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1) College Board's Scholarship Search

We created this online tool to help you locate scholarships, internships, grants, and loans that match your education level, talents, and background. Complete the brief questionnaire and Scholarship Search will find potential opportunities from our database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding, totaling nearly \$3 BILLION in available aid!

http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

2) COLAGE Scholarship Program

A program for students with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent(s). COLAGE will award four scholarships to children of LGBTQ parents through a fund honoring the memory of community member and gay father Lee Dubin. Each scholarship will provide \$1,000 to post-secondary students who have one or more LGBTQ parent(s)/guardian(s) and have demonstrated ability and commitment to effecting change in the LGBTQ community and the community at large. Applicants must: have one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/ or queer parent(s)/guardian(s); be enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution (no graduate level or higher applicants please); maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. <http://www.colage.org/programs/academic/leedubin.htm>

3) The League Foundation

The Matthew Shephard Memorial Scholarship and the Laurel Hester Memorial Scholarship

Both programs are open to self-identified Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender graduating high school seniors meeting the prescribed criteria. 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 calculation. 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 3 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. <http://www.leaguefoundation.org/scholarships/index.cfm>

4) POINT Foundation Scholarship

For students who are underprivileged, especially those who have been abandoned by family and other support systems because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. A Point Scholarship covers tuition, books, supplies, room and board, transportation and living expenses, and is set up with the individual college to meet the needs of the Point Scholar. The average scholarship award per scholar is \$13,600. The average total program expense that includes scholarship funding, mentoring and leadership training is \$34,000 per year per scholar. In exchange, all Point Scholars agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and give back to the LGBT community through the completion of an individual community service project. Each Point Scholar makes a personal investment in their own future by either working while studying or acquiring debt to help finance their education. Twenty-five scholarships are currently being offered through the Point Foundation. <http://www.pointfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship.html>

5) International Foundation of Gender Education (IFGE)

Transgender Scholarship and Education Legacy Fund (TSELF)

Each scholarship provides supplemental funding for post-secondary students who have a demonstrated ability in and commitment to affecting change in the transgender communities through their commitment to working and being educated in the helping and caring professions. These include, but are not limited to, Social Services, Health Care, Religious Instruction (all denominations), Teaching and the Law. TSELF awards scholarships to outstanding transgender undergraduate and graduate full-time students. To qualify, applicants must: be full or part-time students at an accredited college, university or institution in the United States; be "out" as transgender to their academic communities; and demonstrate a commitment or contribution to the transgender communities. Consideration will include academic performance, honors, personal/financial hardship, and, especially, service to the transgender communities.

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

6) Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award

The American Psychological Association's Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues) offers this award to support graduate student research into psychological issues relevant to gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals, groups or communities. The scholarship amount is up to \$1,000. 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. <http://www.apadivision44.org/honors/malyon-smith.php>

7) Live Out Loud Annual Scholarship

The Live Out Loud Annual Scholarship provides three \$2,500 scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and allies who have made significant contributions to society by "living out loud" and supporting the LGBT community. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and to students who deferred attending an educational institution for one year following graduation. Award selection is based on academic credentials, an essay, leadership and community service involvement, an interview, two letters of recommendation, financial need and future goals. <http://www.liveoutloud.info/>

8) Queer Foundation Scholarships

The Queer Foundation Scholarship Fund promotes effective writing by, about, and/or for queer youth. The Queer Foundation offers to the winners of each year's essay contest \$1,000 scholarships to the U.S. college or university of their choice to study queer theory or related fields. Funds are from the voluntary donations of numerous individuals who support the vision of the Foundation. 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. Queer Scholars receive mentoring, academic advising, and tutoring to enable them to succeed in their studies. In return they are required to (a) maintain a suitable grade point average as determined by the college, (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. http://queerfoundation.org/documents/scholarship_fund.html

9) National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

The Messenger-Anderson Journalism Scholarship and Internship Program

Offers several \$10,000 scholarships (\$5,000 for the first year and \$2,500 for the second and third years) to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students pursuing a degree in journalism and communications at an accredited four-year college or university. High school seniors and current undergraduate students are eligible to apply. A GPA of 2.8 or better is required. The award is sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Winners are required to participate in the Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Intern Program at NGLTF offices in Washington, DC, or New York City during the summer. <http://www.thetaskforce.org/>

10) Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

PFLAG National GLBT Scholarship Program

PFLAG National scholarships available for 2010: \$5,000 scholarships, \$2,500 scholarships, \$1,000 scholarships!
Eligibility Requirements: You are a graduating senior entering higher education for the first time in 2010 (if you graduated in 2009 and took a year off you are still eligible to apply); you self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or as a straight ally; you demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBT community; you have applied to an accredited higher education institution. You will need to submit: a complete application form; a one page essay; a high school transcript; one letter of reference; a complete the release form. The PFLAG National GLBT Scholarship Program was established by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in 2003 to help support the education of GLBT youth and allies. It includes eleven award programs. The scholarship program was funded by the estate of Palmer B. Carson. The \$2,500 scholarships include: Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG "Sakia Gunn" Scholarship for GLBT Community Involvement; Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG "Esera Tuaolo" Scholarship for Athletic Achievement; Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG Scholarship for Nevada/Reno residents; Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG "Jeanne Manfred" Scholarship for GLBT Leadership; Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG Scholarship for GLBT Advocacy; Dow Scholarship for Allies; PFLAG National Donor Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarships include: Palmer B. Carson-PFLAG Regional Scholarships (13 scholarships); Scholarships for science, engineering, business or finance (5 scholarships); The Jeff Lorilla and Roel Hinojosa Scholarship for liberal arts; PFLAG Scholarship for students with at least one gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender parent or guardian. To be eligible, a candidate must be a graduating high school senior who self-identifies as either a GLBT person or supporter and who demonstrates an interest in service to the GLBT community.
<http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=370>

