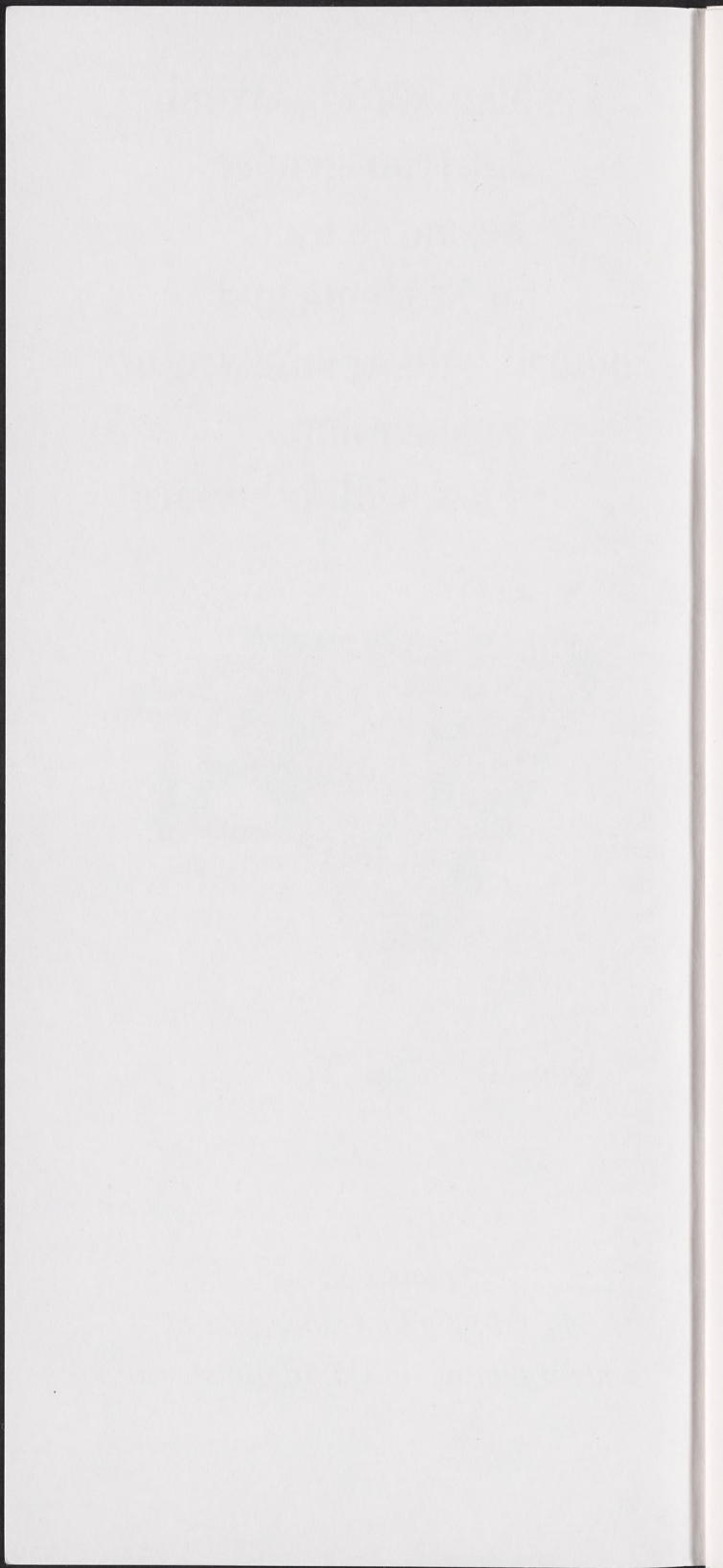


**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
and Transgender
Resource Guide
for Students and
Financial Aid Administrators**

- **Scholarships**
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SCHOLARSHIPS OF INTEREST TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

Prepared by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (LGBT) Committee of the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA).

This information is also included on the web:

FinAid – The Financial Aid Information Page

<http://www.finaid.org>

Under the heading of:

Special Interest – Gay and Lesbian Students

Or access directly at

<http://www.finaid.org/finaid/focus/lgb.html>

Most of these scholarships are also included in FastWEB Scholarship Search Service

<http://www.FastWEB.com>

The CASFAA LGBT Issues Committee has prepared this section with the goal of making information available to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students who are pursuing studies primarily in the State of California. The scholarships that are listed cover a wide variety of areas with differing criteria for eligibility. This is not intended to be an inclusive listing of all possible sources of scholarships. To the extent possible, the information contained here is current as of the time of publication. Descriptions are abbreviated due to space constraints. Contact the sponsor for details regarding eligibility and application requirements.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

(For attendance at any postsecondary institution)

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION – SOCIETY OF LESBIAN AND GAY ANTHROPOLOGISTS (SOLGA)

Kenneth W. Payne Student Prize Competition

Purpose: Acknowledgement of excellence in a scholarly paper written by a student from an anthropological perspective about a gay or lesbian topic. Prize is presented at the annual AAA annual meetings.

