



THE SAFE SCHOOLS DESERT CITIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Burton/May Pride Award Scholarship Information and Criteria

The Safe Schools Scholarship Fund – Burton/May Pride Award recognizes outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or intersex (LGBTQI) youth who, through their participation, dedication and initiative, have helped foster a positive self-image among other LGBTQI youth.

This scholarship award will enable students to pursue further education and training at Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges and Trade Schools. The award amount is from \$500 - \$1500.

This is a competitive award but is not based on scholastic achievement. Recipients will be selected solely on the basis of an application (including references). Scholarship awards are to be used for educational expenses such as tuition, books, registration/education fees, computers/laptops, and/or living expenses. Scholarship checks are made payable to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient. The scholarship awards are outright grant awards. No services will be required as a consequence of receiving the award.

Eligibility

Applicants must be 22 years of age or under to apply. Graduating high school students, or current students attending college or vocational training may apply if they are from Coachella Valley or surrounding areas (Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Banning or Beaumont). All nominees must complete the application to be considered for an award.

How to apply for the scholarship:

- 1) Complete application form
- 2) Two letters of recommendation (from persons not related to the applicant) sent separately by recommender to dshackelford@iegives.org
- 3) Complete an essay
- 4) Email completed application and essay to dshackelford@iegives.org

Final award recipients must attend the following event:

Awards ceremony & Presentation on March 24, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Recipients are also encouraged to attend the Rainbow Youth Summit, March 9, 2024, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Both events will be held at the UC Riverside Palm Desert Campus.

For more information, email Denisha Shackelford at dshackelford@iegives.org

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Burton/May Pride Award Scholarship
Application Form
Deadline: February 14, 2024

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Number Street Apt. City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Cell Phone #: _____

I Identify myself as: ☐ Lesbian ☐ Gay ☐ Bisexual ☐ Transgender ☐ Gender Nonbinary
☐ Questioning ☐ Intersex ☐ Ally ☐ Other (specify) _____

Preferred Pronoun: _____ Race/Ethnic Background: _____

II. EDUCATION INFORMATION: (Check One)

☐ High School Student
Name of High School: _____
Graduation Date: _____
University/College you plan to attend: _____
Planned Major: _____

☐ Community College Student at: _____
Year in School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Major: _____ GPA: _____
College Planned (2024-2025) _____

☐ University/ College Student at: _____
Year in School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Major: _____ GPA: _____

☐ Vocational Program Student at: _____
Year in School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Major: _____ GPA: _____

☐ Not currently in school Planning on Enrolling at: _____
Last School Attended: _____ Date Graduated: _____
Major: _____

III. MAJOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past 3 years (e.g. Student government, Clubs (legitimate ones recognized on campus), LGBT+Activities, Performing Arts, Sports, etc.). Use additional page as needed.

Activity	Years of Participation	Awards, Honors, Offices Held

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List all community activities in which you have participated in without pay during the past 3 years (e.g. Scouts, Church involvement, Volunteer work, etc.). Use additional page as needed.

Activity	Years of Participation	Special Awards, Recognition

V. RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer	Dates Employed	Job Description	Hours Worked/ Week

VI. FINANCIAL NEED

Did you complete the FAFSA? ___ Yes ___ No

What is your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) as indicated on your SAR? _____

VII. ESSAY

Write an essay responding to the questions below regarding your past contributions to the LGBTQI community, and your future plans. This is your chance to shine!

1. Describe your participation and involvement in organizations and activities that have helped foster a positive self-image within LGBTQI students and community.
2. What specific goals do you wish to accomplish through your education?
3. What are your plans after completing your education/degree/training?
4. What else would you like to share in consideration for this scholarship?

VIII. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application and attachments are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my application will be reviewed and I, hereby give Safe Schools Desert Cities my permission to conduct a review of my references for this request. I understand that my request may or may not be approved at the sole discretion of Safe Schools Desert Cities and its Board of Directors.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

IX. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

I agree and commit to using this award for approved education expenses ONLY (i.e. course registration or tuition, lab fee, books, supplies or other expenses directly connected to my school expenses)

I understand that my attendance is required at the Awards Reception held on March 24, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the UC Riverside Palm Desert Campus:

If I have an extenuating circumstance, I must have an “approved” absence from Safe Schools Desert Cities and I must make alternative arrangements to formally thank the award donor.

I also understand I am expected to communicate and respond to emails in a timely manner, and if I fail to do so, I may forfeit my award. If I fail to enroll in the schools or college for which I received the award by October 2024, I understand this may forfeit my award.

Acceptance of Special Conditions*

☐ I, understand and agree to the special conditions listed above and understand the importance of attending the listed events.

Optional, Photo/Publicity Release

☐ I, hereby authorize SSDC to publish my name and photographs taken of me at Safe Schools events for use in print and electronic media.

☐ I, hereby authorize SSDC to publish the name of my current school and the school I plan to attend for use in print and electronic media.

Email your completed application form and required documents by February 14, 2024 before 11:59 p.m. (per the checklist) to: dshackelford@iegives.org

Application Package Checklist

- ☐ Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ Essay *Include name on top of essay page*
- ☐ (2) References Letters of Recommendation from
Recommenders to dshackelford@iegives.org
(Recommenders forms are available on website
<https://www.iegives.org/students/overview/>) Safe Schools
Application
- ☐ Submit Application and Essay via email to
dshackelford@iegives.org by February 14, 2024