



## Pride Center Youth Scholarships for 2017

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The **Pride Center of the Capital Region** is the oldest continually operating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Community Center in the United States. The Pride Center serves as a focal point of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community in the Capital Region primarily serving the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties.

### Available Scholarships for 2017:

#### ***The Pride Center's Youth Scholarship*** (One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded)

The purpose of the Pride Center's Youth Scholarship is intended to help Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\*, Queer/Questioning, Ace (LGBTQA) students and their allies who exemplify leadership, academic achievement and commitment to LGBTQA equality.

#### ***The David, Gladys, & Candace Groudine Scholarship*** (Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded)

The purpose of the David, Gladys, & Candace Groudine Scholarship is intended to help LGBTQA students and their allies who exemplify leadership, academic achievement and commitment to LGBTQA equality.

#### ***The Gregg Stein Scholarship*** (One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded)

Gregg Stein was the brother of Nicole Stein, who established this scholarship in his name. Gregg was born in 1957 and joined the Stein family through a private adoption when he was just days old. Growing up gay in a small Westchester community was far from easy, as many sought to "fix" him. He struck out on his own when he was just 16 years old, moving to California. He was an artist, a bartender with a wicked sense of humor and, according to his sister, "the best older brother a girl could want!" Gregg died of AIDS in 1994 at the age of 37. His memory is a blessing to all who knew him.

The purpose of the Gregg Stein Scholarship is intended to help LGBTQA students and their allies who exemplify leadership, academic achievement and commitment to LGBTQA equality who plan to pursue a career in the Arts or a related field. This may include but is not necessarily limited to:

- Visual and performing arts – music, art, theater, sculpture, performance, teaching, etc.
- Broadcasting
- Journalism
- Performance management
- Design, production, direction, sound
- Other related field

#### ***Deadline for Applications:***

Applications along with *ALL* supplemental materials must be postmarked by **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** (NO EXCEPTIONS). Please see page 7 for more information about submitting your application.

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### ***Information Pertaining to All Scholarships:***

Interested applicants may apply for all scholarships, but if awarded, may only receive one.

***Scholarship Recipient Info:*** If you are chosen to receive a scholarship, ***scholarship recipients must be available to accept their award in person at the Center Youth Scholarship Reception & Celebration.***

This event will be held sometime in August (location and time TBD).

***Award Components:*** The Pride Center Youth Scholarship (one \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded), the David, Gladys, and Candace Groudine Scholarship (two \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded), and the Gregg Stein Scholarship (one \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded) intends to offer scholarship(s) to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at two or four year accredited colleges or universities. Applications will be reviewed by a committee tasked with assessing the following; academic record, commitment to the LGBTQA community as demonstrated by past activity and future ambitions, financial need, and the quality and content of their personal statement/creative personal work.

***Use of Scholarship Funds:*** The scholarship funds are intended to meet the needs of the award recipients and may cover tuition, books, supplies (including technology), room and board, transportation, or living expenses. Awarded funds may not be used for non-education related expenses or for expenses of the recipient's family.

### ***Criteria:***

1. Applicants must identify as an LGBTQA person or an ally working towards LGBTQA equality.
2. Applicants must be a resident in one of the counties served by Pride Center (Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington).
3. Applicants must be about to enter their first year of college.
4. Applicants must describe their efforts made to date on behalf of the LGBTQA community.

### ***Application Submission Materials:***

1. Completed and Signed Application
2. High School transcript or proof of GED scores
3. Three (3) letters of support including at least one from an academic support.
4. Proof of acceptance into an accredited higher learning institution
5. Completed personal statement outlined in the Application

Successful applicants will be LGBTQA youth who have particularly distinguished themselves by their efforts in their high schools and/or communities and who intend to continue their work on behalf of the LGBTQA community during their college careers.

***DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017!***



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### Scholarship Applicant Information

*Please DO NOT include additional information, not asked for in application.*

Check which scholarship(s) you applying for:  Pride Center Youth     Groudine     Gregg Stein

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma Type: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College/School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide proof of acceptance)

Proposed Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian 1 Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your involvement at the Pride Center (if any): -----

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Honors and activities in High School, followed by year (1, 2, 3, 4) – Additional sheets may be attached.

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List and briefly describe work experience including employer and dates of employment:

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Employment & Volunteer Experience (to be completed by applicant):

Employer	Duties	Dates
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Please briefly describe any financial challenges you anticipate in accessing education:

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**Describe how you would use the Scholarship Funds:**

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**How have you gone about doing this and what have you gained from this experience?** Scholarship recipients should have a strong focus on giving back to the LGBTQA community.

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**Is there any other information that we should know about you?** This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. Please be specific.

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## Personal Statement/Creative Work & Bio Information

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### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

#### SHORT BIO-BLURB

*(Must be written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, and be minimum of 150 words/maximum 300 words)*

This bio will be used if you are selected as a scholarship recipient in our promotional materials for Center Youth program and Scholarship Reception. Please include your name, city/town you reside, how you identify, graduating high school, information about extracurricular activities, school you will be attending, and major.

### AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

#### PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

*(Minimum of 750 words, typed, single-spaced, and attached to application)*

Tell us who you are as a member of the LGBTQA community and what you intend to do to help us move our community forward. This statement should include a description of specific accomplishments of which you are particularly proud and personal goals or aspirations you have for the future.

#### CREATIVE PERSONAL WORK

*(500 words or less, typed, single-spaced, and attached to application)*

Using the medium of your choice, tell us who you are as a member of the LGBTQA community. There should be an accompanying artist statement/brief description of the importance of the work as it relates to you as an applicant accompanying the submission.

Some potential ways to showcase your work include:

- a video (5 minutes or less);
- an art portfolio (no more than 10 pieces);
- an original performance piece; this could be spoken word, a staged reading, dance, music, etc. (please capture this as a video or MP3, 5 minutes or less);
- a collection of poetry that describes yourself/experiences/identity (limit to 5 pages)

Submission guidelines for creative work:

- All creative pieces should be stored as either JPEGs, PDFs, MP3s, or viewable video file like QuickTime, or a word doc.
- Please either include a CD or DVD of your work with your application packet and send to the Pride Center **OR** email James Shultis at [jshultis@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:jshultis@capitalpridecenter.org) with your files.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS IS Wednesday, May 31, 2017!**



## Scholarship Release Form & Statement of Accuracy

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### Permission to Release Information

I give permission to the Pride Center to receive information from my high school regarding my grades.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

### Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Pride Center scholarship program.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

### Submitting Your Application

All application materials (official high school transcript or GED scores, completed application and personal statement essay/creative work, proof of acceptance into an accredited institution, and 3 letters of recommendation) are due by **Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

**Return ALL Materials to:**

Pride Center of the Capital Region  
c/o Youth Scholarships  
332 Hudson Avenue  
Albany, NY 12210

**\*AN EMAIL RECEIPT CONFIRMING THAT YOUR APPLICATION  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRIDE CENTER WILL BE SENT. \***

### Still Have Questions About Your Application?

Please direct any questions to our Executive Director, Martha Harvey  
at (518) 462-6138 x11 or [mharvey@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:mharvey@capitalpridecenter.org).



## Pride Center Scholarship Recommendation Form 2017

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You are receiving this recommendation form, because a student of yours has applied for a Pride Center Scholarship to continue their education. We ask that you fill out this form to the best of your ability. Your honest appraisal of this candidate is essential in helping our scholarship committee make their decisions. Please feel free to use the back of this form or attach additional pages. Thank you for your cooperation.

Full Name of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your relationship with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why should this person be awarded the Pride Center scholarship as you understand it?  
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3. Tell us something about the character, focus or commitment of this person.  
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Date

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Signature of Reference

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Name of Reference

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Day Phone Number

**Please return by Wednesday, May 31, 2017 to:**  
**Pride Center, c/o Youth Scholarships, 332 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY 12210**

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