Eligibility: Papers of fewer than forty double-spaced, typed pages on any lesbian or gay-related subject for any world culture area. Submit three copies of the paper.

Prize: cash award, in addition to a letter of commendation from the Prize Committee

Deadline: September 1

Contact: Professor Jennifer Robertson, Anthropology and Women's Studies, 1020 LS&A Building, 500 S. State St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382

E-mail: jennyrob@umich.edu

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION - DIVISION 44 - THE SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES

Maylon-Smith Scholarship Award

Purpose: To support graduate students submitting proposals for research into psychological issues of importance to gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals, groups or communities.

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in a graduate program in psychology, submit a research proposal, and completed application form. Research must be on an LGB related topic

Scholarship Range: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Every February 1 (applications available November 1)

Contact: Susan Kashubeck, Ph.D., Texas Tech University, Dept. of Psychology, 222 Psychology Building, Lubbock, TX 79409-2051. (806) 742-3726

E-mail: djskk@ttacs.ttu.edu

ASIAN/PACIFIC GAYS & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: This non-profit organization is dedicated to meeting the needs of gay men of Asian and Pacific heritage and has established a scholarship fund.

Eligibility: Male Asian/Pacific Islander who is involved in gay community leadership/activities, and resides in a five county area of Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura). Must be enrolled in nine units (if working) or 12 units (if not working) with a 3.0 grade point average. A letter of recommendation from faculty, employer or community leader is required in addition to a 500-word essay discussing goals, community involvement and academic achievement.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000

Deadline: September 15

Contact: This scholarship is being administered by The Fund for Lesbian and Gay Scholarships, (213) 650-5752. For an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: P.O. Box 48320, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

GEORGE CHOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/GAY ASIAN PACIFIC ALLIANCE

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Asian and Pacific Islander graduating high school seniors. GAPA is dedicated to creating awareness, developing a positive identity and establishing a supportive community. Choy was an ardent activist who spoke out for queer Asian and Pacific Islanders.

Eligibility: Be an Asian/Pacific Islander graduating high school senior in year of application (priority given to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender applicants); be enrolled in a high school located in one of the nine Bay Area (CA) counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano); be accepted to or in the process of applying to a postsecondary vocational institution, college, or university; and, have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: June 15

Contact: The Horizons Foundation, 870 Market Street, Suite 1155, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 398-2333.

E-mail: horizonsfd@aol.com

FUND FOR LESBIAN AND GAY SCHOLARSHIPS (FLAGS)

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to gay, lesbian, and bisexual students who are involved in the community.

Eligibility: Be enrolled full or part-time in a college, university, or trade school, and have financial need.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: Mid-September for current school year

Contact: For an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Whitman-Brooks, The Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 48320, Los Angeles, CA 90048-0320, (213) 650-5752.

BOBBY GRIFFITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to people who contribute to improving the environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

Eligibility: ONLY open to graduating high school seniors residing in Contra Costa County, CA.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: Contact GLSEN

Contact: Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network/ San Francisco Bay Area chapter (formerly BANGLE), P.O. Box 30482, Walnut Creek, CA, 94598.

E-mail: BobLatham@aol.com

PETER KAUFMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: Established in memory of Peter Kaufman.

Eligibility: Any high school senior graduating in 1998 who has worked with the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 per year

Deadline: May - June

Contact: Gay & Lesbian Education Commission, Los Angeles Unified School District, Kathy J. Gill, Director, Room 242, 450 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 625-6392.

E-mail: kgill@lausd.k12.ca.us

Website: <http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/lausd/offices/glec/>

THE HARVEY MILK/TOM HOMANN GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: Founded by the Imperial Court de San Diego, Inc. to assist San Diego area students achieve their goals of vocational, technical, or professional careers.

Eligibility: Must be a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender resident of San Diego County (CA), who is applying to or matriculating at a postsecondary vocational institution, college or university.

Scholarship Range: \$250 - \$1,000

Deadline: Typically the end of June, write for application in April or May.

Contact: The Harvey Milk/Tom Homann Gay and Lesbian Student Scholarship c/o The Imperial Court de San Diego, Inc., P.O. Box 33915, San Diego, CA 92163, (619) 692-1967, FAX (619) 295-7829.

