

2027 Pride Foundation Scholarship Application

Pride Foundation manages more than 50 scholarship funds, some available to all candidates who meet our eligibility requirements and others with additional specific criteria. This application helps us learn more about you and identify the scholarships you may qualify for.

Before you begin:

- Review the full application before getting started.
- You can save your progress and return anytime. **Scroll to the bottom and select “Save” before leaving.**
- The application includes three essay questions. We recommend drafting your responses outside of Submittable, then adding them when you’re ready.
- If you experience language, technology, or accessibility barriers, email Scholarships@PrideFoundation.org for help.
- Review our [Scholarship Applicant Bill of Rights](#) to better understand what you can expect through this process.
- We strongly encourage you not to wait until the last minute to complete your application.

Application deadline:

Applications must be submitted by **4:00 pm AKST / 5:00 pm PST / 6:00 pm MST on Friday, January 8, 2027.**

In fairness to all applicants, we do not accept late applications under any circumstances.

Section 1: About You

Chosen / Preferred First Name

Enter the name you want us to use. This may be your legal name, but it doesn’t need to be.

Chosen / Preferred Last Name

Enter the name you want us to use. This may be your legal name, but it doesn’t need to be.

Pronouns

Email Address

Date of Birth

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Have you previously received a scholarship from Pride Foundation?

Section 2: Identity and Demographics

This section helps us understand how you identify and match you with scholarships with specific criteria.

Please feel free to select more than one response or, where available, describe your identity in your own words. We know no list can capture every identity or lived experience.

How do you describe your sexual orientation?

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Heterosexual / Straight
- Lesbian
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Questioning
- Two Spirit
- I don't use a specific label
- I would like to self-describe

Select all that apply.

How do you describe your gender identity?

- Agender
- Cisgender Man
- Cisgender Woman
- Gender Fluid
- Gender Non-Conforming
- Genderqueer
- Nonbinary
- Transsexual
- Transgender
- Transgender Man
- Transgender Woman
- Two Spirit
- Questioning / Still Exploring
- I don't use a specific label
- I would like to self-describe

Select all that apply.

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

- Bakla
- Fa'afafine
- Hijra
- Kathoey
- Māhū
- Two Spirit
- I would like to self-describe

Select all that apply.

Were you born with a variation in your physical sex characteristics?

This is sometimes called being intersex or having a Difference in Sex Development (DSD).

What is your racial or ethnic identity?

- African / African Descent
- African American / Black
- Caribbean
- Indigenous / Native American
- Alaska Native
- First Nations
- Hispanic
- Latino/a / Latinx
- East Asian
- South Asian
- Southeast Asian
- Native Hawaiian
- Pacific Islander
- Middle Eastern / North African (MENA)
- White / European Descent
- I would like to self-describe

Select all that apply

Section 3: Location & Contact Information

This section helps us understand where you live and match you with scholarships that have geographic criteria.

State of Residence

- Alaska
- Idaho
- Montana
- Oregon
- Washington

Select the state of your current or most recent residence.

Mailing Address

Country

Address

City

State, Province, or Region

Zip or Postal Code

We primarily communicate with applicants by email.

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

Cell Phone Number (*Optional*)

Section 4: Education

This section asks about your education so far and your plans for the 2027-2028 academic year.

We fully recognize that there is no single path. Whether you're just getting started, continuing your education, returning after time away, or changing direction, answer based on where you are now and your plans ahead.

A. Current Education

What is your current education status?

- I am a high school senior and expect to graduate before the 2027–2028 academic year.
- I plan to complete my GED before the 2027–2028 academic year.
- I am currently enrolled in a college, university, or other postsecondary program.
- I am not currently enrolled, but plan to enroll for the 2027–2028 academic year.

B. Previous Postsecondary Education

Have you already completed a college, university, or postsecondary degree or certificate program?

C. Your Plans for 2027/28

What type of degree or program will you be working on for the 2027–2028 academic year?

