SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The **LIVE OUT LOUD Educational Scholarship** was created to provide financial support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) youth who are pursuing a college degree. Through this scholarship, LGBT 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 4 scholarships for $2,500.00 each.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

- This award is open only to Graduating High School Seniors who identify as LGBT, and to those LGBT graduates who may have deferred attending an educational institution for one year following graduation.
- 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, an individual interview, financial need and future goals.
- Applicants must send (a) the completed application form; (b) TWO letters of recommendation.
- Finalists must participate in an individual interview that will be scheduled in early April 2010.
- The scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony on April 26, 2010.
- All applications must be complete for consideration.
- Live Out Loud must receive all applications no later than March 31st, 2010. Any incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Live Out Loud is not required to award all 4 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 copy of 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 7th Avenue, 9th Floor
                                   New York, NY 10018

Please direct questions to: info@liveoutloud.info

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:

First Name _____Middle Name _____Last Name_____

Home Mailing Address_____ Apt. No. _____

City/State_____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____Cell No. (_____) _____E-Mail _____

ARE WE PERMITTED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AT EITHER OF THESE NUMBERS REGARDING OUR ORGANIZATIONAL NAME OR PURPOSE?

☐ YES ☐ NO   IF NO, WE WILL CONTACT YOU VIA THE E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED.

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Permanent Resident? ☐   If not U.S., country of birth: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Is English your first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No   If no, what is? _____

Do you self-identify as LGBT? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, are you "OUT and OPEN" to your community? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your ethnicity? ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Latino/a ☐ Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
☐ Other *(please specify)* _____

High School *(Do not abbreviate or use nicknames)* _____

Special program, if any _____

Street Address, City/State, Zip Code _____

Expected graduation date: _____ Month _____ Year

Contact Person/ Admissions Counselor _____ Phone (_____) _____

Grade point average in the units used by your school*:* out of a possible _____:_____

SAT-V _____ SAT-M _____ SAT-W _____ Approximate class rank: _____ out of _____ or percentile _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ First Name _____ Last Name_____

Relationship to Student _____

Occupation _____

Highest Level of Education *(check only one)* ☐ none ☐ some grade school ☐ grade school graduate ☐ some high school ☐ high school graduate ☐ some college ☐ associate's degree (2-year college) ☐ bachelor's degree ☐ some graduate school ☐ graduate degree

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STUDENT:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true.

Applicant's Signature _____Date _____

How did you hear about the Live Out Loud Scholarship Program? _____

The following information should be provided if known. If not, then the information should be provided upon awarding of the scholarship in order to facilitate the distribution of scholarship funds.

Anticipated college, university or technical/vocational school: _____

Street Address, City/State, Zip Code _____

Admissions Counselor: _____ Phone No (_____) _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM – page 3
This page may be submitted on a separately typed sheet of paper if desired.

1. Please describe your most important activities and achievements, including academic honors, community service and other volunteer opportunities, extracurricular activities, and work experience.

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2. Please explain your financial need. Are there any extenuating circumstances that will impact your ability to pay for school?

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3. Please indicate your intended academic major in college or tech/vocational school. Why did you choose this particular area of study? If you are unsure, please describe what interests you plan to explore and why.

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4. 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).

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5. Please describe your career aspirations after you graduate from college or tech/vocational school.

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ESSAY:

1. What does it mean to you to Live Out Loud? In 250-500 words tell us how you have lived this message in your life.

2. In a separate essay (no more than 1000 words; typed and double spaced) Please answer the following questions: 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?