



**Gay Straight Alliance
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The Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship Application

About Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship

The Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) Youth Scholarship awards four high school seniors \$1000 each. The recipients of these awards will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting safe, respectful, and just schools for all, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and issues (LGBT). This scholarship is open to all Wisconsin high school seniors, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Examples of student activities that might bring an applicant to the attention of GSAFE include, but are not limited to:

- An LGBT student who has demonstrated leadership in the school community.
- A student who has organized to promote safety, respect, and justice for LGBT people.
- A student who has faced and sought to overcome obstacles related to LGBT issues.
- A student who has been active in the formation or the continuation of a Gay-Straight Alliance or similar club.
- A student who has consistently included LGBT materials in his/her/hir coursework.
- A student who has been an active part of community efforts involving LGBT issues.

Requirements for the Youth Scholarship

- Graduating High School Senior
- Resident of Wisconsin
- Completion of enclosed application
- Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be written by a member of your school staff.
- If awarded scholarship: Attendance at GSAFE's Celebration of Leadership Awards Ceremony in Madison on May 10, 2014. Please keep this date and requirement in mind when applying for our scholarship as we take it seriously. Complementary tickets for you and two guests will be provided.

Application Deadline

All applications must be received or postmarked by February 24, 2014 and will be kept confidential.

Announcement: April 2014

Submission of the Scholarship Application

Application can be submitted electronically as a Word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of:

GSAFE
Attn: Scholarship Committee
122 E Olin Ave Ste 290
Madison, WI 53713

For Further Information call (608) 661-4141, email brianj@gsafewi.org, or visit www.gsafewi.org.

Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools envisions education systems where all students thrive regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

About You

first name	last name	pronouns (optional)	
address	city	state	zip
high school	city	state	zip
date of birth	phone (where GSAFE staff can call)	e-mail	
university/college name (if applicable)	city	state	zip

Part I:

Future Plan

This scholarship has been developed to allow students who have demonstrated interest in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues to pursue further learning. Please write an essay of 250 words or less which answers the questions below. Attach essay on a separate sheet.

- What are your plans following high school?
- What will this scholarship mean for you?
- How will you use this scholarship to continue creating safe, respectful, and just communities for LGBT people?

Part II:

Contribution to Safe Schools and the LGBT Community

Please write an essay of 750 words or less which addresses your commitment to the LGBT community. Your submission will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers who are unfamiliar with your work and efforts. Your essay should clearly demonstrate your contribution to the LGBT community.

Your submission must include the following:

1. How have you worked towards building a safe, respectful, and just climate for LGBT people and their allies in your school or community?
2. What has been your motivation to work for safe, respectful, and just schools for LGBT people and their allies?
3. How much of an impact do you think you have had? What tells you that?
4. What have you learned about yourself and/or your own abilities as a result of this work?

**Part III: Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools
Youth Scholarship Referral Form 1**

The student named below is applying for the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) Youth Scholarship. This award is given annually to a Wisconsin high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

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Fax: 608-661-1360
Email: brianj@gsafewi.org
Application deadline: February 24, 2014

For Further Information

Awards Committee, (608) 661-4141 or at brianj@gsafewi.org.
More information, including a PDF and Word document of this application, may be found at our website:
www.gsafewi.org.
All referral forms must be received or postmarked by February 24, 2014 and will be kept confidential.

Applicant's name:

Please describe how you feel this student has best demonstrated his/her/hir commitment to the LGBT community. Specifically please address the following three questions:

1. How has this student worked towards building a safe, respectful, and just climate for LGBT people in your school or community?
2. How essential and/or enduring is the impact this student has had on your school or community?
3. What environment or climate did the student work within to create change? What obstacles, if known, did the student encounter in the school or community while doing this work?

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Please keep this application reference confidential. Thank you.

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state

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telephone

e-mail

signature

Part III: Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship Referral Form 2

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GSAFE Confidentiality Statement & Press Release

All documents received by the Awards Committee are considered confidential. However, some material is carefully selected from applications and letters of reference to prepare introductions to the recipients at the annual awards presentation ceremony. Answers to this section are not considered in award selection.

_____ If chosen to receive an award, may we make this information available to members of the press who report awards?

_____ If chosen to receive an award, can we use part of your essay for fundraising purposes?

I verify that the information I have supplied is accurate and true.

signature

date

GSAFE Scholarship Checklist

All of the following application materials must be dated and/or postmarked by February 24, 2014 to be eligible for review. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Materials sent by email, mail, or fax after February 24, 2014 will not be accepted.

1. This completed application form. Your application can be submitted electronically as a word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of GSAFE.
2. Answers to essay questions or other attachments.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be written by a member of your school staff.