

AWARDS AND RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS

The Office of Special Scholarship Programs at UIC assists professional program and undergraduate students with applying for scholarships. Begin by researching awards and follow up with our office with questions and for assistance. The best approach to finding funding is to think creatively about yourself and your goals. As you search for funding sources remember that diverse aspects of you may connect with awards such as the nature of your research, your ethnic background, the country your research is taking place in, your career goals, etc. Be persistent and patient and you will likely find awards to help you.

REESOURCES AND DIRECTORIES OF SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS

- **Human Rights Campaign**, works for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equal Rights
<http://www.hrc.org/scholarship-database/c/national>
- **UIC Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC)**, provides students with dynamic programming and resources around gender identity sexual orientation and their intersections with other identities in education and resources.
<http://genderandsexuality.uic.edu/#WHOWEARE>
- **CampusPride.org**, provides listings of more LGBTQ scholarships on a national and local level. It also includes other resources. <http://www.campuspride.org/scholarships>
- **Chicagoland LGBTQ Services Directory**, an online directory of local LGBTQ services. <http://chicagolgbtsservices.org>

AWARDS

American Atheists Gay/Lesbian College Scholarship

Various scholarships for current students and opportunities for college students who are primarily atheist LGBTQ and interested activism.

<http://atheists.org/scholarship/application>

Deadline: (Was February 1 Last Year)

Bisexual Foundation Scholarship Award

The Bisexual Foundation Scholarship is an annual fund awarding up to \$1000 per award to selected graduate students to advance research on the psychology of bisexuality. This new award recognizes the growing importance of research on bisexuality to the field of LGBT issues in psychology and offers concrete support and encouragement to emerging scholars in this field. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a Department of Psychology at the graduate level. Applications from students in allied disciplines, such as social work and sociology, cannot be considered at this time.

<http://www.apadivision44.org/honors/bisexual.php>

Deadline: (Was February 1 Last Year)

UIC Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBTQ People and Allies

Funds scholarships for graduate or undergraduate student at UIC who promotes a positive identity for LGBT students.

http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/scholar/awards_any_major.html

Deadline: (Was February 28 Last Year)

Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community

The scholarship hopes to recognize those who are active in the community and encourages future leaders. APIQWTC will be awarding scholarships of \$750 to two Asian/Pacific Islander lesbian, bisexual, or queer women or transgender individuals pursuing technical/professional training or an undergraduate/graduate degree.

<http://www.apiqwtc.org/>

Deadline: February

Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards

Each year, the Colin Higgins Foundation salutes and celebrates courage in the face of adversity and discrimination by awarding \$10,000 individual grants to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirit, Queer and Questioning youth activists(through age 20).
<http://www.colinhiggins.org/>
Deadline: February

Gammu Mu Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded based upon financial need and the desire to pursue additional training through academic or vocational endeavors. The applicant must be a gay man under 35 years of age, have completed high school (or GED) by June of the current year, and be a U.S. citizen.
http://www.gammamufoundation.org/grant_scholarships/scholarships.asp
Deadline: (Was March 31 Last Year)

The Joshua Dunning Powell (JDP) Scholarship

The scholarship is intended to help Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) students who are in need of financial support to defray the cost of a college education.
<http://www.capitalpridecenter.org/general/the-2013-joshua-dunning-powell-scholarship-is-now-available/>
Deadline: (Was April 12 Last Year)

The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund

Recognizes African American lesbians making significant contributions to their communities. Must be an African American lesbian who is 40 years old or older attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States GPA 3.0 or higher.
<http://www.zami.org/audrelordescholar.html>
Deadline: (Was May 1 Last Year)

NWSA Women's/Gender Studies Student Scholarships and Awards Lesbian Caucus Scholarship

The purpose of the annual NWSA Lesbian Caucus Award is to provide a \$500 research award in recognition of a Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation research project that resonates with the mission of NWSA and the goals of the Lesbian Caucus.
<http://www.nwsa.org/content.asp?pl=16&contentid=16>
Deadline: June 1

Kenneth W. Payne Student Prize Competition

Presented each year by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) to a graduate or undergraduate student in acknowledgement of outstanding anthropological work on 1) a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered topic, or 2) a critical interrogation of sexualities and genders more broadly defined.
<http://queeranthro.org/>
Deadline: (Was June 2 Last Year)

BATTELLE/NOGLSTP Out to Innovate Scholarships

Funds scholarships for LGBTQ or ally students currently enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics related fields.
<http://www.noglstp.org/programs-projects/scholarships/>
Deadline: (Was June 7 Last Year)

National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals

These scholarships are intended for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) programs who are either lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or an active ally of the LGBT community.
<http://www.noglstp.org/programs-projects/scholarships>
Deadline: (Was June 7 Last Year)

Acorn Equality Fund Scholarship

Designed to provide academic financial support for gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered students, allies or the children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered parents. The 2014 scholarships range from \$1000 to \$5,000 with up to \$30,000 being disbursed. To be eligible, the applicant must retain permanent residence in the AEF service area (all Illinois counties except: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will) and attend any accredited post-secondary educational facility.
<http://www.acornequalityfund.com/>
Deadline: September

AfterCollege Business Student Scholarship

Not LGBTQ specific, but open to all students of all backgrounds in business; must be currently enrolled students working toward a degree (AA,AS, BA,BS, MS, PhD) in a field of business. Minimum 3.0 GPA
<https://www.aftercollege.com/company/aftercollege-inc/10/scholarship/50/>
Deadline: September

National AIDS Memorial Grove Young Leaders Scholarship Program

Awards up to \$2,500 to high school seniors or college undergraduates who have demonstrated leadership in HIV/AIDS awareness and advocacy.

