

2005 DQRC Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Fund Application Information and Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Deaf Queer Resource Center's Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Fund. Please carefully read all information contained in this document and application packet before submitting your application.

Purpose of Scholarship

The main purpose of DQRC's Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Fund is to identify, support and empower the next generation of Deaf Queer youth by recognizing and celebrating their achievements and commitment to social change.

Award Amount

Scholarship awards are currently offered in the amounts of \$250 to \$500 each.

Application Packet

Our 2005 application packet can be downloaded at:
<http://www.deafqueer.org/youth/scholarships/index.html>.

Application packet consists of this document, official application form and a helpful application checklist.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for this scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be D/deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer
- Be out about sexual orientation/identity
- Be under 25 years of age at the date of application
- Be currently enrolled in high school or college
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better
- Submit a written or video essay as instructed
- Submit a completed and signed application with all requested supporting documents
- Agree to use scholarship award towards school-related expenses

Required Documents

1. Completed and signed 2005 DQRC Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Application Form.
2. A written or video essay addressing all questions in the essay section.
3. Proof of current enrollment in high school or college. This can be in the form of a copy of your current enrollment card, student identification card, or a verification letter from your high school or college admissions office.
4. A copy of your school transcript issued within the last 6 months. Transcript should show cumulative grade point average (GPA).
5. One (1) letter of recommendation.
6. Two (2) different photos of yourself suitable for print. One of the photos must be a headshot.

Essay Instructions

Submit a written or video essay of yourself addressing all of the following:

1. Tell us your coming out story. How did you come to know you are queer?
2. How has being both D/deaf and queer affected your life? You may be as specific as you like. For example, you could tell a story about an experience you've had that a straight D/deaf person or a queer hearing person could not have had.
3. How do you want to see the experiences of future D/deaf queer youth be different from your own? What are you willing to do to make that future a reality?

Your essay is one of the most important parts of your application. Your essay should be well organized and show that you have thought about your answers. Submit your essay in either written or video format. **DO NOT** send both. Written and video essays will be given equal weight.

If you choose to submit your answers in a written format, your essay should be typewritten, double-spaced, and printed on white paper. It should be well-written and edited for grammar and spelling mistakes. Please limit your essay to 7 pages or less.

If you choose to submit your answers in video format, your essay must be presented in sign language (ASL, PSE or SEE). You may use either DVD or VHS format. Your presentation should be articulate and well delivered. Please make certain your recording is intelligible. We must be able to see you and your signing clearly. Be sure the space you use is well lit and the quality of the recording is high enough that we can understand you easily. Video presentations should be limited to 35 minutes or less.

Letter of Recommendation

We request one (1) letter of recommendation from a peer, co-worker, teacher, professor, schoolmate, counselor or other person who has worked with you and knows you well. Their letter should talk about one or more of your achievements, your character and why they recommend you for this scholarship.

Photos

Please submit two (2) different photos of yourself with your application. Photos must be suitable for print. One photo should be a recent headshot. School photos are acceptable. We will also accept digital photos in jpeg or gif format by email or on a CD or DVD disk. Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi in size.

If emailing photos, you may email them to scholarships@deafqueer.org. Please include your full name in the body or subject area of your email. Please do not submit your application or any other documents to us by email. These must be mailed.

Application Deadline

Applications and all supporting documents for our 2005 scholarships must be mailed together and postmarked by July 15, 2005. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Failure to follow directions may also disqualify your application.

Mail your application/documents to:

Deaf Queer Resource Center
Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Fund Selection Committee
P.O. Box 14431
San Francisco, CA 94114

Scholarship winners will be notified by September 15, 2005

Contact Information

If you have any questions not answered here, you may contact us by email at: scholarships@deafqueer.org. We can also be reached by fax at (415) 449-3674.

We thank you for your interest and wish you the best of luck!

2005 DQRC Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Application Form

Application Deadline: July 15, 2005

Name of Applicant: _____

Birth Date: _____

Birth Place: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State / Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ TTY Voice

Where should the Scholarship Committee contact you if we have additional questions?:

How do you identify?: D/deaf Hard of Hearing Hearing

How do you identify?: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Intersex
 Queer Straight Other _____

How long have you been out about your sexual orientation?: _____

How do you identify?: African American Asian/Pacific Islander Latino
 Native American White Other _____

How do you identify?: Female Male Other _____

Currently Enrolled: High School College

Current School Name: _____

Current School Address: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

Name of High School: _____

City / State of High School: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen?: Yes No

Where did you hear about this scholarship?: _____

List your current and former extra-curricular activities, volunteer work and any awards and honors received. Include full name of organization(s), dates of involvement and any leadership roles you've held. You may use a separate sheet of paper for this section.

List any current or most recent employment (if applicable):

Agreement:

By signing and submitting this application and supporting documents, I agree to allow the Deaf Queer Resource Center to publish and advertise my (or my child's) name, photo(s), written essay or video presentation and/or other relevant information I have submitted at their discretion. I also agree that if I am awarded this scholarship I will use the funds solely for school-related expenses. I also understand that submitting any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship.

If I'm under the age of 18 at the time of application, my parent or legal guardian has also signed and dated this application on my behalf.

Applicant's Signature

date

Signature of parent or legal guardian
(If applicant is under age 18)

date

Checklist – 2005 DQRC Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, please be sure to submit the following application and documents together no later than July 15, 2005:

- Completed 2005 DQRC Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Application Form
- Written or Video Essay
- Two (2) Photos Enclosed or Emailed
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- Proof of Current Enrollment in High School or College
- Copy of Most Recent Transcript
- Proof of Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

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Deaf Queer Youth Scholarship Fund Selection Committee
P.O. Box 14431
San Francisco, CA 94114

Photos may be emailed in jpeg or gif format to: scholarships@deafqueer.org

If you email your photos, be sure they are at least 300 dpi in size. Include your full name in the subject or body area of your email.

Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2005. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please also be sure to follow directions as outlined. If, for example, we ask for one letter of recommendation, don't send three. If we instruct you to limit your written essay to 7 pages, don't send 10 pages. Not following directions may disqualify your application.

Scholarship winners will be notified by September 15, 2005.

Good luck!