**The 2018 GSAFE Youth Scholarship Application**

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The GSAFE Youth Scholarship awards up to four high school seniors $1000 each. The recipients of these awards will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting just and respectful schools for all, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students and issues (LGBTQ+). This scholarship is open to all Wisconsin high school seniors, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. We especially encourage youth of color and transgender/nonbinary youth to apply.

Examples of student activities that might bring an applicant to the attention of GSAFE include, but are not limited to, an LGBTQ+ student or ally who has:

* Demonstrated leadership in the school community.
* Worked to improve their community.
* Promoted racial, transgender, gender, and/or educational justice.
* Faced and sought to overcome obstacles related to LGBTQ+ issues.
* Helped form, continue, or build a GSA or an educational justice or similar club.
* Consistently included LGBTQ+ materials in their coursework.
* Actively participated in community efforts involving LGBTQ+ 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 12, 2018. 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 19, 2018 and will be kept confidential. Announcement will be made March 2018.

**Submission of the Scholarship Application:** Application can be submitted through any of the following options:

* Online in writing through the electronic form at
* Online via a link to you tube video responses posted in the electronic form
* Electronically as a Word attachment emailed to Ali Muldrow, ali@gsafewi.org.
* 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. Fax: (608) 661-1360

**For further information call (608) 661-4141, email ali@gsafewi.org, or visit www.gsafewi.org.**

**Part 1:**

**About You**

first name last name pronouns

address city state zip

school district and school name city state zip

date of birth phone (where GSAFE staff can call) e-mail

university/college name (if applicable) city state zip

**Part II:**

**Future Plan**

This scholarship has been developed to allow students who have demonstrated interest in LGBTQ+ 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 working for justice for LGBTQ+ people?

**Part III:**

**Contributions to the LGBTQ+ community**

Congratulations! Imagine you are at our May 12th scholarship banquet and you have 3-4 minutes to deliver your acceptance speech. Please write that speech, making sure it is no longer than 1000 words. Your submission will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers who are unfamiliar with your work and efforts, so please make sure you clearly demonstrate your contribution to the LGBTQ+ community. You may choose to submit a video of yourself delivering your speech on YouTube. If you choose to do this, please provide a link to the video in your response.

**In preparing your acceptance speech, consider the following:**

Tell us a story that demonstrates your road to success in activism. If there is a specific person, situation, or movement that catapulted you to action, tell us about it. Think about who helped you get where you are, and which leaders inspired you to do the work you’ve done. Talk about the hurdles you had to overcome in order to achieve something important to you in your life and/or community. Please feel free to quote local and legendary leaders.

**Part IV: GSAFE**

**Youth Scholarship Recommendation Letter 1**

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

**Please return to:**

GSAFE

122 E Olin Ave Ste 290

Madison, WI 53713

Fax: 608-661-1360

Email: ali@gsafewi.org

**Application deadline: February 19, 2018**

**Complete and submit letter of recommendation online at:** http://bit.ly/2CSVkUm

**For Further Information**

Awards Committee, (608) 661-4141 or at ali@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 19, 2018 and will be kept confidential.**

Applicant's name:

Please describe how you feel this student has best demonstrated their commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. Specifically please address the following three questions:

1. How has this student worked for racial, transgender, gender, and/or educational justice for LGBTQ+ 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 or via email.

Please keep this application reference confidential. Thank you.

referee's name relationship

address city state zip

telephone e-mail

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**Part V: GSAFE**

**Youth Scholarship Recommendation Letter 2**

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

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GSAFE

122 E Olin Ave Ste 290

Madison, WI 53713

Fax: 608-661-1360

Email: ali@gsafewi.org

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**Part VI: 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.

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**Scholarship Checklist**

All of the following application materials must be dated and/or postmarked by February 19, 2018 to be eligible for review. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Materials sent after February 19, 2018 may not be accepted.

* This completed application form. Your application can be submitted through the online form (either in writing or via YouTube video), electronically as a word attachment, or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the GSAFE office.
* Answers to essay questions or other attachments.
* Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be written by a member of your school staff. Letters of recommendation can be sent separately be recommenders.