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|-----------------------|------------|
| • Certificate Program | • Master's |
| • Associate | • Doctoral |
| • Bachelor's | • Other |

What is your intended major, field, or program of study?

What year of your degree or program will you be entering at the start of the 2027–2028 academic year?

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| • First Year | • Fourth Year |
| • Second Year | • Fifth Year or Later |
| • Third Year | • Other / Doesn't apply to my program |

When do you expect to complete this degree or program?

Please provide the month and year. Your best estimate is fine. We know plans can and do change.

D. School or Program

If you're still deciding, please list the school or program you're most likely to attend. You only need to provide one, but you may add additional schools or programs you're considering in the space provided below.

Name of the School or Program you're most likely to attend.

Where is the school or program based?

- In the United States
- Outside of the United States
- Primarily online / no single location

Admission Status

- Applied and awaiting admission decision
 - Applied and accepted
 - Currently enrolled
 - Have not yet applied
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Section 5: Lived Experience & Scholarship Matching

Some Pride Foundation scholarships include criteria with specific lived experiences, identities, or educational and career goals. These questions help us determine which scholarships you may qualify for. We treat this information with care and only use it to support scholarship matching and review.

A. Personal and Family Background

I have a disability, chronic illness, or other disability-related experience.

Disability can include physical, mental health, developmental, cognitive, chronic illness, and other visible or non-apparent disabilities.

I am living with HIV.

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

I am or have been in the foster care system.

I am or have been in the juvenile justice system.

I have experienced or am currently experiencing poverty, including living at or below the Federal Poverty Level.

*Federal 2027 Poverty Guidelines:
\$15,960 individual / \$33,000 family of four (\$19,950 / \$41,250 in Alaska)*

I am the first generation of my family to pursue a postsecondary education.

I am the child of an LGBTQ+ parent or caregiver.

I was born outside of the United States.

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

A rural area is outside of urban population centers (less than 1,000 people per square mile) and may lack infrastructure or support for LGBTQ+, BIPOC, youth, and families.

B. Community & Activities

I am or have been actively involved with an LGBTQ+ organization or group.

Which of the following statements apply to you?

- I plan to use my education or career to improve LGBTQ+ rights.
- I have been, am currently, or plan to become involved in activism or leadership within Native, First Nations, or Alaska Native communities.
- I plan to use my education or career to support social justice within Indigenous communities.
- None of the above

Select all that apply.

I am currently a varsity-level college athlete.

C. Education & Career

I am studying Education.

I am studying Political Science, International Relations, Public Policy, Public Administration, or Law.*

I am studying Business, Economics, or Finance.

I am studying or planning to pursue a STEM field, including science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

I am studying Visual Arts or Design

I am studying Fine Arts or Humanities

I am studying Music or Music Education

I am studying Choral Conducting

I am studying Dance

I am studying Theatre Arts

I am studying Medicine, Nursing, or Health Sciences

I am studying Women's Health

I am studying Mental Health or Behavioral Health

I am studying Human Services or Health Services

I am planning to pursue a career serving people living with HIV or AIDS, including human services, medicine, research, or advocacy.

I am pursuing an accredited Social Work degree through a BSW or MSW program.

I am studying a field that furthers the understanding of human sexuality, such as sex education, sex therapy, or research.

I am planning to work in compassionate support services for people experiencing illness, death, grief, or trauma.

Is there anything you'd like us to know about the experiences, identities, or circumstances you selected in this section?

You can use this space to add additional context about your responses above. You may combine topics or describe them separately. This question is separate from the Essay questions you'll see in the next section.

Section 6: Essay Questions

The essay questions help us understand your experiences, values, and goals in relation to Pride Foundation's scholarship priorities. There is no single story or experience we are looking for.

Considerations:

- You'll answer three essay questions. The first two can be submitted as written responses or short videos. The Financial Picture essay is written only.
- Respond in the language that works for you. Please use the language that you are most comfortable using. Pride Foundation will make sure your responses are carefully translated for reviewers.

