



THE EQUALITY WINSTON-SALEM SCHOLARSHIP

2019 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 2019 from a Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school or receiving an equivalent GED and attending a college, university or technical college in Fall 2019.
- Demonstrate active involvement and leadership in a GSA, similar LGBTQ club, or in the general LGBTQ community.
- Submit their scholarship application, scholarship essay, and recommendation letter by the deadline indicated in the application.

Additional Information:

- This scholarship is not based on financial need; however, financial need can be mentioned in your applicant letter.

History

The Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship was established in 2013 to provide scholarships for students who have shown leadership and vision in a Gender & Sexuality Alliance (or similar LGBTQ club) at their school, or in the general LGBTQ community.

This year North Star LGBTQ Community Center will award one scholarship of \$2,500, with priority given to trans and nonbinary 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 \$17,500 to local high school seniors.

Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship Application 2019

1. Preferred Name: _____

Notes on name(s) we should use with parents/ guardians/ public (if different from your preferred name above):

2. Pronouns you use: _____

Notes on pronouns we should use with parents/ guardians/ public (if different from those above):

3. Full legal name (first, middle, last):

(We ask this so that we can ensure that if you receive the scholarship, your funds will reach the right account at your school of choice. Throughout this scholarship process, your legal name will be kept strictly confidential.)

4. Birth Date: _____

5. Email Address: _____

6. Address:

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

8. High School or learning place currently attending:

9. College/Institute you will attend in Fall 2019:

10. How would you identify your sexual orientation? _____

11. How would you identify your gender identity? _____

12. Do we have permission to use your name in public communication such as a newspaper article?

_____ Yes _____ No

13. 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

14. Signed: _____ Date: _____

Additional Requirements

1. Provide a one-page essay on the following prompt: *What is one of the biggest needs for LGBTQ youth in Forsyth County, and how have you worked to address it in your role as a student leader?*
2. Provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or community member. Your recommender should be an adult (18 years or older), who knows you well and can attest to your leadership and involvement in LGBTQ efforts in our community. This recommendation must be mailed or emailed separately from the application, directly from the individual who is recommending you, by the scholarship deadline.

DEADLINE: All application materials must be received no later than Friday, April 20th, 2019 at 5pm.

SELECTION: The North Star LGBTQ Community Center Board of Directors will review all applications and determine the recipient of the scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be selected by **Friday, May 4th, 2019** 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.* The scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at their high school awards banquet and possibly other events sponsored by North Star LGBTQ Community Center.

PAYMENT PROCESS: Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the account of the student's choice at the college they will attend in Fall 2019.

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
director@northstarlgbtcc.com

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