NWSA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN LESBIAN STUDIES

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to graduate students doing research in lesbian studies.

Eligibility: Graduate students doing research for or writing a master's thesis or Ph.D. dissertation in lesbian studies. Students need not be enrolled in a women's studies program. Preference is given to candidates who are National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) members and who have demonstrated commitment to the goals of NWSA.

Scholarship Range: \$500 per year.

Deadline: February 15

Contact: Loretta Younger, National Women's Studies Association, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, College Park, MD 20742, (301) 403-0525, FAX (301) 403-4137.

E-mail: NWSA@UMAIL.UMD.EDU

Website: <http://www.feminist.com/nwsa.htm>

THE ORANGE COUNTY IMPERIAL COURT, INC.

The Harvey Milk Scholarship

Purpose: To award scholarship to those attending an Orange County (CA) college.

Eligibility: Attending or going to attend an Orange County college or university, write a 300 or less word essay, submit three personal references.

Scholarship Range: Based on the number of winners chosen; last year \$2,000 was awarded.

Deadline: April 5

Contact: The Orange County Imperial Court, Inc.,
12922 Harbor Blvd. #338, Garden Grove, CA 92640,
(714) 891-1405.

PG&E/LGBEA AND GLSEN (formerly BANGLE) SCHOLARSHIP

(The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Employees Association of Pacific Gas and Electric and the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network)

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students from the San Francisco Bay area (CA).

Eligibility: Be a graduating high school senior in year of application, be enrolled in a San Francisco Bay area high school, be in good academic standing. Preference is given to a self-identified lesbian, gay, or bisexual student. Attend a postsecondary institution. Proof of enrollment is required. Must reside in one of the nine counties surrounding the San Francisco Bay (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano).

Scholarship Range: \$500 - \$1,000

Deadline: Contact PG&E LGBEA/GLSEN

Contact: PG&E LGBEA/GLSEN Scholarship Committee,
P.O. Box 191311, San Francisco, CA 94119-1311

E-mail: frr1@pge.com

SCWU SCHOLARSHIP

(Southern California Women for Understanding,
Long Beach/Orange County Chapter)

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to lesbians currently residing in Orange County or the greater Long Beach area.

Eligibility: Need to have completed at least 12 college units with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Be currently enrolled in an accredited college or trade school. Cannot be a member of SCWU.

Scholarship Range: \$500 per term

Deadline: October 17

Contact: SCWU, P.O. Box 91091, Long Beach, CA 90809, (714) 633-2608.

E-mail: scwuofc@aol.com

Website: <http://www-lib.usc.edu/~retter/scwumain.html>

THE JOSEPH TOWNER FUND FOR GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILIES

Purpose: Former Bay Area resident Towner advocated that relationships among lesbian and gay parents and their children successfully overcome societal pressures and are strong and vibrant role models for the lesbian and gay community. Access to emotional and financial support can be a crucial factor in meeting such challenges.

Eligibility: Postsecondary students who have at least one gay or lesbian parent residing in one of the nine Bay Area (CA) counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano). Be 25 years of age or younger, enrolled full-time, with a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Scholarship Range: Scholarships are awarded for tuition and/or cost of books and materials. Maximum award of \$500 per term, \$1,000 per academic year, with a total lifetime award of \$4,000.

Deadline: June 15

Contact: The Horizons Foundation, 870 Market Street, Suite 1155, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 398-2333.

E-mail: horizonsfd@aol.com

AN UNCOMMON LEGACY FOUNDATION, INC.

Purpose: Provide financial support for projects which address social, cultural, and educational needs as well as promote the civil rights and well-being of all lesbians in today's society and for future generations. During the past three years, fifty lesbians have received these awards.

Eligibility: Lesbian undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at an accredited college or university. Consideration will be given to; academic performance, honors, personal/ financial hardship, and especially, service to the lesbian/gay community.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000

Deadline: May 1

Contact: Scholarship Committee, An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc., 150 West 26th Street, Suite 503, New York, NY 10001, (212) 366-6507

E-mail: legacy@uncommonlegacy.org

Website: <http://www.uncommonlegacy.org/ScholarshipGuidelines.html>

RESTRICTED SCHOLARSHIPS

(The scholarships listed below have very specific eligibility criteria and require enrollment at the institution(s) named. Be certain you meet the criteria before applying.)

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Todd Masters' Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to a gay student with an Architecture Major with a commitment to the field of architecture and drawing.

Eligibility: Be enrolled at California College of Arts and Crafts (CCAC).

