

## The 2017 GSAFE Youth Scholarship Application



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 trans 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, trans, 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 13, 2017. 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 20, 2017 and will be kept confidential. Announcement will be made March 2017

**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 Brian J, [brianj@gsafewi.org](mailto:brianj@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 [brianj@gsafewi.org](mailto:brianj@gsafewi.org), or visit [www.gsafewi.org](http://www.gsafewi.org).**

**Part 1:  
About You**

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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 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:  
Contribution to Safe Schools and the LGBTQ+ Community**

Please write an essay of 750 words or less which addresses your commitment to the LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ community.

**Your submission must include the following:**

1. How have you worked for racial, trans, gender, and/or LGBTQ+ justice for LGBTQ+ people in your school or community?
2. What has been your motivation to work for racial, trans, gender, and/or educational justice for LGBTQ+ people?
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 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 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) people.

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More information, including a PDF and Word document of this application, may be found at our website:  
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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.

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telephone e-mail

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signature

**Part V: GSAFE  
Youth Scholarship Recommendation Letter 2**

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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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signature

date

**GSAFE  
Scholarship Checklist**

All of the following application materials must be dated and/or postmarked by February 20, 2017 to be eligible for review. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Materials sent after February 20, 2017 may not be accepted.

1. This completed application form. Your application can be submitted through the online form (either in writing or via you tube video), 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. Letters of recommendation can be sent separately be recommenders.