



**Gay Straight Alliance  
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# The Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship Application

## About GSA for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship

The Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) Youth Scholarship awards four high school seniors \$1000 each. The recipients of these awards will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting respect for all, especially in a school setting, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues (LGBT). This scholarship is open to all Wisconsin high school seniors, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Examples of student activities that might bring an applicant to the attention of GSAFE include, but are not limited to:

- A student who has been active in the formation or the continuation of a Gay-Straight Alliance.
- A student who has consistently included LGBT materials in his/her/hir coursework.
- A student who has organized an event that has promoted fair treatment and safety for LGBT people.
- A student who has been an active part of community efforts involving LGBT issues.
- A student who has faced and sought to overcome obstacles related to LGBT issues.

## Requirements for the Youth Scholarship

- Graduating High School Senior
- Resident of Wisconsin
- Completion of enclosed application
- Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be written by a member of your school staff
- If awarded scholarship: Attendance at GSA for Safe Schools Celebration of Leadership Awards Ceremony in Madison on May 8, 2010.

## Application Deadline

All applications must be received by February 22, 2010 and will be kept confidential.

Announcement: April 2010

## Submission of the Scholarship Application

Application can be submitted electronically as a Word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of:

GSA for Safe Schools  
301 S. Bedford Street #1  
Madison, WI 53703

## For Further Information

Awards Committee, (608) 661-4141 or at [brianj@gsaforsafeschools.org](mailto:brianj@gsaforsafeschools.org).

For more information please visit [www.gsaforsafeschools.org](http://www.gsaforsafeschools.org)

*GSA for Safe Schools envisions education systems where all students thrive regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.*

## About You

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first name	last name		
address	city	state	zip
high school	city	state	zip
date of birth	phone (where GSA for Safe Schools can call)	e-mail	
university/college name (if applicable)	city	state	zip

### Part I:

#### Future Plan

This scholarship has been developed to allow students who have demonstrated interest in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues to pursue further learning. Please write an essay of 250 words or less which answers the questions below. Attach essay on a separate sheet.

- What are your plans following high school?
- What will this scholarship mean for you?
- How will you use this scholarship to continue your commitment to create safe communities for LGBT people?

### Part II:

#### Contribution to Safe Schools and the LGBT Community

Please write an essay of 600 words or less which addresses your commitment to the LGBT community. Your submission will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers who are unfamiliar with your work and efforts. Your essay should clearly demonstrate your contribution to the LGBT community.

#### Your submission must include the following:

1. How have you provided support, educated others, or improved the climate for LGBT people and their allies in your school or community?
2. What has been your motivation to work for safe schools for LGBT people and their allies?
3. How much of an impact do you think you have had? What tells you that?
4. What have you learned about yourself and/or your own abilities as a result of this work?

**Part III: GSA for Safe Schools  
Youth Scholarship Referral Form 1**

The student named below is applying for the GSA for Safe Schools Youth Scholarship. This award is given annually to a Wisconsin high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

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Applicant's name:

Please describe how you feel this student has best demonstrated his/her/hir commitment to the LGBT community. Specifically please address the following three questions:

1. How has this student provided support, educated others, or improved the climate for LGBT people in your school or community?
2. How essential and/or enduring is the impact this student has had on your school or community?
3. What environment or climate did the student work within to create change? What obstacles, if known, did the student encounter in the school or community while doing this work?

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Please keep this application reference confidential. Thank you.

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referee's name

relationship

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city

state

zip

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telephone

e-mail

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**Part III: GSA for Safe Schools  
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**GSA for Safe Schools  
Confidentiality Statement & Press Release**

All documents received by the Awards Committee are considered confidential. However, some material is carefully selected from applications and letters of reference to prepare introductions to the recipients at the annual awards presentation ceremony. Answers to this section are not considered in award selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ If chosen to receive an award, may we make this information available to members of the press who report awards?

\_\_\_\_\_ If chosen to receive an award, can we use part of your essay for fundraising purposes?

I verify that the information I have supplied is accurate and true.

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signature

date

**GSA for Safe Schools  
Scholarship Checklist**

All of the following application materials must be postmarked by February 22, 2010 to be eligible for review. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Materials sent by email or fax after February 22 will not be accepted.

1. This completed application form. Your application can be submitted electronically as a word attachment or as a hard copy that is hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the office of GSA for Safe Schools.
2. Answers to essay questions or other attachments.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be written by a member of your school staff.