11) National Gay and Lesbian Journalist Association

Leroy F. Aarons Scholarship and the Kay Longcope Scholarship

The scholarships provide up to \$5,000 in tuition funding to LGBT students who plan a career in journalism and are committed to furthering NLGJA's mission of fair and accurate coverage of the LGBT community. Applicants must be an LGBT individual of color planning to pursue a career in journalism and be able to demonstrate their passion and commitment to the profession. Selection will be based on journalistic and scholastic ability. Applicants also must demonstrate an awareness of the issues facing the LGBT community and the importance of fair and accurate news coverage. For undergraduates, a declared major in journalism and communications is desirable but not required. Non-journalism majors may demonstrate their commitment to a journalism career through work samples, internships and work on a school newspaper, online news service or broadcast affiliate. The scholarships are open to: high school seniors who have been accepted to attend a U.S. community college or four-year university, or who can show proof of application and will attend full-time beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year; undergraduate students who will attend a U.S. community college or four-year university full-time during the 2010-2011 academic year; undergraduate students who have been accepted for their first year of a U.S. graduate school and have submitted a tuition deposit for the 2010-2011 academic year. Graduate students must be enrolled in a journalism program. <http://www.nlgja.org/>

12) KarMel Scholarship

The KarMel Scholarship was created to encourage students to write/create something that will express their views on the gay/lesbian/bi/transgender topic. It is designed to challenge students to create something unique and to showcase the many talented artisans/writers. Open to high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students. Applicant need not be gay/lesbian/bi to apply for scholarship, but must submit works that include gay/lesbian/bi content. Scholarship is divided into two categories: Best "Written" Gay/Lesbian/Bi Themed Work and Best "Artistic" Gay/Lesbian/Bi Themed Work. Applicant may submit up to three works in both categories. Written work of any length will be accepted. Award amount: \$200-\$400. www.karenandmelody.com

13) National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Graduate Scholarships in Lesbian Studies

a. NWSA Graduate Scholarship Award \$1,000

The deadline for submissions is May 1, Each Calendar Year. NWSA will award \$1,000 to a student who, in the fall of the year of the award, will be engaged in the research or writing stages of a Master's Thesis or Ph.D. Dissertation in the interdisciplinary field of women's studies. The research project must be on women and must enhance the NWSA mission. Applicants must be members of NWSA at the time of application.

b. Lesbian Caucus Scholarship \$500.00

The deadline for submissions is May 1, Each Calendar Year. 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.

c. NWSA Women of Color Caucus Awards

Four Awards of \$500.00 each. Four Awards are available in the following categories: 1. Graduate Students of African descent, 2. Graduate Students of Latina descent, 3. Graduate Students of Asian/Asian-American/Pacific-Islander/ Arab/Middle East Asian descent, and 4. Graduate Students of African Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native descent. The deadline for submissions in each category is May 1, Each Calendar Year. Winners will be notified on or around June 1, Each Calendar Year. All scholarship applicants are encouraged to apply for NWSA Conference Scholarship Awards if assistance is needed for NWSA conference participation.

<http://www.nwsa.org/students/scholarships/index.php>

14) The American Psychological Foundation Grants

Roy Scrivner Research Grants

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) sponsors the Roy Scrivner Research Grants for graduate and postdoctoral research concerning the study of lesbian, gay and bisexual family psychology and family therapy. There are two graduate student grants of up to \$1,000 each and one postdoctoral grant of up to \$10,000. www.hookerprograms.org

15) University of New Hampshire

Bill Kidder Fund Awards and Grants

William "Bill" Kidder was an alumnus of UNH. He served in many positions at the University and most notably as Dean of Students. Bill Kidder died as a result of complications due to AIDS and provided this fund as a way to continue his good

work. The purpose of the Kidder Fund is to sponsor and encourage educational efforts that will enhance understanding of and advancing opportunities for those whose sexual orientation differs for the majority in our culture, to foster AIDS awareness, and to demonstrate the constructive contributions this important segment of our society is making. Through the Kidder Fund Awards, the university honors one staff member, one faculty member, and one student who, through their scholarship, leadership, or outstanding efforts, foster greater understanding of sexual orientation at the University of New Hampshire. These awards are presented annually at the Pancake Breakfast in early April. Nominations are solicited in February and March. Kidder Fund Grants are available to support programs and projects that fulfill the purpose of the Kidder Fund. Contact Wanda Mitchell at 862-1058 for more information or to submit a grant proposal. <http://www.unh.edu/glb/awards.htm>

16) Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Early recipients worked for civil rights, against McCarthyism, and for peace in Vietnam. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity. The maximum grant is \$10,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the amount of funding available. www.davisputter.org

17) National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program

The NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to exceptional students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to biomedical, behavioral, and social science research careers at the NIH. The scholarships pay for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses up to \$20,000 per academic year. In return, recipients are obligated to serve as paid employees in NIH research laboratories during the summer and after graduation. In addition to financial assistance, the scholarship program offers invaluable training and mentoring, as well as practical experience in a state-of-the-art research setting. <https://ugsp.nih.gov/home.asp?m=00>

18) Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program provides scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in health professions and nursing programs. Participating schools are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, making reasonable determinations of need, and providing scholarships that do not exceed the cost of attendance (tuition, reasonable educational expenses and reasonable living expenses). <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/sds.htm>