

Scholarship Application 2023

Pride Foundation- Scholarships

Introduction & Application Directions



Application Directions

Welcome to our scholarship application! This application is mutually shared between two scholarship programs, one run by GSBA and one by Pride Foundation. Pride Foundation awards scholarships to residents of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. GSBA awards scholarships to Washington state residents. We cooperate so that with this one application, you'll be applying to all the scholarships you qualify for at both organizations. Thank you for your interest in being a part of our programs.

We are committed to providing a positive and respectful experience for all our applicants, and have a Scholarship Applicant Bill of Rights to help us stay on track. If at any point you feel we are not living up to that bill of rights, or have other feedback about your experience, please get in touch with scholarships@pridefoundation.org

Getting Started:

- Look through the entire application and get familiar with it.
- We ask for three short essays. Please write these outside of the application platform, copy and paste them into the essay sections, and make sure to save copies for your records. Two of the essays may be submitted in a video format instead of written.

- You can log in and out of the application as often as you like, but save drafts as you go.

Required Materials:

- Resume -please include:
 - Work experience
 - School activities and honors
 - Extracurricular and community activities, including volunteer roles, arts, and/or activism
- Academic transcript (official or unofficial) -required for Washington state residents only

Optional Materials:

- Academic transcript (official or unofficial) -optional for residents of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska
- A letter of recommendation
- 1-2 writing or art samples

All applications are due by **4:00pm AKST / 5:00pm PST / 6:00pm MST on Friday, January 6, 2023.**

- In fairness to all applicants, we do not accept late applications under any circumstances.
- When you have submitted your application, you will immediately receive an email confirmation. That email will share more details about the review timeline.
- If you have questions, or if you experience any access issues with the application – if you need language translation, if your access software doesn't work easily with this application format, or other challenges, please contact us for assistance. Email scholarships@pridefoundation.org or call (800) 735-7287 or (206) 323-3318.

Basic Information

What is your birth date*

Required Format: mm/dd/yyyy

Character Limit: 10

Share your sexual orientation:*

Choices

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Queer
- Questioning
- Two Spirit
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Other Sexual Orientation

If Other Sexual Orientation, please describe:

Character Limit: 100

Gender Identity: Do you identify with the same gender you were assigned at birth?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

Gender Assigned at Birth - Yes

Gender Assigned at Birth*

Choices

- Cisgender Woman
- Cisgender Man

Gender Assigned at Birth - No

Would you like to identify yourself as...

Choices

- Somewhere on the trans feminine spectrum
- Somewhere on the trans masculine spectrum

Gender Identity*

Choices

- Transgender woman
- Transgender man
- Transgender
- Transexual
- Two Spirit
- Gender Queer
- Gender Non-Conforming
- Non Binary

Intersex
Other Gender Identity

If Other Gender Identity, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

Basic Information (cont'd)

Cultural Identity:

Choices

Bakla
Fa'afafine
Hijra
Kathoey
Mahu
Two Spirit
Other Cultural Identity

If Other Cultural Identity, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

What are your gender pronouns?*

Character Limit: 100

Help us better match you with scholarship funds by sharing your racial identity.*

Choices

African Descent/African American/Black
Bi/multiracial
Caribbean
East Asian
First Nations/Indigenous/Native American/Alaska Native
Hispanic
Latino/a /Lantinx
Middle Eastern North African (MENA)
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
South/Central American
Southeast Asian
White/European Descent
Other Race/Ethnicity

If Other racial identity, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

These scholarships are for people who are current or recent residents of the northwest.*

Tell us about your residency:

Choices

Current resident in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.

Previous resident of AK, ID, MT, OR, or WA for at least one year between 1/2018 and now.

Previous Resident Follow-up

If a previous resident, please share the relevant dates.

Character Limit: 250

State of Residence

State of Residence*

Current residence or previous residence in one of the five states we serve.

