



The GLBA Scholarship Fund is a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization serving the greater Santa Barbara Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. Since 1989, the GLBA Scholarship program has awarded educational grants to students in Santa Barbara County, many of whom face financial hardship and rejection due to their sexual orientation. The number and dollar amount of the scholarship awards varies each year and is dependent upon the number of applicants, scholarships awarded, and the amount of donations received.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: current and potential contribution to the gay and lesbian community in Santa Barbara and beyond, academic achievement and career goals, financial need, and extracurricular activities.

Eligible applicants must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational institution in Santa Barbara County for the upcoming school year. They must also maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or the minimum standards of their institution or program, whichever is higher. High School transcripts are required of students with less than two years of post-secondary education.

A minimum of two letters of recommendation are required, one personal and one academic. The first should be written by someone who is not a relative or significant other and should discuss your community activities, achievements and career goals; the second by a school or university faculty member who is familiar with your academic performance. All submitted recommendations must be mailed under separate cover and sent to GLBA directly by the writer and each must contain original signatures (stamps or photocopies do not qualify as original for our application purposes).

A personal statement is also required in which you should describe your involvement, contributions and aspirations in the LGBT community.

All application materials must be received by GLBA no later than July 30th to qualify for the upcoming school year. Mail to: GLBA Scholarship ~ P.O. Box 90907 ~ Santa Barbara, CA 93190-0907.

Individuals may apply for and receive GLBA scholarships for a maximum of four academic years. Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions in September and awards will be granted no later than October. If you have questions, please write to the above address or phone John Chufar at (805) 687-5533.

Your interest in the GLBA Scholarship Fund is appreciated. Best wishes for success in your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

John Chufar

GLBA Scholarship Chairman