What language are you using for your essay responses?

NOTE: If translation is needed, Pride Foundation will work with a translator to translate your responses for reviewers. **We will only share your essay responses with the translator, not your name or other identifying information.**

Essay 1: Personal Reflection

What would you like us to understand about you, your path to education, and what you hope for your future?

If helpful, reflect on one or more of the following prompts:

- What experiences or turning points have influenced your education or career direction
- People, experiences, identities, or communities that have influenced you
- Barriers or circumstances that have impacted your education or access to opportunities
- What brings you joy or motivates you to continue pursuing your goals
- What you hope education makes possible for you

Essay 2: Community Reflection

How do you show up for the people and communities you care about, and what kind of change do you want to be part of?

If helpful, reflect on one or more of the following prompts:

- Communities, people, or issues that are important to you and why
- Ways you have supported, cared for, advocated for, or worked alongside others
- Leadership, activism, service, or community involvement that has been meaningful to you
- How your experiences or identity has influenced the way you connect with community
- How you hope to connect with, care for, or create change within your communities

**Leadership can take many forms, from advocacy and organizing to mentoring, caregiving, volunteering, and supporting others.*

Essay 3: Financial Picture (Written only)

Help us understand your financial situation and what resources you need to make school possible.

Please include the following:

- **Tuition:** Your expected tuition costs.
- **Other education expenses:** Books, materials, fees, equipment, or other school-related costs.
- **Living expenses:** Housing, food, transportation, healthcare, childcare, or other basic needs.
- **Available support:** Financial aid, scholarships, employment, family support, or other resources you expect to rely on.
- **Unmet needs:** Where your available resources may not cover your education or living expenses.

**We know you may not have all of this information yet. Estimates are okay.*

Section 7: Optional Supporting Materials

You may, but are not required to, include one optional supporting item with your application.

- **Option 1:** Upload one supporting document, such as a transcript, resume, letter of recommendation, or portfolio/creative sample.
- **Option 2:** Request one letter of recommendation through the application.
- There is no preferred option. Choose what you feel best supports your application.
- You may also choose not to submit anything. Optional materials do not affect your eligibility for scholarships.
- If you choose Option 1, please upload only one item and do not combine multiple documents into a single file.

Option 1: Upload One Supporting Document

Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .m4a, .mp3, .ogg, .wav, .avi, .mov, .mp4

Option 2: Request a Letter of Recommendation

- Reference Email Address
- Add Personal Message (optional)

Section 8: Feedback

Pride Foundation is committed to improving the scholarship program every year. Your feedback helps us make this application more accessible and inclusive for future applicants.

The questions below are optional. Your responses will not affect your eligibility or how your application is reviewed.

A. Accessibility & Ease

Did this application feel easy to use and accessible for you?

What made the process easier or harder for you?

B. Representation

Did you feel that this application allowed you to represent your story and experiences authentically?

Was there anything you wanted to share about yourself or your experiences that this application did not give you a good way to share?

C. How You Heard About Us

How did you hear about the Pride Foundation Scholarship?

- Current or previous involvement with Pride Foundation
- Pride Foundation website
- Pride Foundation email
- Social media
- School or college
- Teacher, counselor, or advisor
- Community organization
- Friend or family member
- Scholarship search website

Select all that apply.

Here's what happens next:

Submission Confirmation

After you click **Apply**, you should immediately receive an email confirming that your application was received.

If you do not receive this email, log back into your account to make sure your application shows that it has been submitted.

Application Review

All submitted applications are reviewed by Pride Foundation staff and volunteer reviewers. Our reviewers carefully read each application and consider how your experiences, goals, and financial situation align with the intent of our scholarships.

Award Notifications

You will receive an email notification about your scholarship status by **June 2027**. Please check the email address you used to create your account for updates and make sure to keep it active through next summer.

Questions or Concerns

If you have questions or concerns at any point after submitting, contact Scholarships@PrideFoundation.org for help.