

“Young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) men and women will grow up without the fear of rejection, violence, discrimination, or exposure to HIV/AIDS.”
~ John Lipsky and George Whittaker

<p>What is the purpose of the Scholarship?</p>	<p>To provide unrestricted, post-secondary scholarship funds to eligible LGBTQ scholars who have demonstrated leadership in supporting the LGBTQ community.</p>
<p>Who is eligible?</p>	<p><i>LGBT persons and persons raised in an LGBTQ household who:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Are between 16-24 years of age and have completed high school by June 2017. ✓ Have a home address within the State of Rhode Island or are currently attending a college or university in the State of Rhode Island. ✓ Will be registered for full-time attendance (defined as 12 semester hours or more for undergraduate programs and 9 semester hours or more for graduate programs) at a post-secondary educational institution by August 1, 2017.
<p>What is required of Lipsky/Whittaker Scholars?</p>	<p><i>All Lipsky/Whittaker Scholars MUST:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent to and participate in efforts to educate the general public. Such efforts may entail disclosure of LGBT identity in press releases and other print and visual media. Scholarship recipients will be profiled as youth leaders. • Submit proof of registration or a letter of acceptance from a post-secondary educational institution for the academic year. • At the end of the first academic term, submit a one page typewritten essay OR a 2-3 minute video on what it means to be a Lipsky/Whittaker Scholar. Email to: info@youthprideri.org.
<p>How are Lipsky/Whittaker Scholars chosen?</p>	<p><i>Scholars will be selected using the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Academic potential and/or evidence of academic achievement of grades C or higher. ➤ Evidence of participation and leadership in school and community activity. ➤ Clarity of future goals and determination to achieve them. ➤ Sense of personal integrity, ethical judgment and honesty. ➤ Maturity and positive sense of self as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender person or person raised in an LGBTQ household. ➤ Service to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community through youth activism and support of LGBTQ rights. ➤ Financial need and participation in efforts to supplement educational costs. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ While preference will be given to full-time students, in some instances part-time students and those enrolled in continuing education programs may be considered. ➤ Preference will also be given to applicants who have not previously received a Lipsky/Whittaker scholarship; however, returners are always encouraged to apply. SEE RETURNING APPLICANT application if you are a seeking a scholarship renewal.

Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Applicant Information

All information will remain strictly confidential

The Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship is focused on supporting and growing youth activists who are dedicated to the rights of LGBTQQ people and families to be “free from the fear of rejection, violence, discrimination or exposure to HIV/AIDS.”

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

Post-Secondary Institution You Plan To Attend:

Name of Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Current status of admission application (circle one):

Accepted Accepted, currently enrolled Applied, awaiting response

Terms/semesters for which scholarship will be used: _____

Intended major or field of study: _____

Expected date of completion/graduation of post-secondary program: _____

Essay: Using complete sentences and paragraphs, please respond to the following questions in essay form. The essay should not exceed a total of five (5) pages with a suggested minimum of two (2) pages. Please describe your commitment to the rights of LGBTQQ people and families. Please be specific about what activities you have been involved in and highlight any leadership roles you may have taken. You may attach supporting materials to illustrate your activities. Be sure to include which achievement or accomplishment has made you especially proud and why. Finally, please close with your essay with what your career goals are and how you plan to achieve them.

Statement of Financial Need: Following your essay, please include a list of what other types of income, including employment and other scholarships, grants and family and/or friend support/donations, you plan to pursue in order to finance your education.

Application Checklist

Please complete the checklist below before submitting application package.

- The application form is complete
- A current resume is attached
- Transcripts are attached
Official or unofficial high school transcripts or if applicable your most current official or unofficial post-secondary transcripts.
- Proof of Residency is attached
Documentation to support that you reside in or have resided in the State of Rhode Island within the last two years.
- Two (2) reference forms have been distributed
Reference persons may include one family member or friend and should include at least one teacher, school counselor, school administrator, employer, or agency leader. References should be submitted directly to Youth Pride. You are responsible for ensuring that all references are mailed or emailed by the deadline.
- I verify that all information is accurate

Remember to complete the Application Checklist above.

Save this application and email with other documents to: info@youthprideri.org*
Include "Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Application" in the subject line

***Application materials received after June 1, 2017, will not be considered ***

All application materials will be kept on file for three (3) years and then destroyed.

*Applications that are not able to be submitted electronically may be mailed to:

Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Fund
c/o Youth Pride Inc.
743 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

The Scholarship gives out \$5,000 per year; amounts per student may vary. Renewal scholarships will be considered for students in good standing in their chosen educational program.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting the rights of LGBTQ people and families! The Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Committee will review your application and inform you of whether you have been chosen to become a Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship recipient. Notifications are typically sent out by mid-July each cycle.