Scholarship Range: \$500 per year

Deadline: October 1

Contact: CCAC, 415 Irwin St., San Francisco, CA 94107-2206, Attention: Anita Kermes, Director of Financial Aid, (415) 703-9530.

E-mail: enroll@ccac-art.edu

Website: <http://www.ccac-art.edu>

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Allen (Dan) Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students demonstrating service to the gay-lesbian community and/or creative, academic or other achievements of benefit to the gay-lesbian communities.

Eligibility: Be enrolled at City College of San Francisco (CA) in at least six units, have completed 16 units at CCSF by end of semester during which application is submitted, have personal and financial hardship, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and be publicly identified as a lesbian or a gay man.

Scholarship Range: Up to \$600 per year

Deadline: October 31 for fall term; April 1 for spring term

Contact: City College of San Francisco, Jonathan Katz, Chair, Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Studies, 470 Batmale Hall, 50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112, OR Elaine Mannon, Coordinator, CCSF Scholarship Office, Box L230, Batmale Hall, Room 366, (415) 239-3339.

Website: http://cloud.ccsf.cc.ca.us/Services/Scholarships/S_com_mem/

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

BIGALA (Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Alliance) Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students attesting to gay, lesbian, bisexual community service and/or to creative, academic or other achievements of benefit to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender community.

Eligibility: Be enrolled at City College of San Francisco (CA) in at least six units, have completed 16 units at CCSF, have personal and financial hardship, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Scholarship Range: Up to \$200 per year.

Deadline: October 3 for fall term, March 6 for spring term

Contact: City College of San Francisco, Alemany Campus, Yvonne Safwat, Faculty Advisor, BIGALA, (415) 561-1875 OR Elaine Mannon, Coordinator, Scholarship Office, 50 Phelan Avenue, Box L230, San Francisco, CA 94112, (415) 239-3339, Batmale Hall, Room 366

Website: http://cloud.ccsf.cc.ca.us/Services/Scholarships/S_org/

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Tim Wolfred Scholarship – A Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Studies Department Scholarship

Eligibility: Students with financial need who are taking at least one class in Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Studies Department at City College of San Francisco (CA).

Scholarship Range: Award up to \$50, based exclusively on need.

Deadline: Second week of the semester, both fall and spring semesters

Contact: Jonathan Katz, Chair, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Studies Department, City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Avenue, Batmale Hall 470, San Francisco, CA 94112, (415) 239-3876 OR Elaine Mannon, Coordinator, Scholarship Office, Box L230, (415) 239-3339, Batmale Hall, Room 366

COLLEGE OF MARIN

Gay and Lesbian Student Scholarship

Purpose: Established in memory of Ned Tuck and Bill Peters by their friends and co-workers.

Eligibility: Gay or lesbian student currently enrolled at College of Marin (CA)

Scholarship Range: \$250 per year

Deadline: first week of March – get scholarship application from financial aid office

Contact: Margaret Elliot, College of Marin, Foundation Development Office, P.O. Box 446, Kentfield, CA 94914, (415) 485-9382

E-mail: COMF@convene.com

GAY AND LESBIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF SANTA BARBARA SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: This non-profit organization is dedicated to providing financial assistance to lesbian, gay or bisexual students. Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, LGB awareness, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

Eligibility: Must be a lesbian, gay or bisexual undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited postsecondary educational institution in Santa Barbara County (CA).

Scholarship Range: Varies.

Deadline: July 1st.

Contact: Gay and Lesbian Business Association of Santa Barbara, P.O. Box 90907, Santa Barbara, CA 93190-0907. (805) 568-3995.

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

The AIDS Awareness Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students who have a commitment/involvement in AIDS awareness.

Eligibility: Student must be enrolled at Golden Gate University, demonstrate financial need, and provide a personal statement. Students having direct involvement with an AIDS-related community service provider are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: Early April for the next school year

Contact: Golden Gate University, Financial Aid Office, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA, 94105, (415) 442-7270, FAX (415) 442-7807

E-mail: finaid@ggu.edu

Website: http://www.ggu.edu/services/stu_fin_services/contschl.html

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

The Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to a lesbian/gay student who is beginning his or her final fall semester of law school.

Eligibility: Be enrolled at Golden Gate University School of Law, demonstrate overall academic achievement and academic performance in the Writing and Research courses of the Law School.

Scholarship Range: Varies (in 1997, \$1800 was awarded)

Deadline: Contact Law School

Contact: Golden Gate University School of Law, Financial Aid Office, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 442-6635, FAX (415) 442-6609

E-mail: cmakunga@ggu.edu

Website: <http://www.ggu.edu/schools/law/admissions/scholarship.html>

THE MARKOWSKI-LEACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students who make a substantial contribution to society, thereby enhancing society's perception of gay and lesbian people as well as increasing the gay and lesbian community's self-esteem.