<http://www.aidsmemorial.org/>

Deadline: October

Point Scholarships

Point Foundation was established in 2001 to nurture the next generation of LGBTQ leaders. Point Foundation empowers promising LGBTQ students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society. Awarded on a "last provider" basis. Point fills in the gaps and provides funds not provided by other scholarships, grants, loans, work/study programs, etc. It is the responsibility of those selected as Point Scholars to secure as much outside funding as possible.

<http://www.pointfoundation.org/OnlineApplicationInfo>

Deadline: January 26, 2015

Fund for Education Abroad: Rainbow Scholarship

Awarded to a deserving LGBTQI student who aims to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled as undergraduates in US universities/colleges who plan to study abroad for at least four weeks .

<http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/scholarships/>

Deadline: January

Chrysler Fund Reaching Out MBA Scholarship

Funds scholarships nationwide for LGBT first year students enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year graduate business school program.

<http://www.reachingoutmba.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Committee on LGBT History

The \$200 Joan Nestle Prize is awarded every other year for the best undergraduate paper on LGBTQ history. The Gregory Sprague Prize is awarded every other year to a graduate student.

<http://clgbthistory.org/prizes/joan-nestle-prize>

Deadline: Varies

Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications to Reduce Tobacco Use Among Priority Populations

Two \$5,000 scholarships to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States. The awards will be granted on a competitive basis for the best use of the visual arts, media, creative writing or other creative endeavor to convey culturally appropriate health messages aimed at raising awareness of tobacco's harmful impact residents of low-income communities, U.S. racial/ethnic minorities, the Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual/Transgender community and other populations that have significantly higher than average smoking prevalence rates.

<http://www.legacyforhealth.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Jean Paul Ohadi Foundation

The JPO Foundation was formed to help organizations aid in the treatment, education, support and understanding of Bipolar disorder and against society's prejudice against his sexual orientation. Each year the PFLAG Deerfield Chapter has helped in the selection of young people who have submitted evidence of their academic achievement and their involvement in the LGBTQ community. Must be Illinois resident and undergraduate.

<http://pflagdeerfield.org/scholarship.html>

Deadline: Check site for details

Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award

It is a fund that annually awards up to \$1000 to selected graduate students in psychology to advance research in the psychology of sexual orientation and gender identity. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a Department of Psychology at the graduate level. Applications from students in allied disciplines, such as social work and sociology, cannot be considered at this time.

<http://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/awards/malyon-smith.aspx>

Deadline: Varies

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE & STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Truman Scholarship: For juniors intent on careers in public service at a leadership level, \$30,000 toward graduate or professional school study. Must be nominated by UIC. UIC Deadline: October, www.truman.gov

Goldwater Scholarship: For sophomores and juniors with research experience and intent on research careers in math, science or engineering, \$7500 toward remaining undergraduate years. UIC Deadline for UIC nomination: November, www.act.org/goldwater

Critical Languages Scholarships: For overseas summer intensive study of critical languages. Funding for studies includes airfare and housing. Locations of summer programs vary. Deadline: November, <http://www.clscholarship.org/>

Udall Scholarship: For sophomores and juniors planning careers related to environmental issues, \$5000 toward the junior or senior year. Must be nominated by UIC. UIC Deadline: January <https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

Gilman Scholarship: For undergraduates who have Pell Grants and are planning study abroad, up to \$5000 in support of study abroad. Deadline: March and October www.iie.org/gilman

Fulbright Fellowship - (UIC STUDENTS APPLY THROUGH OSSP ONLY) for students who have completed a bachelor's degree, a year abroad conducting research in the country of your choice OR teaching English as a foreign language in one of over 40 countries. UIC Deadline: early September <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaasssp/fulbright2.htm>

CIEE Access Grant, for undergraduate students participating in a CIEE study abroad program; must self-identify as a member of a minority group or a group traditionally underrepresented in study abroad OR plan to study abroad in Africa, Asia Pacific, the Caribbean, or Latin America . Deadline: multiple, <http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships-grants/access/>

INTERNAL UIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Avery Brundage (for athletes): <https://www-s.usp.uillinois.edu/brundage/default.aspx>

College Of Engineering: <http://engineering.uic.edu/bin/view/COE/Scholarships>

College of Business Administration: <http://business.uic.edu/home-uic-business/current-students/cba-scholarships>

LAS: <http://www.las.uic.edu/students/current-undergraduate/opportunities/las-scholarships>

Nursing: <http://www.nursing.uic.edu/current-students/financing-your-education>

Student Affairs: <http://vcsa.uic.edu/scholarships/>

Honors College: <http://www.uic.edu/honors/learning/scholarships.shtml>

SEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT UIC

- A great place to start looking on the web for scholarships is through our web site! OSSP keeps a comprehensive and updated database of scholarships that we know about on the web for UIC students. This includes awards both at UIC and nation-wide. <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaasssp/award.htm>
- Another good resource for web-based searches is scholarship search engines. A most helpful (AND FREE!) site is www.collegezone.com, which lists financial opportunities for Illinois residents that are attending college. On our website, we provide this link, in addition to other links to online search engines that can give you access to more awards: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaasssp/links>
- The OSSP listerv helps you keep up to date with ongoing award deadlines by providing weekly updates on awards. <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaasssp/listserv.htm>
- In addition to websites (ours and others), you should seek awards in paper-based resources as well. OSSP has a library of books listing many more awards than are listed on our website. They can be viewed during office hours (M-F, 8:30am-5pm).