CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

University of Kentucky
Office of LGBTQ* Resources Scholarships
2016-2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2016

The University of Kentucky Office of LGBTQ* Resources, a part of the Office of the Vice President for Institutional Diversity, announces its first annual cycle of scholarships available to currently enrolled full-time students. The award will be made to help defray the cost of tuition, room and board, books, education abroad, and other expenses related to the recipient's academic pursuits at the university.

The award is made possible by gifts to the UK LGBTQ* Endowment Scholarship Fund. Initially created by Drs. Keisa and Amanda Fallin-Bennett—two generous alums devoted to empowering student success—this fund seeks to support Wildcats who are committed to completing a degree at the university.

At least one $1,000 award will be given each academic year.

Students may apply by completing the attached application and providing the following supporting documentation:

✓ A 400-600 word essay clearly articulating the student's understanding of connections between their identities and their goals at the university
✓ Two sealed letters of recommendation that address a student’s achievements and/or potential at the university; these may be sent to Blazer Hall 302 or emailed to lance.poston@uky.edu; one letter must be from a UK faculty or staff member
✓ Documentation of financial need in the form of a copy of a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

All currently enrolled full-time students have the opportunity to compete for the scholarship, including individuals who identify as part of an LGBTQ* community and those who do not. In addition to materials submitted by the student, the committee may review the applicant’s UK academic transcripts and financial aid records. The deadline for applications is Thursday, March 31 at 5:00 PM. Applications and sealed letters of recommendation should be submitted in person to Lance Poston, UK Director of LGBTQ* Resources, in Blazer Hall 302. No electronic applications will be accepted (recommenders are able to email their letters if they prefer). Application forms are available at:
http://www.uky.edu/Diversity/LGBTQ/awards.html

Award decisions will be made by the UK Office of LGBTQ* Resources Scholarship and Awards Committee and will be announced in late April.
UK LGBTQ* Endowed Scholarships
Scholarship Application 2016-2017
DEADLINE: March 31 at 5 PM

Name: _____________________________________________

First                      Middle                      Last

Student ID#: ____________________  Degree Sought and Major: _______________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

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Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Expected Graduation Month and Year: ______________________  Current GPA: ___________

References (2) (One must be from a UK faculty or staff member):

1) Name: _____________________________________________

UK Department or Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

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Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

2) Name: _____________________________________________

UK Department or Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

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Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Applicant Signature: ___________________________  Date: _______________________

In addition to this completed application page, remember to submit the additional required documents outlined in the attached “Call for Applications” page. If you face unique financial difficulties that are either not reflected in the financial need documentation you provide or requires a more detailed explanation, please briefly include this information as part of your application essay. Also note that by submitting this form, applicants understand that the committee may choose to view portions of their UK academic and financial aid records for help in making award decisions. All completed applications should be submitted in person before the March 31 deadline to Lance Poston, UK Director of LGBTQ* Resources, in Blazer Hall 302/309. With the goal of keeping the application process open to all, students are encouraged to have a confidential conversation with Director Poston if they have personal concerns about privacy and safety related to the scholarship award process and/or potential publicity related to their application.