



Brandon Pride – Equity Ambassador Scholarship

The Brandon Pride Committee is a non-profit organization that was formed in 2010 to help facilitate educational, social and Pride events for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit and Queer (LGBT2SQ+) community in Brandon and western Manitoba.

The Equity Ambassador Scholarship was established by the Brandon Pride Committee to provide an annual scholarship to one or more individuals from the LGBT2SQ+ community who have demonstrated a commitment to creating inclusive environments for all, and who are pursuing post-secondary education.

The 2018 Scholarship, worth \$750.00, will be awarded to an outstanding applicant, based on a combination of factors including:

- Prior academic performance
- Community leadership and engagement
- Recommendations from teachers, advisors and other community members
- Financial need and career aspirations

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating student from a Brandon High School, earning a degree or equivalent during 2017-2018 school year, with the intention of pursuing post-secondary education.
- Student must be a part of the LGBT2SQ+ community or a member of their school's GSA group.
- The applicant must not have been a recipient of the award in the last 2 years.
- Members of the Pride Board of Directors, Coordinators, and their immediate families are not eligible to apply. If the applicant deems there might be a conflict of interest, they must declare it on their application.

How to Apply:

- Submit a fully completed Application Form.
- In addition to the Application Form, submit the following supporting documentation:
 - Cover letter summarizing why the application is being submitted and how the applicant would like to make a difference in the LGBT2SQ+ community. Please refer to the Additional Information Section for more details.
 - Proof of Residence, in the form of a copy of a Driver's Licence or other government issued materials containing the applicant's name and address.
 - An acceptance letter or proof of enrollment to an accredited post-secondary institution.
 - At least **two references** from teachers, advisors or other community members that can attest and describe the type of community involvement the applicant has achieved.
- Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Brandon Pride Committee no later than **June 1, 2018**
- Applications can be submitted via email to BrandonMBPride@gmail.com with the subject heading "Equity Ambassador Scholarship" or mailed to:

Brandon Pride Committee Scholarship
c/o SERC LGBT Program
Unit-C, 1700 Pacific Avenue
Brandon, MB R7A 7L9

Award Information

- Scholarship winner(s) will be informed by email or phone before Brandon Pride Week (June 11-16, 2018). No other applicants will be contacted.
- If there is more than one deserving applicant, Brandon Pride reserves the right to split the total award between those applicants. Brandon Pride also reserves the right to not award any monies if a deserving applicant is not found.
- Winner(s) will be awarded the scholarship at the Brandon Pride Festival in the Park on Saturday, June 16th, 2018. If the winner(s) are unable to attend the event, other arrangements will be made.
- We will keep all the applicant's personal information private and will not share any information.

Equity Ambassador Scholarship Application Form

Name and Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

(Please give us your legal name as we would write it if you are awarded a scholarship cheque)

Preferred Name (if different): _____ Pronoun(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____
(yyyy/mm/dd)

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Email Address: _____

Education

Current School/Program: _____

Current Academic Performance (e.g. G.P.A.): _____

Intended Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Intended Field of Study/Degree sought (if known): _____

Anticipated Start Date (Post-secondary): _____

Extracurricular and Community Activities:

Please list all groups and activities you participated in outside of classroom time. Please list the name of the group/organization, how long you participated and what activities you took part in. If applicable, let us know of any official title you had with any groups.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Additional Information:

- Please describe how you demonstrate a commitment to create inclusive environments for the LGBT2SQ+ community. This could be on a local, provincial or national level. You should include specific examples of clubs, organizations, events, actions, etc. that help to highlight the level of your commitment. This can include work with other cultural groups such as ethnic, religious, economic or age based groups. If applicable, feel free to include future plans to represent, advocate or work with the LGBT2SQ+community. (Attach additional pages if necessary)