

# Scholarship Application 2025

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*Pride Foundation- Scholarships*

## *Introduction & Application Directions*



### **Application Directions**

Welcome to our scholarship application!

The Pride Foundation Scholarship program has been supporting LGBTQ+ students in the Northwest for more than 30 years. Since granting our first scholarship in 1993, the program has been sustained and expanded by many hundreds of people throughout our region and beyond, all united in our desire to help students like you thrive. Today, we host over 50 specific named scholarship funds in addition to our Pride Foundation Community Scholarship fund. You can learn more about the stories and people that inspired our named funds here on our website.

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](mailto: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.

### Optional Materials:

- Academic transcript (official or unofficial)

- Resume -please include, if applicable:
  - Work experience
  - School activities and honors
  - Extracurricular and community activities, including volunteer roles, arts, and/or activism.
- A letter of recommendation
- 1-2 writing or art samples

*Note: We understand that grades are only one piece of your academic journey, and do not give the full picture of your skills or motivations. Do not allow doubts about your GPA stop you from continuing this application. Transcripts are only to give scholarship reviewers more information about the coursework you have completed thus far. If you would like to add more information about your transcript, please use the “additional information” space found under “Scholarship Criteria Follow Up.”*

**All applications are due by 4:00pm AKST / 5:00pm PST /6:00pm MST on Friday, January 10, 2025.**

- 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](mailto:scholarships@pridefoundation.org) or call (206) 323-3318.

## ***Basic Information***

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**What is your birth date\***

**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*

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**Gender Assigned at Birth\***

**Choices**

- Cisgender Woman
- Cisgender Man

*Gender Assigned at Birth - No*

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**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)*

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### **Have you been diagnosed with an intersex condition or a Difference of Sex Development (DSD)?\***

#### **Choices**

- Yes
- No

### **Cultural Identity:**

Is there a different name for your gender/sexuality from your language/culture/lineage that is a better fit for you?

#### **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 1/2019 and now.

*Previous Resident Follow-up*

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**If a previous resident, please share the relevant dates.**

*Character Limit: 250*

*State of Residence*

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**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*

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**Alaska Borough**

*County of Residence – Idaho*

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**Idaho County**

*County of Residence – Montana*

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**County in Montana**

*County of Residence – Oregon*

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**Oregon County**

*County of Residence – Washington*

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**Washington County**

## *Current Mailing Address*

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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*

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### **Cell Phone Number**

*Character Limit: 15*

## *Previous Recipient*

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### **Have you previously received a scholarship from Pride Foundation?\***

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

## *Previous Pride Foundation Scholarship*

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

*Character Limit: 100*

## Learn About Scholarships

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### 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 source, please share here:

*Character Limit: 100*

## Education - General

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### What is your current education status?\*

#### Choices

Current high school senior, or planning to complete GED before the 2025-2026 academic year.  
Current college or university student.  
Not currently enrolled in school, but do plan on enrolling for the 2025-2026 academic year.

### What type of degree will you be working on for the 2025-2026 academic 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 2025-26 academic year? (Fall 2025)\***

**Choices**

- First Year
- Second Year
- Third Year
- Fourth Year
- Fifth Year
- Other

**If Other, please share here:**

*Character Limit: 100*

## *Education - History*

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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

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### School Name 1

Character Limit: 100

### School City and State, or Country 1

Character Limit: 100

### Major/Field/Program 1

Character Limit: 100

### Date degree was completed 1

Character Limit: 25

### Type of degree:

#### Choices

Associates

Bachelors

Masters

Doctoral

Certificate Program

Other

### Are there more degrees or certificates you would like to add? (Optional)

## Other Degrees or Certificates

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### 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 2025-2026 academic 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

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This section asks for information about the schools or programs you are considering attending during the 2025-2026 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 1b\*

Character Limit: 100

### City and State or Country 1b\*

Character Limit: 100

### Admission Status 1b\*

#### 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)

## Essay Questions

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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. **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](mailto: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.

- 1) Tell us about your journey, both towards your educational and career goals, and also on your journey towards your full self.
- 2) What support and resources have you had access to on your journey?

*Character Limit: 3000*

### **Community Involvement (video or written essay)\***

We'd like to know about your connections with others.

- 1) Tell us where you see yourself best fitting into your communities – past, present, and future.
- 2) 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***

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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 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 2024: Individual - \$15,060 /Family of 4 - \$31,200.

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### **I am currently a varsity level college athlete.**

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

## ***SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Geographic***

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**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

## ***SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Business and STEM***

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**I am planning to study and pursue a career in Business, Economics, or Finance.**

**Choices**

Yes

No

**I am planning to study and pursue a career in Communications, Marketing, or Digital Design.**

**Choices**

Yes

No

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

**Choices**

Yes

No

**I am planning to study and pursue a career in Information Technology, Computer Science, Network Security, Technology Management.**

**Choices**

Yes

No

## ***SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Arts and Humanities***

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### **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 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

**Political Science, Public Policy, Public Administration, Government, or Law.**

I am planning to study and pursue a career Political Science, Public Policy, Public Administration, Government, or Law.

**Choices**

Yes

No

***SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - Health Science and Social Work***

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**I am planning to study and pursue a career in Medicine, Nursing, or Health Sciences.**

**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

## *HIV Follow-up*

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### **How has HIV impacted your life?**

*Character Limit: 2000*

## *Social Work Program Follow-up*

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### **What school will you attend for your Social Work program?**

*Character Limit: 50*

## *SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA Follow Up*

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### **Additional Information**

Please use the space below to elaborate on the boxes you checked in this section. If responding to multiple boxes, you may combine the topics in a very brief narrative or describe them separately. Help us understand how your life experience or identity fits with what you selected.

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## UPLOADING MATERIALS

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### **Uploading Materials**

This section of the application is for sharing additional materials to help us get a more complete picture of you. In deciding what to include, think through our scholarship priorities and what you've shared in the application so far. We encourage you to include one or several items listed here to help us more clearly understand your alignment with our funding priorities, and let your skills and motivations shine! Please keep in mind we are not art critics, a hiring committee for a job, or here to critique formatting -what you share doesn't need to be "perfect."

### **Academic Transcript (Optional)**

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

Please keep in mind transcripts are only used to give scholarship reviewers more information about the coursework you have completed thus far.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

### **Resume (Optional)**

You may upload a copy of your resume.

Resumes typically include:

- work experience
- school based activities and honors
- other community activities, including volunteer roles, and involvement with arts and activism.

*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 and 2 (Optional)**

If you are studying or plan to study visual arts, design, music, or other creative arts, 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. Music or video files may also be linked to online, you may upload a document with the link to your work. Please ensure privacy settings allow for viewing.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

## HELP US DO BETTER

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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 our scholarship program.

### 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 organization 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?

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- 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) You will hear back from us about award decisions via email at the end of May 2025.
- 4) 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](mailto:scholarships@pridefoundation.org)
- 5) 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.
- 6) If you're a Washington State student, we encourage you to apply for GSBA's scholarship program.