



THE KEVIN JENNINGS EQUALITY WINSTON-SALEM SCHOLARSHIP

2018 PACKET

Student Scholarship Guidelines

To receive consideration, an applicant must:

- Complete the scholarship application. The application form can be downloaded from the North Star LGBTQ Community Center website at www.northstarlgbtcc.com. Applications are also available from your school guidance counselor, GSA advisor, and/or at North Star LGBTQ Community Center.
- Be a resident of Forsyth County, North Carolina, or be actively involved with the North Star Youth Leadership Council.
- Have a current minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of a 2.0
- Be graduating in Spring 2018 from a Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school or receiving an equivalent GED and attending a college, university or technical college in Fall 2018.
- Demonstrate active involvement/leadership in a Gay/Straight Alliance, Equality Club or in the general Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Additional Information:

- This scholarship is not based on financial need; however, financial need can be mentioned in your applicant letter.
- Consider attending a scholarship briefing on **Sunday, March 25 from 2-3pm** at North Star LGBTQ Community Center (930 Burke Street in downtown Winston-Salem). This meeting is not required, but is encouraged. During this meeting, we will review the scholarship application and answer any questions you might have about the application process. We will also provide a brief history of the scholarship, including information on Equality Winston-Salem, and allow you to share your experience as a LGBTQ student at your school. Please contact us if you would like to attend the scholarship briefing and require transportation to and from North Star.

History

The Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship was established in 2013 to provide scholarships for students who have shown leadership and vision in a Gay/Straight Alliance at their school or in the general LGBTQ community if no such alliance yet exists within their school. **This year North Star LGBTQ Community Center will award up to \$3,000 to deserving applicants.** Scholarship monies will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board, and/or other college expenses. In any given year, if there are no qualified student/s identified by the scholarship deadline, funds may be carried over and awarded the following year. Since 2013, The Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship has awarded a total of \$14,500 to local high school seniors. In 2015, the scholarship was renamed the Kevin Jennings Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship to honor the generosity of Mr. Jennings and acknowledge the struggles he overcame as a gay teenager in the 1970s in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.



Kevin Jennings Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship Application

1. Full Name (first, middle, last):

2. Name you use for communication: _____

3. Birth Date: _____

4. Email Address: _____

5. Address:

6. Phone Number(s): _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

7. High School or learning place currently attending:

8. College/Institute you will attend in Fall 2018:

9. How would you identify your sexual orientation? _____

10. How would you identify your gender identity? _____

11. Do we have permission to use your name in public communication such as a newspaper article?
_____ Yes _____ No

12. Your counselor/principal/advisor will be contacted upon your selection. Do we have permission to announce your award at a school assembly if selected? _____ Yes _____ No

13. Signed: _____ Date: _____

Additional Requirements

14. Provide a one-page essay on the following prompt: *Based off your current involvement in the LGBTQ community, what do you see as the biggest challenge facing LGBTQ youth in Forsyth County? If money, time, and resources were not an issue, how would you go about solving this issue?*

15.

16. Provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or community member. This recommendation must be mailed/emailed separately from the application directly from the individual who is recommending you. (More details below.)

DEADLINE: All scholarship applications must be received no later than Friday, April 13th, 2018 at 5pm.

SELECTION: Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by **Monday, April 30th, 2018** and will be contacted by a North Star LGBTQ Community Center representative. *Scholarship finalists may be invited to an in-person interview before scholarships are awarded.* Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged at their high school awards banquets and a special banquet sponsored by North Star LGBTQ Community Center.

CRITERIA: For a student to be considered, he/she/they must be a student in Forsyth County, North Carolina and have submitted the following materials to North Star by Friday, April 13th at 5pm:

- Scholarship Application (#1-13)
- Scholarship Essay (#14)
- Recommendation (#15)

RECOMMENDATION: To affirm your scholarship application, applicants must secure a recommendation from an adult 18 years of age or older who knows you well and can attest to your leadership and involvement in LGBTQ efforts in our community. The recommendation must be sent separately to North Star LGBTQ Community Center by the scholarship deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS: The North Star LGBTQ Community Center Board of Directors will review all applications and determine the recipient(s) of the scholarship.

PAYMENT PROCESS: Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the account of the student's choice at the college he/she/they will attend in Fall 2018.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please mail or email your completed application to:

North Star LGBTQ Community Center
c/o Nyles Claire Suer
930 Burke Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

*Please email Nyles Claire at
director@northstarlgbtcc.com if you have any
questions about the application process.*