Eligibility: Be enrolled as an upper division or graduate student at San Francisco State University, the University of California, Berkeley, or Stanford University, be gay or lesbian, enrolled full-time in a program that leads to an undergraduate degree, a graduate degree or a state teaching credential, earn a minimum of a 2.5 GPA or its equivalent, and make satisfactory academic progress.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 per year

Deadline: April 15 for the following year

Contact: Markowski-Leach Scholarship Committee, c/o Office of Student Financial Aid, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132

San Francisco State University – Susan Keiter

University of California, Berkeley - Jim Govek

Stanford University - Mary Morrison

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

The Wiggys Sivertsen Scholarship
Sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Faculty and
Staff Association

Purpose: To honor Wiggys Sivertsen, a SJSU counselor, and her tireless commitment on behalf of gay and lesbian students and faculty. It will provide financial assistance to gay and lesbian students or students who have provided service to or worked on behalf of gay and lesbian issues.

Eligibility: Half-time or more, fully matriculated students at San Jose State University (CA). Demonstrated financial need. May include GPA consideration.

Scholarship Range: \$750, may vary from year to year

Deadline: Yet to be decided

Contact: Dr. Jill Steinberg, SJSU Counseling Center, (408) 924-5910

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

University of California Gay and Lesbian Association (UCGALA) Alumni Club Leadership Scholarship

Purpose: UCGALA is an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and gay-supportive alumni and friends of the University. It serves as a resource to GLB students. Scholarship assistance is intended to hasten the development of young men and women in roles as scholars, as productive and effective citizens, and as leaders in their communities.

Eligibility: Continuing undergraduates enrolled at UC Berkeley carrying a minimum 12 units per semester with a cumulative 3.0 GPA through summer 97. Awards are based on academic achievement and leadership in campus, community or job activities.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000

Deadline: September 30

Contact: Scholarship Office, California Alumni Association, University of California, Berkeley, Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7450, (510) 643-2315

E-mail: scholarship@alumni.berkeley.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Bruce Wade Memorial Scholarship for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to UCI lesbian, gay, and bisexual students who contribute to improving the campus environment for other lesbian, gay and bisexual students.

Eligibility: Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at UCI and a continuing student in the 1997-98 academic year. Demonstrate service to the LGB campus community and satisfactory academic progress. Selection is based on merit, quality of the essay submitted, and references. Financial need may be considered as a final selection criterion.

Scholarship Range: Two \$1,200 scholarships

Deadline: Early April for the following academic year

Contact: University of California, Irvine, UCI Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Resource Center, 106 Gateway Commons, Irvine, CA 92697, Attention: Pat Walsh, (714) 824-3277

E-mail: plwalsh@uci.edu

Website: <http://www.uci.edu/~lgbtrc/SCHOLARSHIPS/scholarships.html>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

James J. Harvey Dissertation Fellowship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to graduate students studying male or female homosexuality, including but not limited to sociological, medical, political, historical and legal ramifications or to the study of the life and work of James J. Harvey.

Eligibility: Any UCI graduate student who has advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. and is studying male or female homosexuality. Proposals should include a statement by the nominee describing the dissertation project, progress to date, and schedule of completion.

Scholarship Range: The award consists of student fees for one quarter, plus a \$3,750 stipend. Two to three scholarships are awarded per year.

Deadline: Applications are due December 1, 1997 for fellowships in winter and spring quarters 1998. Applications for fall quarter 1998 are due in early May 1998.

Contact: University of California, Irvine, Steve Johnson, Director of Graduate Financial Support, Research and Graduate Studies, 120 Administration, Irvine, CA 92697, (714) 824-4223.

Website: <http://ww.uci.edu/~lgbtrc/SCHOLARSHIPS/scholarships.html>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Lambda Alumni: UCLA's Lesbian & Gay Alumni Association Scholarship Program

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students in recognition of academic excellence and service to the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community.

Eligibility: Demonstrated service to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community (regardless of sexual orientation), financial need, and be enrolled at UCLA as of fall term.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 per year

Deadline: Mid-March for the following school year

Contact: UCLA Lambda Alumni Association, P.O. Box 24075, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Quad/6249/page7.html>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Jaye Haddad Memorial Fund

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to students who have been diagnosed with cancer, AIDS, or students with physical disabilities.

Eligibility: Be enrolled at University of California, San Diego as an undergraduate, be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, be in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress, and demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: New Students – apply on admissions application by November 30th for the following school year; Continuing Students – February 17 for the following school year.

