Point Foundation Invites Applications for LGBTQ Scholarships

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The Point Foundation empowers promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential — despite the obstacles often put before them — and make a significant impact on society. Since, 2002, the foundation has awarded approximately four hundred scholarships to LGBTQ students of merit and currently is providing financial assistance and programmatic support to ninety-eight students.

The foundation currently is inviting applications from LGBTQ students who will be enrolling in undergraduate or graduate programs for the 2019-20 academic year. The program is designed to address the particular challenges LGBTQ students face paying for college: 83 percent of LGBTQ students are using their own money for school, compared to 53 percent of all first-year college students. Even then, about 70 percent of LGBTQ students need financial assistance to start school, compared to 44 percent of all first-year students.

Once selected, each scholar is paired with a mentor and participates in leadership development training with fellow Point Scholars. Point Scholars give back to the LGBTQ community by completing an individual community service project each year. After graduation, scholars become part of Point’s growing alumni network, connecting them with caring individuals and professional contacts in a wide range of fields across the nation.

Point Scholarships are awarded on a "last provider" basis, meaning that the foundation fills in the gaps and provides funds not provided by other scholarships, grants, loans, work/study programs, etc. It is the responsibility of those selected as Point Scholars to annually secure as much other funding as possible.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, community involvement, and financial need. Priority will be given to applicants who lost financial and social support as a result of revealing their sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, see the Point Foundation website.