

Graham Pinsent Memorial Bursary

About Graham

Graham was an active member of The Youth Project of Nova Scotia. He was known and loved by many and was always willing to lend a hand, especially to the YP. Over the many years of service, he helped organize social events, fundraise, or even take the time to drive a VW Beetle for Halifax Pride. Throughout Graham's busy schedule, he worked hard to finish his high school education. Fighting his illness made this a daunting task, but he was successful in completing many of his courses. It was felt by many that a memorial bursary to help other gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth in their pursuit of higher education was a fitting way to personify Graham in his struggle to complete his education as well as the spirit he left to the Youth Project.

The Youth Project



The Youth Project provides support and services to lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender & questioning youth, 25 and under, across Nova Scotia. The YP has been running since 1993 and provides a safe, supportive, youth-directed environment where youth can access information, peers, support and social activities. The Youth Project provides support, education and information to youth, their friends and families, schools, social-service organizations and the community.

Purpose:

- Provide opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer youth to further their education; recognizing the increasing financial burden of post-secondary study
- To foster the success of LGBTQ youth in post-secondary institutions
- To honour the memory of Graham Pinsent who inspired so many youth to further their personal development

Who is Eligible?

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer youth who are:

- 25 or under
- Have been accepted to or are attending a Canadian post-secondary institution
- Are residents of Nova Scotia who demonstrate financial need

How to Apply

- Fill out the application form.
- Provide a letter of acceptance or confirmation or proof of registration in a post-secondary institution.
- Provide one letter of recommendation (family friend, teacher, family member, employer, etc.)
- Write a personal essay: who are you? Why are you a good candidate for this bursary? What are your plans for your education and your future?

Application deadline is April 30th 2012. A bursary of \$500 will be awarded to the chosen recipient and will be disbursed in July.

Graham Pinsent Memorial Bursary Application

Due: April 30th, 2012

Personal Information		
Name:	Preferred Name (If different):	
Address: (apartment # and street)		
(city or community)		
Nova Scotia		(postal code)
Mailing Address (if different):		
Telephone:	E-Mail :	
Financial Information		
Graduate of: High School in (location)		
Institution to be attended:		
Intended field of study:		
Have you been accepted for 2012/2013 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Financial Information		
Expected costs for the year		
Tuition:	Books:	Lodging:
Will you be living away from home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Expected Financial Help from		
Family:	Summer employment:	
Part-time job during year:	Awards, bursaries:	
Student loan:	Other:	
Signature	Date	

Graham Pinsent Memorial Bursary Application Requirements

Checklist

Eligibility: Students who are:

- 25 and under
- a member of the LGBTQ community
- accepted to or attending any post-secondary institution
- a resident of Nova Scotia

Include in your application:

- Completed application form
- A letter of acceptance or confirmation of registration in a post-secondary institution
- One letter of recommendation from a family member, family friend, teacher, employer, etc.
- A personal essay describing who you are, why you are a good candidate for this bursary, and your goals for your future.

The application deadline is April 30th, 2012

The \$500 bursary recipient will be announced in July, only successful applicants will be contacted. We thank all who apply!



Please mail, fax, or drop off completed applications to:

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