

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The **LIVE OUT LOUD Educational Scholarship** was created to provide financial support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) youth who are pursuing a college degree. Through this scholarship, LGBTQ youth can apply for funds to pay for educationally related expenses to pursue a degree from an accredited college, university, or technical/vocational program. This year Live Out Loud is awarding 5 scholarships for \$5,000.00 each.

### **Application Guidelines and Procedures**

- This award is open only to Graduating High School seniors who identify as LGBTQ.
- Applicants need to be from the Tri-State area including New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.
- Award criteria are based on the demonstration of past leadership and community service involvement, academic credentials, personal essay, letters of recommendation, an individual interview, financial need, and future goals.
- Applicants must send (a) the completed application form, (b) two letters of recommendation, (c) two essays.
- Finalists must participate in an individual interview that will be scheduled in March 2015.
- The scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony on April 27, 2015.
- All applications must be complete for consideration.
- Live Out Loud must receive all applications no later than **February 24, 2015**. Any incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Live Out Loud is not required to award all 5 scholarships annually. Awards are given only to applicants approved by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria above.

### **Scholarship Awarding Process**

Scholarship awards will not be distributed until Live Out Loud receives all required documentation, including a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution the student will be attending and verification of attendance by the relevant admissions office. Live Out Loud will distribute awards directly to the educational institution only, and only upon verification of attendance.

Completed applications should be submitted to Live Out Loud for review and consideration.

Send your application to: Live Out Loud

Attention: Scholarship Committee

570 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10018

Please direct questions to: cardozie@liveoutloud.info

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Any information provided on this application is strictly confidential and will not be disseminated for any reason other than determining eligibility for the Live Out Loud Educational Scholarship or as required by state or federal agencies.

STUDENT INFORMATION:				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		
Home Mailing Address		Apt. No		
City/State		Zip Code		
Phone ()	Cell No. ()	E-Mail		
-	essage at either of these nur If not, we will contact you vi	mbers regarding our organizational name or ia email.	f	
Are you a U.S. Citizen? □ Perma	anent Resident? □ If not U.S	S., country of birth:		
Date of Birth: Month Day Year				
Is English your first language? □ Yes □ No If not, what is?				
Do you self-identify as LGBT? □ Yes □ No				
If yes, are you "out and open" to	your community? ☐ Yes ☐ N	No		
How did you hear about the Live	Out Loud Scholarship Progra	am?		
What is your ethnicity? ☐ Asian ☐ Other (please specify)		Latino/a □ Caucasian (non-Hispanic)		
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION				
High School (Do not abbreviate	or use nicknames)			
Special program, if any				
Street Address, City/State, Zip C	ode			
Expected graduation date:	_ Month Year			
Contact Person/ Admissions Con	unselor	Phone ()		
Grade point average in the units	used by your school: out of a	possible:		

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN:	
Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. □ First Name	_ Last Name
Relationship to Student	
Occupation	
Highest Level of Education <i>(check only one)</i> □ none □ some grades school □ high school graduate □ some college □ associate's degree □ some graduate school □ graduate degree	•
PARENT OR GUARDIAN:	
Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. □ First Name	_ Last Name
Relationship to Student	
Occupation	
Highest Level of Education <i>(check only one)</i> □ none □ some graduate school □ high school graduate □ some college □ associate's deg □ some graduate school □ graduate degree	
The following information should be provided if known. If not upon awarding of the scholarship in order to facilitate the dis	
Anticipated college, university or technical/vocational school:	
Street Address, City/State, Zip Code	
Admissions Counselor:	_ Phone No ()
STUDENT CERTIFICATION:	
I certify that the information contained in this application is true.	
Applicant's Signature	Date

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1. Please describe your most important activities and achievements, including academic honors, community service, and other volunteer opportunities, extracurricular activities, and work experience.
2. Please explain your financial need. Are there any extenuating circumstances that will impact your ability to pay for school?
3. How has your LGBTQ identity impacted your life at home, school, or in your community? What, if any, challenges have you encountered as a result of these experiences? How have you chosen to face these challenges?

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4. Please indicate your intended academic major in college or tech/vocational school. Why are you choosing this particular area of study? If you are unsure, please describe what interests you plan to explore and why.
5. Please describe the activities in which you plan to participate during your college tenure (i.e., campus/community service, extracurricular activities, paid/unpaid work experience).
6. Please describe your career aspirations after you graduate from college or tech/vocational school.

#### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

• Students must submit **two** letters of recommendation that attest to their leadership, courage, and commitment to LGBT issues from academic and/or organization professionals (teachers, directors, advisors, etc). **Please have recommenders send their letters directly to:** 

Live Out Loud c/o Cardozie Jones 570 Seventh Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10018

**ESSAY:** In two separate essays (no more than 1000 words each; typed and double-spaced), please answer the following questions:

- 1. An integral part of Live Out Loud's mission is to connect LGBTQ youth with role models. Who is your role model? Why? How have you been a role model in your school and/or community?
- 2. How have you distinguished yourself as a leader in, or on behalf of, the LGBT community? What leadership roles have you shown during your high school years? Describe a situation or project you have initiated. What were the results? What challenges did you come up against while executing this project? How has this project impacted your community?