



Equality in Education

2024 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Submissions: Applications may be submitted digitally or in writing using the forms available at www.eqloco.com/scholarship. Written applications may be submitted via email to contact@eqloco.com or mailed to PO Box 4214, Leesburg, VA 20175 no later than April 20, 2024

Summary: The Equality in Education Scholarships are an opportunity to recognize and support the historically marginalized members of the LGBTQ+ community in accessing higher education to achieve their goals. As the granters of this scholarship, Equality Loudoun believes that higher education benefits society by lifting up a diverse and inclusive group of educated voices to become 21st century leaders.

Disbursement: In 2024, Equality Loudoun has determined the goal for total scholarship awards shall be set at \$10,000. The awards shall be selected based on need and no set amount is guaranteed for any recipient. Award amounts are set in increments of \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Selection: The selection shall be based upon a numerical scoring of applicant responses, as determined by our Selection Committee. Applicant qualities used in selection include the applicant's impact on the community, desire to generate positive change, recognition of hardship, intersectionality, financial needs, and community involvement. Awardees shall be announced at the Loudoun Pride Festival.

Eligibility: To determine eligibility, please acknowledge you meet the following criteria -

- In your last two years at a private, public, or homeschooling program based in Loudoun County or in your first two years of higher education with a residential address in Loudoun County.
- 18 years or older or applying with permission of your parent(s) or guardian(s).
- A member of the LGBTQ+ community or the child of an LGBTQ+ individual.
- Seeking to continue education through vocational training, secondary education, formal college, and/or other certification program.

Awarding: If you are selected as the recipient, you must determine if the award shall be made to you directly or to the educational institution directly. If paid to you directly, you shall be responsible for potentially reporting the award as income or in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. Upon notification of award, you must provide awarding information within 90 days otherwise your award may be forfeit.

Submission Agreement: By signing this application, I agree that all information is true to the best of my knowledge and ability and that I agree to the terms and conditions as listed. I understand and agree that the terms and conditions may change at any time, with or without notice, before or after my submission. Any falsification on this submission shall result in disqualification. In the event I am not selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree that I shall pursue no recourse. No matter what, I agree that I shall continue to try to improve the world.

Name (*print*)

Signature

Date

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Grade Level: _____

School: _____

Weighted GPA: _____

Plans for Scholarship: _____

Field of Study: _____

Do any of the following apply to you?

First-generation immigrant

Unhoused or housing insecure

Member of the BIPOC community

Passed the GED or TASC

Adopted or in foster care

Currently transitioning

Financial Need: Please include two sentences that speak, in your own words, to your financial need.

Extracurriculars: Please include any community service, club, awards, or other notable service.

Essay: Please write an essay that addresses your impact on the community, desire to generate positive change, recognition of hardship, intersectionality, financial needs, and community involvement. All submissions must be based on your true, lived experience. Submissions must be typed on white paper with a common black font and a minimum of 500 words. Submissions should be attached to this document or submitted electronically to contact@eqloco.com.

Suggested topics:

- How do you embody the principles of community, advocacy, inclusion, education, and defense?
- What have you done to improve your community through service?
- What challenges have you overcome as part of the LGBTQ+ community?
- What lessons have you learned as part of the LGBTQ+ community?

- What does being part of the LGBTQ+ community mean to you?