community pursuing a degree in education, women's health, or dance.
- I am a current or former TRIO student from a NASP member program.
- My academic focus is on the treatment and/or eradication of HIV or I am HIV-positive.
- I have a background in participatory athletics.
- I plan to pursue or study athletics through college, or pursue national/international excellence in sports through an accredited institution or program.
- I will graduate or have graduated from a high school in Idaho and/or I plan to attend college in Idaho.
- I will graduate or have graduated from Chief Sealth or West Seattle high school.
- I am a lesbian whose career goals directly target women and women's issues.
- I am studying sex education, sex therapy, sex research, or a field that furthers the understanding of human sexuality, especially alternative sexuality.
- I have been homeless.

I am planning to study and pursue a career in:

- Theater Arts
- Choral Conducting or Music (You will be asked to submit samples of your work later.)
- Visual Arts (You will be asked to submit samples of your work later.)
- Interior Design, Graphic Design, or Fashion (You will be asked to submit samples of your work later.)
- Mental Health or Human Services
- Healing Arts
- Health Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, or Pharmacology
- Business Administration or Computer Science
- Political Science or related political leadership degree
- Public Administration/Public Policy
- Social Work (Accredited BSW or MSW only.)
- Law
- Education
- Psychology, Psychiatry or Psychiatric Nursing
- Automotive Repair, Mechanic, or Machinist
- Carpenter, Bricklayer, Cement Mason, Construction, or related field
- Electrician, Plumber, Tiler, Ironworker, Woodworker, Millworker, Landscaper, or related field
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology/Barber School
- Other: _____

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Essay Questions

All essay questions are required unless otherwise noted. Each essay question has a 3,000 character limit including spaces. **We suggest you write your essays ahead of time in Microsoft Word or another word processing program and copy & paste them into their respective online fields on the essay page.** We are not responsible for lost essay questions due to site timeouts or other technical issues.

1) Education Goals: Why are you pursuing higher education? What are your academic goals and interests? Please address any selections you made under the “academic criteria” section on the previous page.

2) Career Goals: What are your career plans and how will achieving your educational objectives will support these goals? Also discuss how your career will positively impact LGBTQ communities.

3) Activities: We believe strongly that the best leaders come from a place of service. How do you define both service and leadership? How have you exemplified "leadership through service" in your own life? Describe your most important extracurricular community and school activities. Please include specific names of organization and the years you were involved in this part of the response in either a list or essay format. Examples include: Community involvement, civic engagement, school clubs/orgs, activism in political or initiative campaigns, athletics, volunteer experiences, or honors.

4) Giving Back: The Pride Foundation and GSBA scholarships promote education to strengthen the leadership, creativity, excellence, and diversity of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. We are also committed to social justice and human rights. Explain how you will embody these values as a scholar and also demonstrate your commitment to social justice and human or civil rights in other communities (e.g., communities of color, disability communities, religious communities, etc.).

5) Challenges: What has been your most significant challenge, particularly as an LGBTQ individual or straight ally? Explain how you handled one particular situation and why you feel it says something powerful or meaningful about you. Discuss how you have worked to overcome this particular challenge or how you are continuing to work to address it.

6) Quote: A quote has the ability to succinctly capture thoughts and feelings that deeply resonate with us due to our life experiences and future aspirations. Please share a quote that holds special meaning for you and explain why it speaks to you so powerfully. If possible, please include the name and a brief description of the person to whom the quote is attributed.

7) LGBT Parent or Guardian - (only if applicable): If you indicated that you are the child of a LGBT parent, please describe your experiences and relationship with your LGBT parent(s) and how that has affected you? This is required to be considered for the Cole Family Scholarship for children of LGBT parent(s).

8) Previous Recipients of a GSBA and/or Pride Foundation Scholarship (only if applicable): Tell us about your experience since receiving a Pride Foundation and/or GSBA scholarship by addressing any educational experience and academic achievements, involvement with any LGBTQ groups or activities on your campus or community, & the impact that receiving a Pride Foundation/GSBA scholarship has had on your life.

Remember to check carefully for grammar AND spelling! Proofread your essays before submitting!

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Art/Music/Video Uploads

If you are or plan to study visual arts, design, or music, we ask that you submit two samples of your work. Picture samples can be in any of the following formats: TIFF, GIF, JPEG, PNG. Music must be in MP3 format and videos can be MOV or AVI files. The file size must be less than 5 MB. We suggest you pick work that illustrates both your development in your creative field as well as your abilities. You will also have an opportunity to discuss your pieces briefly.

Agree to Terms & Submit

The last section of the application allows you to review your application and accept the terms of the scholarship application before you submit.

To review the current terms and agreements for the Pride Foundation/GSBA scholarship, log in to the application. At the bottom of each page, you will find a link to the Terms of Use as well as our Privacy Policy.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-October:	Application becomes available
January 31:	Application (along with recommendations) is due.
February & March:	Applications are reviewed by scholarship committees. Applications are narrowed down and interview candidates are selected.
Early April:	Interview candidates are notified. Students may have one or more interviews.
Early May:	Award announcements are made.

Please note: This sample application form is being provided to potential applicants for informational purposes only. Do not submit this sample application worksheet to Pride Foundation or GSBA by email, postal mail, or fax. The official application is only available at <http://www.PrideFoundationScholar.org> and must be submitted online.

Now, what are you waiting for? Go online to [PrideFoundationScholar.org](http://www.PrideFoundationScholar.org) and input this information into the application! If you need help or have questions, just email scholarships@pridefoundation.org.

Remember the application is due January 31 by 5:00 pm Pacific Time!