



Pride Center Youth Scholarships for 2018

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 2018:

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.

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 Pride Center's Annual Awards Gala happening on Friday, October 19, 2018 at the Albany Capital Center from 6-9pm.***

Award Components: The Candace Groudine Scholarships (two \$2,500 scholarships 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 to be used exclusively for tuition. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the school. Awarded funds may not be used for non-education related expenses or for expenses of the recipient's family.

Deadline for Applications:

Applications along with *ALL* supplemental materials must be postmarked by **Friday, September 21, 2018 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**.



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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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018!



Pride Center Youth Scholarship Application 2018

Scholarship Applicant Information

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

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: _____

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): -----

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

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

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

Employer	Duties	Dates
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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.



Personal Statement/Creative Work & Bio Information

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

SHORT BIO-BLURB

(Must be written in the 3rd 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 Martha Harvey at mharvey@capitalpridecenter.org with your files.

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Scholarship Release Form & Statement of Accuracy

Permission to Release Information

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

Signature of Applicant

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.

Signature of Applicant

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 **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

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.



Pride Center Scholarship Recommendation Form 2018

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?

3. Tell us something about the character, focus or commitment of this person.

Date

Signature of Reference

Name of Reference

Day Phone Number

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