Choices

Alaska

Idaho

Montana

Oregon

Washington

Borough of Residence – Alaska

Alaska Borough

Choices

Aleutians East Borough

Bristol Bay Borough

City and Borough of Juneau

City and Borough of Sitka

City and Borough of Wrangell

City and Borough of Yakutat

Denali Borough

Fairbanks North Star Borough

Haines Borough

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Kodiak Island Borough

Lake and Peninsula Borough

Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Municipality of Anchorage
Municipality of Skagway
North Slope Borough
Northwest Arctic Borough
Petersburg Borough
Unorganized Borough

County of Residence – Idaho

Idaho County

Choices

Ada
Adams
Bannock
Bear Lake
Benewah
Bingham
Blaine
Boise
Bonner
Bonneville
Boundary
Butte
Camas
Canyon
Caribou
Cassia
Clark
Clearwater
Custer
Elmore
Franklin
Fremont
Gem
Gooding
Idaho
Jefferson
Jerome
Kootenai
Latah
Lemhi
Lewis
Lincoln
Madison
Minidoka
Nez Perce

Oneida
Owyhee
Payette
Power
Shoshone
Teton
Twin Falls
Valley
Washington

County of Residence – Montana

County in Montana

Choices

Beaverhead
Big Horn
Blaine
Broadwater
Carbon
Carter
Cascade
Chouteau
Custer
Daniels
Dawson
Deer Lodge
Fallon
Fergus
Flathead
Gallatin
Garfield
Glacier
Golden Valley
Granite
Hill
Jefferson
Judith Basin
Lake
Lewis and Clark
Liberty
Lincoln
Madison
McCone
Meagher
Mineral
Missoula
Musselshell

Park
Petroleum
Phillips
Pondera
Powder River
Powell
Prairie
Ravalli
Richland
Roosevelt
Rosebud
Sanders
Sheridan
Silver Bow
Stillwater
Sweet Grass
Teton
Toole
Treasure
Valley
Wheatland
Wibaux
Yellowstone

County of Residence – Oregon

Oregon County

Choices

Baker
Benton
Clackamas
Clatsop
Columbia
Coos
Crook
Curry
Deschutes
Douglas
Gilliam
Grant
Harney
Hood River
Jackson
Jefferson
Josephine
Klamath
Lake

Lane
Lincoln
Linn
Malheur
Marion
Morrow
Multnomah
Polk
Sherman
Tillamook
Umatilla
Union
Wallowa
Wasco
Washington
Wheeler
Yamhill

County of Residence – Washington

Washington County

Choices

Adams
Asotin
Benton
Chelan
Clallam
Clark
Columbia
Cowlitz
Douglas
Ferry
Franklin
Garfield
Grant
Grays Harbor
Island
Jefferson
King
Kitsap
Kittitas
Klickitat
Lewis
Lincoln
Mason
Okanogan
Pacific

Pend Oreille
Pierce
San Juan
Skagit
Skamania
Snohomish
Spokane
Stevens
Thurston
Wahkiakum
Walla Walla
Whatcom
Whitman
Yakima

Current Mailing Address

What is your current mailing address?

Mailing Address

Character Limit: 200

Mailing City

Character Limit: 200

Mailing State

Character Limit: 12

Mailing Zipcode

Character Limit: 10

Is it safe for you to receive mail at this address?*

(We use email for communications during the application process.)

Choices

Yes
No

Would you like to share your cellphone number for text updates from us?

Texts are optional. Email will still be our main point of contact.

Choices

Yes
No

Cell Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Character Limit: 15

Previous Recipient

Have you previously received a scholarship from us?*

Choices

Yes, Pride Foundation

Yes, GSBA

No

Previous Pride Foundation Scholarship

What year(s) did you receive a scholarship from Pride Foundation?

Character Limit: 100

Previous GSBA Scholarship

What year(s) did you receive a scholarship from GSBA?

Character Limit: 100

Learn About Scholarships

How did you learn about these scholarships?*

Choices

College Financial Aid Officer

Event/Workshop

High School Counselor

Poster/Postcard

Pride Foundation/GSBA Website

Other Online Site

Organization

Social Media

Word of Mouth

Other

If Other, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

Education - General

What is your current education status?*

Choices

Current high school senior, or planning to complete GED before the 2023-2024 school year.

Current college or university student.

Not currently enrolled in school, but do plan on enrolling for the 2023-2024 academic year.