Contact: University of California, San Diego, Scholarship Office 0013, La Jolla, CA 92093-0013, (619) 534-3263

Website: <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/finaid/SCHTOC.htm>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The Michael L. Marx and Donald K. Marshall Scholarship for Gay and Lesbian Students

Purpose: To recognize young people in the gay and lesbian community who are striving to reach their full potential while nurturing a positive sense of self-worth. The donors are interested in recognizing students who have made a contribution to the gay and lesbian community.

Eligibility: Be a gay or lesbian student enrolled at the University of California, San Diego at the sophomore, junior, or senior level. Applicants must have a strong academic record and demonstrated financial need.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 per year

Deadline: February 17 (applications available in January)

Contact: University of California, San Diego, Scholarship Office 0013, La Jolla, CA 92093-0013, (619) 534-3263.

Website: <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/finaid/SCHTOC.htm>

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Lambda Alumni Association - Gay, Lesbian, and Bi Scholarships

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to recognize outstanding and accomplished students in the community. Nine scholarships have been granted in the past four years in these categories: Role Model, Women's Issues, Research, and Cinema/Television.

Eligibility: Be enrolled as undergraduate, graduate, or professional student at USC, be openly lesbian, gay, or bisexual, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants are evaluated on academic performance and application of academic studies to gay, lesbian, and bi concerns.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31; winners are selected in the spring for the following school year.

Contact: University of Southern California, Lambda Alumni Association, 830 Childs Way, Box 28, Los Angeles, CA 90089, (213) 740-5440

E-mail: eckardt@usc.edu

Website: <http://www.usc.edu/go/lambda/sinfo.html>

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

FLAGS (FUND FOR LESBIAN AND GAY SCHOLARSHIPS) YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Whitman-Brooks

Purpose: The Youth Project Scholarship Program awards grants to tenth and eleventh graders who plan to pursue postsecondary education (vocational, technical, degree programs). Applicant can attend any college or university.

Eligibility: Awarded based on: financial need, scholastic achievement, school or community involvement. Given upon proof of acceptance after graduation from high school.

Scholarship Range: Varies

Deadline: Mid-January

Contact: For an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Whitman-Brooks, P.O. Box 48320, Los Angeles, CA 90048-0320, (213) 650-5752

**UTLA (UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES)
STONEWALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Sponsored by the UTLA Gay and Lesbian Issues
Committee

Purpose: For the past seven years, this fund is sponsored as a means to help gay and lesbian students enhance their self-esteem and stay in school, as well as to educate non-gay and non-lesbian youth to be more accepting of their peers. The scholarship is named in honor of the Stonewall Rebellion, which is considered to be an important event in the modern gay and lesbian movement, when patrons of the Stonewall Bar, in New York, became tired of continual police harassment and fought back. The scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving high school students to further their educational goals.

Eligibility: Each entrant must be a student of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), in a high school, continuation school, or be enrolled in a high school completion program at an adult school. The competition is not restricted to only gay or lesbian students. THE HARVEY MILK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given for outstanding service to the community. THE VIRGINIA URIBE AWARD is given for an entry on the topic "What the Stonewall Rebellion Means to Me". THE GARY ROBERTS MEMORIAL AWARD is presented for an entry on the topic "An Openly Gay or Lesbian Person Who Made a Difference".

Scholarship Range: Varies, but generally \$250 - \$500

Deadline: Mid-April

Contact: UTLA, 3303 Wilshire Blvd., 10th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010, Attention: Judith Bruner, (213) 487-5560 or toll-free at (800) 556-8852.

OTHER STATES

CONNECTICUT

GLSEN (GAY, LESBIAN, AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK) /CT CHAPTER

Purpose: Offer assistance to a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered student in pursuing higher education.

Eligibility: Must be a GLBT student, between 16 and 21 years old, attending college in the fall, a Connecticut resident, and not a previous winner.

Scholarship Range: \$500

Deadline: April 15

Contact: Ronnie Kim, G. H. Robertson School, 227 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238

MINNESOTA

GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL FUND

Purpose: To recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bi, and transgender youth and support their continuing education. Also to foster a positive image of gay, lesbian, bi and transgender young people in society.

Eligibility: A resident of the state of Minnesota, or attending a Minnesota educational institution. Identify as gay, lesbian, bi or transgender. Planning to attend a postsecondary educational institution during the next academic year.

