

## The Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Information Sheet and Application 2021

“Young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) men and women will grow up without the fear of rejection, violence, discrimination or exposure to HIV/AIDS.” –John Lipsky & George Whittaker

The mission of the Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship is to support youth activism in support of LGBTQQ rights. The Lipsky/ Whittaker Scholarship supports Rhode Island residents who are pursuing an educational program beyond high school graduation. Students enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program resulting in either a certificate of completion or an Associate or Bachelor degree are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

YPI will distribute \$10,000 in Scholarships in 2021. Amounts per student vary, based on the number of quality applicants received. Renewal scholarships will be considered for students in good standing in their chosen educational program.

Applicants must be:

- A Rhode Island high school graduate (or a high school student graduating in the spring/summer of 2021), under the age of twenty-four, and
- Enrolled (or planning to enroll) full-time in a post-secondary technical training program, two or four year college; and either
  - Identify as LGBTQ+, **or**
  - Be raised in an LGBTQ+ household, **and**
  - Have a substantial history of activism in support of the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

## APPLICATION

The Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship is focused on supporting and growing youth activists who are dedicated to the rights of LGBTQ+ people and families to be “free from the fear of rejection, violence, discrimination or exposure to HIV/AIDS.”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution for September 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years is your program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of completion/graduation of post-secondary program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** In 500 words or less (2 typed pages or less) please describe your commitment to the rights of LGBTQ+ people and families. Please be specific about what activities you have been involved in and highlight any leadership roles you may have taken. You may attach supporting materials to illustrate your activities.

**Reference Letter & Transcript:** Please include a reference letter and your most recent school transcript or report card in support of your application.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting the rights of LGBTQ+ people and families! The Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Committee will review your statement and inform you whether you have been chosen to become a Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship recipient.

Deadline for application submissions is Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Applications may be submitted electronically to [info@youthprideri.org](mailto:info@youthprideri.org) or by hard copy to:

Lipsky/Whittaker Scholarship Fund  
c/o Youth Pride Inc.  
743 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903.