

BONNIE J TINKER SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: 11:59 PM FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Introduction:

The Scholarship was initially created in 2012 to provide support for LGBTQ Families in SW Washington. In 2016, the Scholarship was renamed after Bonnie J Tinker by the Board of Directors of Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization in cooperation with her family. It is funded through donations, variety shows and community fundraisers.

Background About Bonnie J Tinker:

Bonnie J. Tinker was a strong voice for the rights of Women, Children, and LGBTQ Families around the country. She worked to improve relations between diverse populations and viewpoints through her teaching of the LARA Method. A means to work through dialogue to find common ground with others of divergent beliefs. She was traveled the country teaching non-violent intervention and was a pioneer in the work for Marriage Equality. She believed in giving back to the community and worked through many means including her life as a member of the Quaker Community. She was tireless in her work to improve the lives of all.

Criteria of Eligibility:

To be eligible, a candidate:

1. Must have a desire to give back to the LGBTQ Community, Friends and Families.
2. Must be able to illustrate how your current studies will be used to improve the lives and families of the LGBTQ Community
3. Must identify as a gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer, be an ally of LGBTQ community or have a parent/guardian that identifies as gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer.
4. Must be a resident of SW Washington for a full year previous to the year you apply for this Scholarship. For instance: an application in 2015 would mean you had lived here for the entire previous year of 2014.
5. Must be pursuing education beyond the secondary level in one or more of the following areas: College, University, Trade and/or Vocational School, or The Arts. (On-line certificate or degree programs are not eligible for funding.)
6. Must demonstrate a need of financial assistance.
7. Must be accepted (or acceptance-pending) for enrollment, or enrolled in an accredited educational program beyond the secondary level which has an established non-discrimination policy that includes sexual and gender minority groups.
8. Evidence the potential to successfully complete his/her selected program of study.
9. Cannot be an Employee, Committee Member, or Board member of the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization.

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Application Process and Information:

- The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Committee is composed of SITP PRIDE Board Members and Members of the Service Community appointed annually by the SITP PRIDE Scholarship Review Committee Chairperson.
- The Final Three (3) Candidates for the Scholarship will be interviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee Members either in person or via the telephone.
- The Scholarship is a minimum of \$500 each year, but may be higher. The final amount provided to the Scholarship Recipient(s) is determined by the Scholarship Review Committee.
- Please be sure that you complete all of the Application, Letter of Interest, and the two (2) Letters of Recommendations when sending in your Application.
- Materials submitted during the application process will not be returned. Incomplete Applications, Applications received after the required date or Components of your application received separately may not be eligible and therefore disregarded.
- Applications are available through the website. All inquiries may be either e-Mailed or a note sent to the Address listed below.

e-Mail: sitppboard@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.sitppride.org>

ADDRESS: SITP Pride, 6400 NE Highway 99, G-338 Vancouver, WA 98665

PHONE: 360-524-2661

- Applications must be completed and returned to Saturday in the Park PRIDE at the above e-Mail address by 11:59 PM February 28, 2017 or by mail on or before February 28, 2017.
- Saturday in the Park PRIDE will announce the Scholarship Recipient(s) at the Annual Vancouver USA PRIDE Celebration in July. The Vancouver USA PRIDE Event occurs on the Second Saturday in July of each year. Although not required, SITP Pride will invite the scholarship recipients to attend the Vancouver USA PRIDE Celebration.
- Scholarship award money will be sent directly to the educational institution and must be used in the academic year immediately following the award. If that is not possible, the funds will be returned to the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization.

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- All information obtained from this application will be held in strict confidence only to be used for the purpose of selecting the scholarship recipient(s).

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PLEASE TYPE OF USE PEN TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION

Non-Discrimination Statement:

The SITP PRIDE Scholarship Review Committee, in granting financial aid, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, marital status, familial, status, age, mental or physical disability, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, or source of income.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

home

work

cell

Email _____

Student ID Number _____

Institution Attending _____

Have you lived in Southwest Washington, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania, or Pacific County, for at least one full year prior to submitting this application?