What type of degree will you be working on for the 2023-2024 school year?*

Choices

Certificate Program

Associates

Bachelors

Masters

Doctoral

Other

If Other degree, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

What is your intended Major/Field/Program?*

Character Limit: 250

Which year in your degree program will you be at the start of the 2023-24 academic year? (Fall 2023)*

Choices

First Year

Second Year

Third Year

Fourth Year

Fifth Year

Other

If Other, please share here:

Character Limit: 100

Education - History

High School/ Home School/ GED Information

Name of your high school or GED program*

If you have attended more than one school, use details of the most recent.

Character Limit: 250

High School or GED state*

Character Limit: 25

Completion Date*

Character Limit: 25

Education After High School or GED

Have you already earned a 4-year degree?*

Choices

Yes

No

4-Year Degree Details

School Name

Character Limit: 100

School City and State, or Country

Character Limit: 100

Major/Field/Program

Character Limit: 100

Date degree was completed

Character Limit: 25

Type of degree:

Choices

Associates

Bachelors

Masters

Doctoral

Certificate Program

Other

Are there more degrees or certificates you'd like to add? (Optional)

How many additional fields would you like to add?

Choices

1

2

0

Additional Completed Degrees 2

School Name 2

Character Limit: 100

School City and State, or Country 2

Character Limit: 100

Date degree was completed 2

Character Limit: 25

Major/Field/Program

Character Limit: 100

Type of degree 2

Choices

Associates

Bachelors

Masters

Doctoral

Certificate Program

Other

Additional Completed Degrees 3

School Name 3

Character Limit: 100

School City and State, or Country 3

Character Limit: 100

Date degree was completed 3

Character Limit: 25

Major/Field/Program 3

Character Limit: 100

Type of degree 3

Choices

Associates

Bachelors

Masters

Doctoral

Certificate Program

Other

Other Degrees or Certificates

Have you already completed any other type of college, university, or certificate program(s)?

Note: the school you are currently enrolled in, and the programs you are planning to attend for the 2023-2024 school year, should not be listed here.

Choices

Yes, I already hold a degree or certificate.

No

Please include any details, if applicable.

Character Limit: 250

Education - Future Plans

This section asks for information about the schools or programs you are considering attending during the 2023-2024 academic year. This includes programs you will be attending for the first time, as well as programs you are currently enrolled in and will continue with. If you don't know which program you'll be attending yet, list your choices in order of preference. We only need information about one school, but you can add as many as you need.

School Name 1*

Character Limit: 100

City and State or Country 1*

Character Limit: 100

Admission Status 1*

Choices

Applied and awaiting admission decision

Applied and accepted

Currently enrolled

Have not yet applied

Would you like to add information about another school? (Optional)

How many additional school fields would you like to add?

Choices

1

2

3

0

Additional School Information 2

School Name 2

Character Limit: 100

City and State or Country 2

Character Limit: 100

Admission Status 2

Choices

- Applied and awaiting admission decision
- Applied and accepted
- Currently enrolled
- Have not yet applied

Additional School Information 3

School Name 3

Character Limit: 100

City and State or Country 3

Character Limit: 100

Admission Status 3

Choices

- Applied and awaiting admission decision
- Applied and accepted
- Currently enrolled
- Have not yet applied

Additional School Information 4

School Name 4

Character Limit: 100

City and State or Country 4

Character Limit: 100

Admission Status 4

Choices

- Applied and awaiting admission decision

Applied and accepted
Currently enrolled
Have not yet applied

Returning Scholars Essay Question – GSBA

Please share with us how your life has been changed by receiving a GSBA scholarship.

Please include leadership opportunities or skills you have gained, academic achievements, and any involvement with LGBTQ+ groups or activities, including GSBA.

Character Limit: 2000

Essay Questions

Welcome to the essay section of this application. The next three essays help us understand how your experiences and identities relate to our program priorities. It will be helpful to be aware of Pride Foundation's program priorities, which are shared here online. If you're a Washington resident, GSBA's program priorities are listed here online. **For the first two essays, you have the option of submitting a traditional, written essay, or a video response. The last essay, the Financial Picture Essay, must be written. Videos and essays will be evaluated equally.**

Written Essay Directions: Each text field has a character limit. Please review your essay carefully and stay within this limit. Any information over the character limit will not be saved. We strongly suggest you type your responses in Microsoft Word or another word processing program, save a copy for yourself, and paste your responses into the text boxes. The character count here does include spaces and punctuation.