Scholarship Range: \$500 - \$1000

Deadline: April 1

Contact: MN GLBT Educational Fund, Awards Committee, P.O. Box 7275, Minneapolis, MN 55407-0275

E-mail: t-bonham@scc.net

Web page: <http://scc.net/~t-bonham/EDFUND.HTM>
(application can be downloaded)

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE LESBIAN AND GAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligibility: Gay or lesbian undergraduate students at the University of New Mexico or the Technical Vocation Institute of Albuquerque; resident of New Mexico for at least one year; criteria includes financial need, academic achievement, and community service (not specifically for the G & L community, however)

Scholarship Range: six \$1,000 scholarships

Deadline: May 15

Contact: Albuquerque Lesbian and Gay Chamber of Commerce Scholarships, P.O. Box 27207, Albuquerque, NM 87125, (505) 243-6767

LESBIANS FOR CHANGE

Purpose: Offer assistance to lesbians in New Mexico pursuing higher education.

Eligibility: Residence in New Mexico, political involvement in the lesbian community, financial need, willingness to be out and to continue to our communities, and enrollment in an institution of higher education.

Scholarship range: Two scholarships at \$500 each

Deadline: Applications are available in June and scholarships are awarded in August.

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NEW YORK

NYNEX DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Purpose: Help finance higher education for young men and women from a variety of diverse cultural, ethnic, educational, and special needs backgrounds.

Eligibility: Must reside in NYNEX service territory and NYNEX will be looking for students who demonstrate sensitivity toward or promoting understanding among the diverse communities in NYNEX service territory. Recipients will be selected to represent cultural,

ethnic, educational and special needs diversity including Asian, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black, White, men, women, gay or lesbian, people with disabilities and veterans. Consideration will be given to the applicant's academic record, demonstrated leadership, and participation in school and community activities, work experience, essay, and an appraisal by someone unrelated to the candidate.

Scholarship Range: \$2,500 each for one year of study

Contact: Contact 1-800-537-4180

WASHINGTON AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

THE GREATER SEATTLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Purpose: The Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) awards to undergraduate Washington residents who demonstrate need and the potential to build leadership and promote diversity in the sexual minority community.

Eligibility: Scholarships are available to attend college, creative or vocational training, or other postsecondary education in the state of Washington. Open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and adults who are Washington residents. Students must be under age 25 and undergraduates.

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 to \$3,000 each

Deadline: March 1

Contact: Carol Sterling at the Greater Seattle Business Association, (206) 443-4722

THE PRIDE FOUNDATION

Purpose: In conjunction with The Greater Seattle Business Association, The Pride Foundation offers scholarships. It is a joint process on the same application form, but there are separate review committees and different criteria. The Pride Foundation administers eight distinct funds.

Eligibility: Be a resident of /or attending college, creative or vocational training, or other postsecondary

education in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska).

Undergraduate or graduate student. In addition to general scholarships which are open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and adults, specific scholarships target gay men of color, students raised in lesbian and gay families, and students with career ambitions in design.

Scholarship range: \$500 to \$2,500

Deadline: March 1

Contact: Paul Beaudet at The Pride Foundation, (206) 323-3318

If you have information on other scholarships of interest to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender students or you want to update the current listings, please contact:

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Over the last couple of years, the LGBT Issues Committee has made tremendous strides in educating our campus populations about the needs and concerns of LGBT students and their families. Our first brochure was designed with the FAA specifically in mind. We believe our message was heard. Our second brochure focused on more specific financial aid related issues, a guidebook with answers. It was well-received and continues to be referenced. This year we have decided to do something a little different. We have combined our two annual brochures - *Focusing on the Issues, and Scholarships of Interest to LGBT Students* - into one resource guide. We are hopeful that you will find the information complete as to the needs of LGBT students and their families. Further, we have included personal statements and/or accounts of LGBT students and their families that moved us in researching this project. Below is an excerpt of a letter written in response to Robbie, a teenager who committed suicide for being bisexual...

"He was taught to hate himself so much that he saw death as his only option...He was raised in a country where a congressman from Texas can call a congressman from Massachusetts a fag. He was raised in a country where a general could testify before Congress as to why it is OK to discriminate against gays and lesbians in the military. He went to a school where calling a guy gay was an insult. He was raised in a church that taught him his most basic desires and thoughts were sinful, and that if he should ever act on them, he would burn in hell. How can anyone pretend that they don't understand why a gay teenager would kill himself? Hillary Rodham Clinton's book says it takes a village to raise a child. Unfortunately, the village of the United States is not at all interested in raising its gay children. How else does this explain the tragedy that a third of all teenage suicides are done by gays and lesbians?"

James R. P.

Safe/Open Space: Everyone needs it!

