

“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 or 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. • Submit grades after the completion of first academic term (or year). Please note that in order to renew your scholarship, scholars must have earned grades C or higher in all subject areas. • 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 NEW APPLICANT application if you are a seeking applying to for this scholarship for the first time.

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 Are Currently Attending:

Name of Institution: _____ Same as previous?: Y/N

Mailing Address: _____

Current enrollment status (circle one):

Currently enrolled Enrolled for a future term Not currently enrolled

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. Have your career goals changed since your previous Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship application? If yes, please describe in detail and tell why they have changed. If no, please summarize your goals and describe the progress you have made toward accomplishing them. Have you continued to support the LGBTQ community and their rights? Please describe how you have continued your commitment to LGBTQ rights and in making a difference in the lives of other LGBTQ people. How this scholarship has helped you do this. Please share any other relevant experiences you wish to share in reflecting on your first year.

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.