



## Metro East Pride of Southwestern Illinois, Inc. Scholarship Application Instructions

<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To award one or more scholarships to high school seniors and/or community college students based on scholastic achievement, community involvement, and leadership*
<b>AMOUNT:</b>	\$500.00 each
<b>DATE:</b>	Recipient(s) will be announced June 15, 2025

### Criteria

Must reside in Illinois in one the following counties: **Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, or St. Clair.**

Must be a high school senior or enrolled at a two-year community college/vocational school.

Must be a member of, or have ties to, the LGBTQIA community (family, friends, and allies included).

Must submit a completed Scholarship Application, along with the following documents:

1. Letter of recommendation from someone in the community such as a teacher, counselor, principal, pastor, or employer.
2. Official copy of school transcript through the most recent grading period/semester.
3. Essay not to exceed two typed, single-spaced pages in response to the following prompt:

***How can members of the LGBTQIA community and their allies build bridges in times of political uncertainty?***

Applications must be submitted in PDF format via email sent to [metroeastpride@gmail.com](mailto:metroeastpride@gmail.com) with subject line "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION". Send any questions regarding the scholarship to the same email address.

**Submission deadline is Saturday, May 31, 2025.**

\*Metro East Pride will make every effort to award this scholarship(s) but, Metro East Pride reserves the right to suspend or cancel this scholarship opportunity at any time prior to the scholarship(s) recipients being named.



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## Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Activities you have participated in during high school/college, including year(s):

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Awards you have received in or out of school:

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Leadership positions or offices held in or out of school:

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If you have been employed during your high school/college years, please indicate your place of employment, hours per week, and the years in which you have worked:

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**I CERTIFY, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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