Scholarships

Pride Foundation scholarships support LGBTQ+ students who, despite having faced incredible barriers, are extraordinary leaders in our community. These Scholars and Scholar Alumni are not only working to achieve their educational and professional dreams—they are driving movements for equity and justice across the Northwest and beyond.

This past year, we awarded **$601,000** to 95 students.

We’ve awarded **over $7 million** to 2,200+ students across the Northwest since 1993.
Eliot Feenstra
Scholar Alum
LGBTQ+ Listening Project Organizer
Rogue Action Center

"I grew up as a queer kid in a community with no visible queer adults, much less trans folks or community spaces for queer youth. Now I live in rural Oregon, in a community with a similar lack of representation of queer lives, working to create those kinds of supportive, accessible spaces for queer youth as well as intergenerational spaces and queer history conversations, so that young people can see themselves in the places they live."

Chloe Behan
2021 Scholar
Fields of Study: Environmental Sciences & Library Information Sciences

"I do not study solely for a career. I do not dream of labor; I dream of liberation. My dream is to help facilitate the learning and growth of queer youth by providing more queer-affirming spaces to share information and gain useful skills. Libraries have always been my haven, and I believe that libraries with a commitment to sharing resources are a beacon of hope in this age of information crisis."

Our scholarship program funds LGBTQ+ students who are leaders—in their own lives, in their families, in their home communities, in their fields of study, or in our movements for justice.

We asked just a few 2021 Scholars and Scholar Alumni to tell us more about who they are, and what drives them in their work and education.

Kyle Agustines
2021 Scholar
Field of Study: Fine Arts

"I discovered my passion for art while struggling with mental illness and coming to terms with my homosexuality in a family whose religious beliefs did not accept me. As an artist, I hope to better the world; to help us better understand each other, and to make a stand for others who are persevering through difficulty to achieve their educational dreams."

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Stories From Our Scholars
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2021 Scholars

Anonymous (11)
Kyle Agustines
Fatima Al-Rikabi
Chloe Behan
Max Bidasha
Rafael Bitanga
Ro Boyce
Tino Camacho
Wilver Coria
Evan Cullum
HaiLeigh Davis
Caden DeLoach
Alexey Didenko
Nävouny Divinne
Milo Edwards
Gianna Espinoza
Mei'lani Eyre
Reuben Fellman
Jade Forrest
Natalie Garcia
Armando Garcia Salazar
Tiffany-Ashton Gatsby
Dominic Min-Tian
Dharma Mirza
Nghi Nguyen
Sarah O’Connell
Melysa Olivas
Hannah Oliver
Osaid Asoedi
Bibiama Ortiz
Alexander Pacheco
Rafael Padilla
Jesus Pardue
Magdalena Pink Sanchez
Phoebe
Asto Pittman
Seda Ramsay
Cole Read
Sherman Reid Tomahawk
Jazlyn Rosequenty
Josatte Ross
Mason Rusiek
Brittney Saenz
Natalie San Luis
Antonio Servin-Gonzalez
Alan Shi
Alejandra Silva Hernandez
Kaden Sullivan
Virdian Sylve
Poojan Taghavi
Ebene Tandy
Khadja Tarver
Travis
Alamah Twede
Chikko Villeda
Douglas Wagoner
Ryan Wegstaff
Raven Waldron
Kai Winchester
Jimena Yanez
Nahum Yanez
Isa Yanez
Milla Zuniga

Noahloni Garcia

2020 Scholar
Field of Study: Social Work

“Growing up in Southeast Washington, there were few organizations and therapists that understood or were trained to be culturally sensitive to my needs as a poor, migrant, Latine person, especially not to my LGBTQ+ identities. I hope to move back and work for either non-profit organizations or for private practice clinics that work with LGBTQ+ individuals and that understand the importance of social justice within counseling.”

2021 Scholars by the Numbers:

60% are living in rural areas
46% have or are currently experiencing homelessness
66% identify as people of color
54% identify as trans or gender diverse
31% are living with disabilities

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