

Stonewall Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What date and time will the scholarship applications be available? When will the applications close?

All scholarship applications will be available in the spring of the year the scholarship is awarded and will remain open for at least 5 weeks. To be notified of the exact dates of each scholarship, please sign up for the mailing list for each scholarship.

Please note that all deadlines for applying for scholarships are in Eastern Daylight Time.

When will I learn whether I've received the scholarship?

All applicants will be notified of our decisions in August of the year they apply.

Do I need to be out as LGBTQ to apply for a Stonewall scholarship?

All scholarships require a letter of recommendation that indicates that the letter is for a Stonewall Community Foundation scholarship. We encourage you to use your best judgement when selecting a recommender to whom you are out to or feel safe disclosing your sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Please note that your recommender should not be a family member or social acquaintance.

Does receiving a scholarship mean that it must be announced publicly?

While you may have seen posts about past scholarship recipients on our social media, students' information is only shared with their consent. There is no obligation to publicly disclose more information than you are comfortable with. If selected for a scholarship, you will have agency over how much of your story and identity to share publicly. Some awardees are fine with their photo and full name being shared, others prefer to use only their first name, initials, or a pseudonym.

Your level of comfort with being identified will not affect the selection process.

I'm an international student attending school in the United States. Can I apply for one of Stonewall's scholarships?

Yes, you are eligible to apply if your college or university is in the United States.

I'm a US citizen. Can I apply for a scholarship for a school outside of the United States?

No. Unfortunately, at present we can only award scholarships to schools in the United States.

I'm a high school senior who'll be entering college this fall. Am I able to apply for a scholarship?

High school seniors/ rising first-year college students are eligible to apply for the Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship.

Students must be a current undergraduate or a rising or current graduate student to apply for the Aritzia Scholarship.

Students must be a rising undergraduate junior or senior to apply for the Little Bird Scholarship.

Can my scholarship be disbursed directly to me for books or other college expenses?/ Can my scholarship be used for things other than tuition?

All scholarships are paid directly to recipients' schools, so they can be used for other school fees. However, because we do not issue the payments directly to students, they cannot be used for books, food, or other expenses.

My recommender doesn't know where to send their letter of recommendation.

Your recommender will receive an email with a link:

[Student name] has entered you as a third party responder for their request.

Please visit [this site](#) and fill out any questions listed.

The link will take them to the following page to upload their letter of recommendation:

The screenshot shows a web form for a scholarship application. At the top, there's a tab labeled 'Application'. Below it, a green banner indicates the deadline: 'Due by 06/02/2023 12:00 PM EDT.' and a note: 'Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.' The 'Letter of Reference' section is expanded, showing a prompt to 'Upload letter of reference*' with instructions: 'Please provide a letter of reference attesting to the academic scholarship, record of community service, or leadership of the applicant.' There is an 'Upload a file' button with a note '[3 MiB allowed]'. At the bottom of the form, another green banner shows the deadline: 'Due by 06/02/2023 12:00 PM EDT.' and two buttons: 'Save as Draft' and 'Submit'.

If they are having trouble with the link, please encourage them to email scholarships@stonewallfoundation.org so that we can assist them.

Question not answered here? Email scholarships@stonewallfoundation.org.