



2023 QC PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: QC Pride, Inc. is a charitable and educational organization dedicated to the promotion of human dignity and equality and to the creation of a peaceful community where each and every person is respected and feels safe, secure and free to live out their core values. The QC Pride Scholarship rewards college students who demonstrate both academic achievement and leadership as members, friends and allies of the LGBT community.

II. APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES: All applications and supporting documents must be received by QC Pride, Inc. no later than May 1, 2023. The Scholarship Committee appointed by the QC Pride, Inc. Board of Directors will review applications and awardees will be notified of the status of their applications by May 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Board President, Tee LeShoure. Phone: (309) 373-1479, E-mail: qcunitypride@gmail.com

Mail all completed applications to:

**QC Pride, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship
2930 W Locust Street
Davenport, IA 52804**

III. GUIDELINES & CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP: Two awards, one for each category of applicant will be made by the QC Pride, Inc. Scholarship Committee using the information provided on this application and the references given. The maximum award will be for \$1,000. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. Awards are unrestricted by age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Awards will be granted directly to the student recipient. All scholarship recipients must agree to the following stipulations:

- a. All submissions become the property of QC Pride, Inc.
- b. QC Pride, Inc. may use the names, likeness, and essay content for publicity purposes.
- c. Award recipients must appear at the 2023 Unity Pride parade and associated festivities.
- d. Award recipients must agree to speak on behalf of QC Pride, Inc. at one additional local event coordinated with QC Pride, Inc. throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.
- e. Award recipients must write a short (300-700 word) midyear summary, for use as a qcunitypride.com cover story, discussing their ongoing engagement with the LGBT community.

f. The award will be granted in two installments roughly equivalent to the Fall and Spring semesters of most universities. Initial installment will be available September 15, 2023 with the second installment granted January 12, 2024 upon receipt of proof of continuing enrollment for the Spring semester (Winter trimester).

g. Recipients who withdraw or are removed from college full-time status during the academic year of the scholarship will not be eligible for any future scholarship distributions until such time as they are able to provide evidence of enrollment in an accredited 2 or 4 year college. Any scholarship winner who fails to enroll as a full-time student during the academic year following the reward forfeits the scholarship for that year and must reapply for any future academic year.

h. Partial or incomplete applications and/or supplemental materials will remove an applicant from consideration.

i. Recipients must notify QC Pride, Inc. of any changes to address or enrollment status. Failure to notify QC Pride, Inc. of these changes may impact scholarship distribution.

IV. ELIGIBILITY: There are two distinct scholarship categories and awards will be granted to both scholarship tracks.

A. Scholarship for Quad City High School Seniors

This scholarship is for students in local High School programs who will graduate in the Spring of 2023 and who can demonstrate that they have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year accredited university. Students in this category are not required to attend a local university. All applicants for this scholarship must provide both evidence of their enrollment at a local high school and acceptance by an accredited university.

B. Scholarship for Quad City College and University Students

This scholarship is designed for any student enrolled in one of nine accredited Quad City area colleges and universities. Students applying for this scholarship must demonstrate current enrollment at a qualifying institution.



APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Please type or print to complete this form)

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student/Applicant Name (Please print): _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip code: _____

Phone (Home/Cellular) _____ Email: _____

II. APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Please indicate the scholarship being sought and then complete the appropriate questions related to that award.

A. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD

In order to be eligible for the High School Senior Scholarship an applicant must be scheduled to graduate in Summer of 2023 from a High School in one of the counties listed below. Please indicate the county and then fill in information on your High School.

_____ Henry County, IL

_____ Clinton County, IA

_____ Knox County, IL

_____ Jackson County, IA

_____ Mercer County, IL

_____ Muscatine County, IA

_____ Rock Island County, IL

_____ IA Scott County, IA

_____ Warren County, IL

Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____

Contact Number for High School _____

Name of College or University to attend in Fall 2022 _____

B. QC AREA COLLEGE STUDENT AWARD

In order to be eligible for the QC Pride 2023 Pride Scholarship for current college students all applicants must have completed no less than one semester/term in solid academic standing and be currently enrolled as a full-time, Associates or Bachelor’s degree student at one of the listed universities in the greater Quad Cities area. Please indicate which university or college you currently attend.

- _____ Augustana College
- _____ Black Hawk College
- _____ Carl Sandburg College
- _____ Eastern Iowa Community Colleges
- _____ Western Illinois University—Quad Cities
- _____ Kaplan University, Davenport
- _____ Knox College
- _____ Monmouth College
- _____ St. Ambrose University

Academic Year: _____ Major(s) _____

Student ID #: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

III. REFERENCES: Include here two non-family members as references. At least one must speak to your academic qualifications at the college of your current enrollment. The QC Pride, Inc. Scholarship Committee may contact any or all of these references to discuss your application for the 2023 Pride Scholarship.

Reference One Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Reference Two Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Attach additional sheets as necessary):

1. FOR EITHER SCHOLARSHIP: Please list any extracurricular activities or programs as well as any honors you have received that exemplify your potential as a leader on GLBT issues. Please highlight how you have been and currently are engaged with the LGBT community through your school, college, church or other organizations.

2. FOR EITHER SCHOLARSHIP: Please include an essay of 500-1,000 words to the topic provided here. TOPIC: What do you see as the role for LGBT activism and LGBT Pride groups in the United States today and how do you see yourself supporting these efforts?

a. COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: Please provide as proof of enrollment a copy of a current unofficial transcript from a scholarship-eligible college or university. Proof of enrollment may include a copy of a current course schedule, a letter from an academic advisor stating current enrollment as well as enrollment in the prior Fall term or semester or a transcript copy which indicates current coursework. Documentation of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 is required.

b. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP: Please provide the following items as proof of enrollment and college acceptance.

1. A copy of a current High School transcript, indicating Summer 2023 courses and expectation of graduation in Summer 2023. If your transcript does not include graduation information, a letter from an academic advisor, academic administrator or guidance counselor identifying you as a 2023 Summer graduate may also be included in your application packet.

2. A copy of at least one college or university acceptance letter. We recognize that you may not have made your final determination to enroll at a particular college by the April deadline. Proof of acceptance is sufficient to demonstrate your intention to enroll. Should you win the 2023- 2024 HS Senior Award, proof of enrollment for Fall of 2023 - 2024 will be required prior to the distribution of funds in September.

V. SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

1. With my signature below, I certify that the information provided on this application and any attached documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

2. I agree to notify QC Pride, Inc. immediately of any change to my academic status which would invalidate information provided on this application or its attachments.

3. I understand that the information provided is subject to verification by QC Pride, Inc. and I give my permission to verify this information for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility.

4. I agree to accept the decisions of the QC Pride, Inc. Scholarship Committee as valid.

5. I agree to the conditions and expectations of recipients as outlined in this document.

SIGNATURE of Applicant _____

Date: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE May 1, 2023.