- Yes No

Check one:

- I identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer/ally individual
 One or more of my guardians identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer

Guardian's Name: _____

The following information is **OPTIONAL** and will be used for demographic purposes only.

Date of Birth _____

Gender Identity _____

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Sexual Orientation _____

Education Information:

To what accredited program (college, university, trade/vocational, or arts school) have you been accepted for enrollment; or are you enrolled in?

School Name _____

School Mailing Address _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Phone _____

Enrollment status: Full-time Part-time

What is your choice of curriculum or vocation?

Education Background:

Do you hold a:

- High school diploma
- General education degree (GED)
- Other: _____

Name(s) of Degree Granting Institution(s):

Types of degree(s) received _____

Date(s) received _____

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List any and all work or volunteer experience in which you have participated that you feel are important, including past service to and involvement in the LGBTQ community, including, if relevant, life experiences with a LGBTQ guardian and how the experience has affected your life and future plans. (You may write on a separate sheet if needed.)

Describe how you plan to give back to the LGBTQ community both while on campus and in the future. (a separate piece of paper may be used)

List any Special Awards or Honors you have received. How do you feel they are relevant to your experience?

List any Special Training, Courses, Workshops, etc. that you have had beyond education disclosed on the previous page.

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Financial Need Information:

One year period during which you will need financial aid. Please annualize your expenses, as this scholarship is awarded on annual basis: From _____/_____/_____ to _____/_____/_____

List any other scholarships/loans you have applied for or received for the above time period:

Applied: _____

Received: _____

Anticipated income for aid period:

Employment	\$	_____	
Savings	\$	_____	
Scholarships	\$	_____	
Loans	\$	_____	
Parents/partner	\$	_____	
Other	\$	_____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Other	\$	_____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Total Income	\$	_____	

Anticipated expenses for aid period:

Tuition/fees	\$	_____
Books/supplies	\$	_____
Living expenses	\$	_____
Medical/dental	\$	_____
Insurance	\$	_____
Childcare	\$	_____

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Other \$ _____ Specify: _____
Other \$ _____ Specify: _____
Total Expenses \$ _____

What is your anticipated financial need during the period of your schooling? _____

Do you plan to work during the period of time for which you are seeking financial aid?

Yes No

Employer _____

Number of hours per week _____

Additional Information:

On attached sheets, please provide additional information regarding your individual background, goals, aspirations, accomplishments, dreams, hopes, or other information that would help the scholarship review committee evaluate your request for financial consideration.

Applicants must also submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation that attest to the applicant's academic history and potential, community involvement and financial need.

Letters of recommendation should specifically mention the relationship to the scholarship applicant.

You may submit any other information you deem helpful in the selection process, i.e., references, transcripts, and other relevant schooling information. SITP PRIDE will not be responsible for returning materials to you.

PLEASE REVIEW AND SIGN BELOW:

I have read and understood the criteria of eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship. I understand that if I am a recipient of this scholarship, SITP PRIDE will have my

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permission to use my name and photograph for SITP PRIDE newsletters, brochures, publicity releases, videos, website/social media or in any other display and presentation materials.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Recipient is not over 18 years of age as of the date of this Application is required.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Review of Information and Requirements:

Application must be submitted by 11:59 pm Pacific Time on 28 February, 2017. The application may be submitted via e-Mail to sitppboard@gmail.com or via mail to SITP PRIDE, The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship, 6400 NE Highway 99, G-338 Vancouver, WA 98665.

Application will be reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee during March and will present the information to the SITP PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting in April of each year.

Applicants will be notified during the Month of May, with selectees posted on the website. The recipient(s) will receive recognition at the annual "Vancouver USA PRIDE" Event held on the second Saturday in July.

The Treasurer will send the check to the Institution. Funds will be sent according to the academic calendar of the institution.