

Applying for the GSBA Scholarship Fund: Everything you need to know

The mission of the GSBA Scholarship Fund is to invest in the education of a diverse group of LGBTQ and allied students who possess the vision to be the next generation of leaders, working to create a better world for all.

Who

- WA State residents who're pursuing undergraduate post-secondary degrees or trade certificates [Associates, Bachelors, or certificate programs].
- Preference is given to LGBTQ students, members of LGBTQ families, or allies who've been supportive of LGBTQ communities.

What

- GSBA offers a four-year guarantee - meaning once a scholar has been awarded a scholarship, they can renew that scholarship for up to four years of undergraduate education.
- During the 2019-2020 academic year, the average annual award amount for each scholar was \$8,000. In addition, GSBA invests in our scholars' leadership development through annual programs and workshops.

Where

- While students must be a WA state resident to apply, they can use their scholarship funding to attend any accredited higher education institution in the world.

When

- The application opens on Oct. 11 (National Coming Out Day) and closes in early January every year.
- All applicants are notified in mid-March if they have or have not been invited to interview in early April.

FAQs

Do I have to be a US citizen to apply?

No, GSBA doesn't check citizenship status when reviewing applications.

Is there an age requirement?

There's no age requirement or limitation.

How do you define someone as a Washington State resident?

GSBA considers a student to be a Washington State resident if they currently live within Washington State and have done so for at least three months prior to the application deadline.

- OR -

Have lived within Washington State for at least one year at any time within five years prior to the application deadline.

What can I use my scholarship for?

You can apply your scholarship towards any of the following: tuition, student fees, on-campus room and board, study abroad programs, and books. Checks can only be made out to your school and credited to your student account. *Funds cannot be sent directly to students.*

How strict is the due date?

To be fair to applicants, we are very strict on the due date. We cannot accept late applications or materials under any circumstances. GSBA isn't responsible for hardware malfunctions, bad internet connections, or other conditions which might prevent applicants from an application on time.

Where is the application?

You can find the application at thegsba.org/scholarship-home