- Avoid oversexualization. Acknowledge that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are complex individuals with many facets to their lives. Look beyond their sexuality instead of relating everything they do in terms of their sexual identity.
- Talk with and get to know LGBTs. Talk with those who are supportive of them.
- Promote safe space on your campus. Accept the fact that LGBTs have the same desire to live open lives. Work to create an environment where it is safe for people to discuss the significant aspects of their lives, including same-sex relationships.
- Provide adequate financial aid counseling to LGBT students and their families.

Keeping up with the times...

We must become aware of how the face of the American family is changing. The traditional view held by many - involving a husband and wife with children - is no longer the norm. While some families may still fall into this category, financial aid professionals realize many families do not fit this pattern. Webster's dictionary broadly defines the term family as "a social unit consisting of parents and the children they rear."¹ The reality is that some of today's households are run by single and dual parent families that are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. As time continues to reshape our understanding of what composes a family, we must begin to take a look at what this means in real terms for the financial aid office and its policies and procedures concerning lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their families. It is our duty as financial aid professionals to share the common thread of love and acceptance toward the ever-changing dynamics of the family.

Financial Aid FAQtoids

Estrangement - Dependency

When a parent refuses to provide the necessary information for completion of a student's application, federal regulation allows you the option to waive parental financial information utilizing professional judgment. Each student's dependency status will need to be appropriately reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Your financial aid office should have a policy regarding appropriate documentation for students who are estranged from their families.

Long-Term Illness

When a student has medical expenses that impacts her/his financial situation, federal regulation allows you to adjust the student's family contribution for federal aid by the amount of documented medical expenses. You may also consider awarding the student institutional funds. Every student who is eligible for federal financial aid is entitled to receive all sources of funding to assist with education-related and medical costs.

Same-Gender Relationships

For federal financial aid, a dependent student is only required to submit financial information for the parent(s), adoptive parent(s), or legal guardian(s).

An independent student may report a household of two if the student's partner is receiving more than half of her/his support from and lives with the student during the academic year.

An otherwise dependent student who is supporting her/his partner may be considered independent as long as the partner is receiving more than half support from and lives with the student during the academic year. Therefore, the student can be considered independent due to having a dependent other than a spouse.

Suicide

A study recently published in *The American Journal of Public Health* found that "Gay and bisexual males ages 13 to 18 are seven times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual males." Of the 36,000 respondents to a survey by pediatrician Gary Remafedi of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus, "131 teenage boys and 144 girls identified themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Twenty-eight percent of the homosexual boys reported that they had attempted suicide; only 4.2% of the heterosexual boys said the same thing. Twenty percent of the teenage lesbians reported attempting suicide, 6% more than heterosexual girls." ²

Trez M., age: 17

"No help from counselors. The feeling of hopelessness can make you look for a way out. I'm the only one. I'm a freak."

Troll, age: 22

"I've thought about killing myself several times, my sexuality had a lot to do with it."

Harassment

Students who described themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual were significantly more likely than their heterosexual peers to report:

- having been the target of anti-gay harassment or violence at school or on the way to or from school - 34.4% vs. 6.3%
- having been threatened with or injured by someone with a weapon at school in the past year - 18.6% vs. 10.6%
- having been injured in a fight in the last year severely enough to have been treated by a doctor or a nurse - 14.9% vs. 5.1%
- feeling unsafe or afraid at school, some, most or all of the time - 20.9% vs. 11.9%³

Annie K., age: 20

"Gay youth are often afraid to report harassment for fear of reprisal, and lack of support from administrators."

Josh R., age: 18

"Sexual orientation harassment is not always covered in policies at schools and administrators often have underlying homophobia."

Define this!

Homosexuality is far more than sexual behavior. It is the complete package of feelings and relationships that make up one's identity.

WHAT IS A GAY MAN? A man who is emotionally, physically, and/or sexually attracted or committed to another man.

WHAT IS A LESBIAN? A woman who is emotionally, physically, and/or sexually attracted or committed to another woman.

WHAT IS BISEXUAL? An individual who is emotionally, physically, and/or sexually attracted or committed to a member of the same or opposite sex.

WHAT IS TRANSGENDER? A man/woman whose psychological self (gender identity) differs from the physical sex they were born with.

WHAT IS TRANSSEXUAL? A man/woman who experiences a mismatch of the body and brain, and may undergo medical treatment to change her/his gender identity.

WHAT IS HOMOPHOBIA? Homophobia is the fear, disgust, or hatred of gays, lesbians or bisexuals, or of the homosexual feelings in oneself.

WHAT IS HETEROSEXISM? Heterosexism is a form of oppression (like other forms of oppression - racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, classism, etc.) that target gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.

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