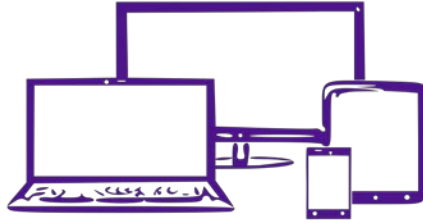


On-line Scholarship Application Now Open!



Applications* are due on or before **February 15th**.

*Only on-line applications will be accepted.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE 49 FUND SCHOLARSHIP?

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be “out” as a person who self identifies as a member of the LGBT community
- Applicant must attend or plan on attending an accredited two or four year college or university to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree; technical colleges are not eligible institutions
- Applicant must be or plan to be enrolled at least part-time in college courses as defined as being enrolled in at least nine (9) credit hours
- Applicants must show academic success as demonstrated by a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Applicant must demonstrate a proven and significant impact in their community as defined by applicant’s ability to communicate in writing their leadership skills and support of and contribution to the LGBT community
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need

HOW DOES AN APPLICANT APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Potential applicants will be notified by multiple sources once the application process is open. These sources include: Equality Florida; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Ctr. of Central Florida, Inc. (“The Center”); Hope CommUnity Center; Human Rights Campaign (HRC); Orlando United Assistance Center; Orlando Youth Alliance, Zebra Coalition at Aspire Health Partners, Inc.; and school districts in the Central Florida Foundation’s catchment area (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia counties).

To access the application, follow these steps:

- Go to [MyScholarship](#)
- Click “Create New Account” and follow the instructions
- Once logged into [MyScholarship](#), type “49FUND” in the box labeled “Access Code” to the right
- Click “Enter Code”
- Review the information on the Application Page
- Click “Apply”
- Complete all required fields and click on “Submit Application” when done

Note: You may “Save Application” in order to go back to your application at a later time after starting it.

You will be asked to submit the following required documentation during the application process:

- A written essay displaying a proven and significant impact in their community as defined by applicant's ability to communicate in writing their leadership skills and support of and contribution to the LGBT community (essay should be no more than two typed pages using 12 pt Arial or Times New Roman font)
- Demonstration of financial need as evidenced by one of the following:
 - Free/reduced lunch eligibility documentation provided by a student's high school
 - Expected Family Contribution of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Official Transcript showing GPA as well as ACT and/or SAT Scores
- Recommendation letter from a faculty/staff member at your school or a professional supervisor
- College or university acceptance letter for incoming freshman**
- Documentation of being a survivor or immediate family of either a victim and survivor of the Pulse tragedy, **if applicable**

**Student enrollment will be verified through the Foundation's scholarship activation process.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 49 FUND SCHOLARSHIP?

- Up to 10 scholarships in an amount up to \$4,900 will be awarded through this process.
- 49 Fund Selection Committee (Committee) will review applications using an on-line evaluation tool.
- The Committee will select finalists to complete an in-person interview.
- After the interview process, the Committee will make scholarship recipient recommendations to the Central Florida Foundation Board of Directors for final approval.

The 49 Fund Selection Committee will be comprised of representatives from the following organizations/types of organizations:

- LGBT Community (1 person)
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Ctr. of Central Florida, Inc. ("The Center") (at least 2 people)
- Central Florida Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Task Force (at least 1 person)

The Committee will be staffed by a member of the Foundation's professional team.

FUND HISTORY

The 49 Fund is a scholarship fund held at Central Florida Foundation (Foundation) with the purpose of memorializing the 49 lives lost on June 12, 2016 during the terrorist attack on the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The 49 Fund at the Foundation will provide tuition-only scholarships to students who self-identify as an "out" member of the LGBT community and live in Central Florida. Preference for scholarships will be given to survivors of the Pulse shooting or immediate family members of both victims and survivors of the tragedy.

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