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THE FORUM FOUNDATION

A Scholarship Endowment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Students

The Forum Foundation, one of the gay and lesbian community's oldest 501(c)(3) organizations, adopted a new mission in 1997, and its Board established an endowment fund from which educational scholarships may be granted. These scholarships will be awarded to qualified gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students within Michigan in an effort to support their educational pursuits.

This scholarship is intended to promote a positive gay identity, to encourage continued academic and career progress and to assist in financing higher education and post high school graduate educational experiences for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. It is an opportunity for students to have a positive support mechanism in their struggle for equality, dignity and growth opportunities in their pursuit of a stronger and developing self-identity.

This scholarship is to recognize scholastic achievement, community service, and to provide moral and financial support to students in financing educational experiences beyond high school. The Forum Foundation Endowment Scholarship Fund will be administered with the following provisions:

1. Applications may be accepted from residents of the State of Michigan or students attending accredited colleges or universities in the State of Michigan.
2. Applications may be accepted from high school seniors who will be graduating and pursuing educational opportunities beyond High School.
3. Applications may be accepted from full-time or part-time students or from students accepted for study at any accredited college or university.
4. Recipients will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement or promise, financial need, and desirable qualities of character and leadership, with preference given to gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender students.
5. The number and amount of the scholarship awards will be determined by the distributions from the endowment.
6. College and University Financial Aid Offices will be provided with applications and guidelines available to its students.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on application procedures do not hesitate to contact us at the above-mentioned address and phone number. Please make as many copies from the enclosed originals as you need, and distribute to those who would qualify for this scholarship.

Thanking you in advance for your support and providing this opportunity to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals who are pursuing educational opportunities and will be seen as positive influences in the promotion of diversity and dignity for all students.

Application Deadline: 30 April 2009



THE FORUM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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PERSONAL PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

PHONE: _____ SEX: MALE _____ FEMALE _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

LIST ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY BY RELATIONSHIP AND AGE (e.g., Father, 49, Mother, 47; Brother, 14; Sister, 12; etc):

ENROLLMENT

Term(s) for which you are requesting scholarship assistance: (Check ALL that apply. Scholarship funds will only be awarded for the term(s) indicated)

FALL 20____ WINTER 20____ SPRING/SUMMER 20____

Year in school (check one)

HIGH SCHOOL _____ Senior graduating in: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

UNDERGRADUATE _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

GRADUATE _____ Masters _____ Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL _____ Law _____ Medicine

OTHER(please specify) _____

What School, College or University do you plan on attending?: _____

Have you been accepted, or are you currently enrolled?: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

In what area(s) do you plan to specialize?: _____

What other Scholarships are you seeking?: _____

ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION:

1. A copy of the financial statement bearing your name and address.
2. A letter of recommendation from one (1) instructor.
3. A letter of recommendation from an outside source: (Employer, Minister, Adult Friend, etc.)
4. A personal letter telling us about yourself, your interests, and your activity involvement.
 - a. Describe your academic and professional goals.
 - b. Describe your personality; indicate your strengths and weaknesses.
 - c. Describe your plans for the future.
 - d. Describe how your present circumstances support the goals of this scholarship.
 - e. Describe your proudest accomplishment in the last four (4) years.
5. A copy of your W-2 form
6. **High School Applicants:** Mail a stamped copy of your academic transcript separate from this application.
7. **Enrolled Post High School Applicants:** Mail stamped copies of your academic transcript(s) from all previous and current colleges and professional schools separate from this application.

I certify that the information contained in this application and any attachments is true. By my signature I give the school or university I plan to attend permission to release to the Forum Foundation Scholarship Committee information regarding any financial need and verification of my acceptance and/or enrollment.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

The Forum Foundation and/or the school or university I plan to attend has my authorization to utilize the information related to my receipt of the Forum Foundation Scholarship, if awarded, for publicity purposes. YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

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 6. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the recipient in accordance with the school or university scholarship policies and procedures
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**MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS AND YOUR OFFICIAL
TRANSCRIPT BY 30 April 2009 TO:**

**The Forum Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee
PO Box 3073
Centerline, MI 48015**

Any and all questions can be directed to:

Phone: 586-573-9932

Fax: 586-573-4895



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Confidential Financial Statement

Instructions: Please submit this report in a separate, sealed envelope with your application. Write your name on the face of the envelope.

Employment History:

Present Employer: _____ Yearly Income: \$ _____

Do you have any other income, from any source, including parents? If so, amounts: \$ _____

How much will you be able to contribute to your education each year? \$ _____

How much will your parents be able to contribute each year? \$ _____

Have you received any form of grant or scholarship aid, to date? \$ _____

If yes, how much have you received? \$ _____

Do you rent your home? _____ Amount of rent per month? \$ _____

Do you own your car? _____ Make? _____ Year? _____

Is the car being financed? _____ Monthly Payments \$ _____

List below other property or real estate owned or being purchased, with value and amount owed:

This scholarship is awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and community service on the part of the applicant. As such, failure to disclose all incomes, grants, or scholarships will result in the possible forfeiture of this scholarship, should it be awarded.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is complete and accurate.

(Signature)

Extenuating Circumstances: List on the back any information, such as illnesses, operations, doctor bills, uninsured losses, etc. that have occurred within the past two (2) years that would help the committee in the evaluation of this financial statement.