EMERGENCY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Purpose

The mission of the IU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Alumni Association (“GLBTAA”) is to improve the quality of life for GLBT students, faculty, staff and alumni of Indiana University on all eight campuses. In furtherance of its mission, the GLBTAA supports students who face the loss of financial support when they make the courageous decision to disclose their sexual orientation or gender identity to their families. The emergency scholarships help to ensure that students need not choose between their education at IU and living life openly and honestly. All emergency scholarships are administered by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the GLBTAA and are awarded in the Board’s sole discretion.

Use the attached form to apply for an emergency scholarship. Please do not use the attached form to apply for an academic scholarship.

Eligibility

Any full-time or part-time undergraduate student enrolled at any IU campus may apply for an emergency scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to students based principally upon financial need. Career goals, community service, extracurricular activities, and involvement in activities promoting diversity and raising awareness of GLBT and related issues may also be considered. Only undergraduate students are eligible. Applicants must contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine what other financial options are available. Applicants must also contact the GLBT Student Support Services Office, or similar campus office, to discuss their financial situation. Unless the student applicant elects to remain anonymous on the application form, all recipients must be willing to have their names, biographies and pictures published in various GLBTAA publications.

Application Process

Students may apply for either the fall or spring semester of the academic year. All applications are due at the following:
Award Amount

Awards are allocated on a semester basis. The maximum scholarship award is $1,500 per semester. An individual student may not receive more than two scholarship awards, meaning that the maximum number of awards is two per student and the maximum amount payable to any one student is $3,000. The Board, in its sole discretion, may elect to award a student applicant less than $1500 for a semester. A scholarship application must be submitted for a semester only; an application for the entire academic year will not be considered. The number of emergency scholarships to be awarded for any semester will be determined by the Board and will depend, in part, on the total number of all scholarships awarded (including the GLBTAA academic scholarships) and the GLBTAA fundraising efforts.

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