Video Essay Directions: To submit a video response for the Personal Statement or the Community Involvement essays, record a short video (5 minutes maximum), of yourself responding to the prompt. Upload it to YouTube or Google Drive, and paste a link to your video into the field below. Double check the privacy setting is set to public. If you'd prefer to use another free file sharing platform, contact us first at scholarships@pridefoundation.org. If you'd like detailed directions on creating and uploading a video for this section, [click here](#).

Personal Statement (video or written essay)*

This is an essay to share your perspective on your life experiences, where you can help us understand your path.

What support and resources have you had access to on your journey –both towards your educational and career goals, and also on your journey towards your full self?

Character Limit: 3000

Community Involvement (video or written essay)*

We'd like to know about your connections with others. Tell us where you see yourself best fitting into your ecosystem, past, present, and future.

How has your relationship with your communities evolved over time?

Character Limit: 3000

Financial Picture Essay (written essay)*

What is the distance between the resources you have access to and what you need to make school possible? Please include as much specific information as you can in response to the following questions:

- What are your costs for school?
- What are your other financial responsibilities outside of your education, such as family expenses, housing, transportation, medical costs, earlier school loans, etc?
- What can financial aid, other scholarships, and/or grant awards cover?
- Will you receive any financial support from family, friends, and/or other resources?
- Describe your current financing strategy for your education. What practical steps have you already taken to secure the funding you need?

Character Limit: 2000

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Personal and Family Background

Some of our scholarships have been directly set up by our supporters and have specific criteria for who they can be awarded to. Below are questions that will help us match you with these scholarships. Please check all boxes that apply to you. Some of the boxes you check might relate to aspects of yourself that you didn't mention in the earlier essays. No worries -at the end of this section, there is an extra essay field, where you can write additional information relating to the boxes you checked, and help us better understand your alignment with that specific criteria. We are only looking for a few additional sentences at maximum about any criteria you feel needs to be addressed.

I experienced adverse family reactions, because of my sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Choices

Yes

No

I have a disability.

Choices

Yes

No

I am living with HIV.

Choices

Yes

No

I am or have been homeless, not had stable living situations, or have lived in a shelter.

Choices

Yes

No

I am or have been in the juvenile justice system.

Choices

Yes

No

I am or have been in the foster care system.

Choices

Yes

No

I and/or my family live at or below the Federal Poverty Level.

Federal Poverty Level for 2022: Individual - \$13,590/Family of 4 - \$27,750.

Choices

Yes

No

I have a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender parent.

Choices

Yes

No

I am currently a varsity level college athlete.

Choices

Yes

No

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Geographic

I grew up in or currently live in a rural area.

[Rural area definition: an area outside of urban population centers with less than 1,000 ppl/sq. mile and lacking infrastructure/support for LGBTQ, POC, youth, and families.]

Choices

Yes

No

I am in the first generation of my family to pursue a post secondary education.

Choices

Yes

No

I was born outside of the United States.

Choices

Yes

No

I am a resident of Whidbey Island in Washington State.

Choices

Yes

No

I have a connection to the state of Arizona.

Meaning: I have close family in Arizona, have lived there, and/or currently attend, or plan to attend, school in Arizona.

Choices

Yes

No

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Arts and Humanities

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Design.

Interior Design, Graphic Design, or Fashion Design.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study Fine Arts.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study Humanities.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Music.

Including Music Education and Choral Conducting.

Choices

Yes

No

I participate in musical activities and plan to continue throughout my degree.

Examples include choir, orchestra, performing in bands or musical groups of any kind, songwriting, or other forms of music creation.

Choices

Yes

No

I am studying Dance.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career Theater Arts.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Visual Arts.

Choices

Yes

No

I am studying and plan to pursue a career in Education.

This includes teaching, school administration, or school counseling.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career Political Science or Public Policy.

Choices

Yes

No

I am pursuing a Juris Doctorate at an ABA accredited law school.

Choices

Yes

No

Juris Doctorate Law School

What is the name of the Law School you will be attending?

Character Limit: 100

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Health Science and Social Work

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Health Sciences.

Choices

Yes

No

I am currently attending or have applied to attend University of Washington School of Medicine.

