

# SATURDAY IN THE PARK PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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The Saturday in the Park Pride (SITP Pride) Scholarship, established in 2012 by the Board of Directors, offers scholarships to students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) or allies, or are the children of GLBT parents, who reside in Southwest Washington (Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania, and Pacific) and need financial assistance to attain their post-secondary educational goals.

***Please complete this application in either computer type or pen.***

## CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a candidate must:

1. Be gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer/ally or the child of a gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer parent(s).
2. Be a resident of Southwest Washington for at least one year prior to submitting an application.
3. 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.)
4. Be in demonstrated need of financial assistance.
5. 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.
6. Evidence the potential to successfully complete his/her selected program of study.
7. Not be an employee or Board member of the Saturday in the Park Pride Organization.

## METHOD OF SELECTION

An SITP Pride Scholarship Committee composed of SITP Pride Board Members and Members of the Service Community appointed or re-appointed annually by the SITP Pride Board, will review the application of each candidate. If the Scholarship Review Committee deems necessary, personal interviews may be arranged.

The recipients of the SATURDAY IN THE PARK PRIDE Scholarship will be chosen via the completion of the scholarship application (and interviews if deemed necessary) which demonstrate: 1) apparent

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financial need; 2) ability to meet eligibility guidelines; 3) clarity of educational objectives; 4) a demonstrated plan to give back to the community.

**Please include all attachments (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) with your application.**

***NOTE: 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. Email all inquiries to the email address listed below.

eMail: [sitppboard@gmail.com](mailto: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 February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 or to the Postal Box, **typewritten or in ink.**

*Saturday in the Park Pride will announce our scholarship recipients at the Annual Vancouver USA Pride Celebration in July. Vancouver USA Pride Event occurs on the Second Saturday in July of each year. SITP Pride will invite the scholarship recipients to attend the Vancouver USA Pride Celebration. The specific winner(s) will be notified during the latter part of the month of May.*

Scholarship monies 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.

**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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### 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 the Southwest Washington Area? These are the eligible Counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania, and/or Pacific County, for the entire 2015 year?

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Yes     No

Check one:

- I am a gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer/ally individual  
 I am the child of a gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer individual

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Identity \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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List any special awards or honors you have received.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated income for aid period:

Employment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/partner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated expenses for aid period:

Tuition/fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books/supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Living expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/dental \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

Write a paragraph about how you will use your experience and education to improve circumstances for members of the LGBTQ community

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**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 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.

I have read and understood the criteria of eligibility and the method of selection regarding the SATURDAY IN THE PARK PRIDE Scholarship. I understand that if I am a recipient of this scholarship, SITP Pride will have my 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Important times for submitting application:

Application will be available the first week of January on line at [www.sitppride.org](http://www.sitppride.org) .

Application must be submitted by 11:59 pm pacific standard time on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The application may be submitted via email to [sitppboard@gmail.com](mailto:sitppboard@gmail.com) or via mail to SITP Pride Scholarships, 6400 NE Highway 99, G-338 Vancouver, WA 98665 All applications must be postmarked by 11:59 pm PST on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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Application will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee during March of each year. The Scholarship Committee for the SITP Pride Board of Directors will meet to discuss each application and made a determination from those eligible.

The Scholarship Committee will inform the SITP Pride Board of Directors of their choice and that information will be entered into the next Board's meeting minutes.

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

Applicant is expected to attend and accept the Scholarship at the annual PRIDE Event in Vancouver. Vancouver USA PRIDE is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July each year. If the applicant is unable to attend, they are required to inform the Organization of their absence.

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