Choices

Yes

No

I am studying women's health.

Choices

Yes

No

I am studying a field that furthers the understanding of human sexuality.

Fields include sex education and sex therapy, especially around alternative sexuality.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study & pursue a career in Mental Health, Behavioral Health, and/or Human Services.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to pursue a career in serving people with HIV or AIDS.

Or the treatment and/or eradication of HIV or AIDS.

This may include careers in human services, medicine, research, and advocacy

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Social Work through an accredited BSW or MSW program.

Choices

Yes

No

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Business and STEM

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Business.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career in finance or economics.

Choices

Yes

No

I am planning to study and pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.

Choices

Yes

No

HIV Follow-up

How has HIV impacted your life?

Character Limit: 2000

Social Work Program

What school will you attend for your Social Work program?

Character Limit: 50

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA Follow Up

Additional Information

Please use the space below to expand on any of the boxes you checked that weren't covered in your earlier essays. This will help us better understand your alignment with that specific criteria. We are only looking for a few additional sentences at maximum about any criteria you feel needs to be addressed.

Character Limit: 3000

UPLOADING MATERIALS

Uploading Materials

This section is for uploading both required and optional materials. Please note that this is the only method to send us these files, we can't accept emailed or snail mailed submissions. If you need help with this, please email scholarships@pridefoundation.org and we will help You!

Academic Transcript (Required only for Washington residents)

Please upload an official or unofficial copy of your most recent transcript. Your transcript must be uploaded as a PDF, DOC, or DOCX file.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Resume (Required)*

Please upload a copy for your resume. Your resume must be uploaded as a PDF, DOC, or DOCX file.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

If you choose, you can upload a Letter of Recommendation to accompany your application. The letter should come from someone who can speak to your best qualities and who is not a family member. This could be a teacher, coach, mentor, supervisor, or religious leader. The letter must be uploaded as a PDF, DOC, or DOCX file.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Portfolio 1 (Optional)

If you are studying or plan to study visual arts, design, or music, we offer the opportunity for you to submit two samples of your work. Picture samples can be in any of the following formats: GIF, JPEG, PNG, TIF, TIFF, PDF, DOC. Music must be in MP3 or MP4 formats and videos must be MOV or AVI files.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Portfolio 2 (Optional)

If you are studying or plan to study visual arts, design, or music, we offer the opportunity for you to submit two samples of your work. Picture samples can be in any of the following formats: GIF, JPEG, PNG, TIF, TIFF, PDF, DOC. Music must be in MP3 or MP4 formats and videos must be MOV or AVI files.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

HELP US DO BETTER

We're committed to collecting and acting on feedback from the people we serve. These next three questions will help us make decisions about what changes are most important to make in these scholarship programs.

How accessible has this application and application process been for you?

Character Limit: 1000

What would make it easier for you to engage with this application process?

Character Limit: 1000

What else should we do?

What else should our organizations do through this scholarship program that could better support you in your pursuit of your education, career, and life goals?

Character Limit: 1000

What Happens Next?

1) You may save your completed application as a pdf by using the "Fax to File" option on the right at the very top of this page and saving the file it opens as a pdf.

2) When you submit your completed application, this software system will automatically and immediately send you an email confirmation. If you do not receive an email, your application has not been submitted. Review the application and complete all required information.

3) This scholarship application is shared by two organizations that provide scholarships for LGBTQ+ students: GSBA, which serves Washington State, and Pride Foundation, which serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington states. Pride Foundation and GSBA run two completely separate review processes.

- If you are a Washington resident, you will be considered for all scholarships you qualify for through both organizations simultaneously. Please note that you may be contacted by staff from one or both of our organizations as a part of our reviews.

- If you are a resident of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, or Oregon, your application will only be considered by Pride Foundation's program, as you are out of GSBA's service area.

4) You will hear back from us about award decisions via email at the end of May 2023. Recipients will be invited to participate in award celebrations.

5) We encourage you to review the [Scholarship Applicant Bill of Rights](#) on our website. If you have any questions or concerns at any point in this process, please contact us at scholarships@pridefoundation.org

6) We have a brief, anonymous, and optional survey about your experience with this scholarship application. We'd appreciate hearing from you! Please [click here](#) to fill it out.