

# **iowa's 2009 matthew shepard scholarship program**

## **who qualifies to apply for a matthew shepard scholarship?**

Openly LGBT Iowa high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, an ACT score of 22 or better, demonstrable LGBT activism and community service, and a history of high moral and ethical standards and conduct.

## **submitting your application**

You may electronically submit the online portion of the application or submit a printed version. You will receive an automatic email notification of your successful online portion submittal, which you should keep as proof of filing along with a copy of your completed application.

You must submit your online application prior to or on the deadline date. Your application will not be considered unless all materials are received by the deadline.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2009.** Applications will only be considered if all supplemental materials (see below) are postmarked by March 31, 2009.

Finalists will be notified by phone of interview times and dates.

## **mailing-required supplemental materials**

**ALL APPLICATIONS REQUIRE** additional supplemental materials to be complete. Please note requirements below, as you will need to begin gathering your material in advance in order to make the deadline. The scholarship committee will not accept late materials, and late applications will be removed from consideration.

### **THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

- Application Certification page signed and dated with classification circled.**
- At least two (2) and no more than three (3) Letters of Recommendation. Two must be from teachers.**
- Official school transcripts from your current school showing your complete high school record.**
- Verification of any/all test scores that you included in your application if not listed on your transcript.**
- A copy of your SAR or FAFSA.**

Refer questions and send supplemental materials to:

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**iowa's 2009 matthew shepard scholarship program**  
for distinguished iowa high school students who are openly  
gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender

**application – page 1**

**name** \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last

**social security number** \_\_\_\_\_ **birth date** \_\_\_\_\_

**complete address** \_\_\_\_\_  
street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
city state zip code

**home phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
area code number area code number

**email** \_\_\_\_\_ **alternate email** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **occupation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **occupation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**I live with** \_\_\_\_\_

**number of children in your home** \_\_\_\_\_ **number of family members in college** \_\_\_\_\_

**high school** \_\_\_\_\_  
name street address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
city state zip code

**high school counselor** \_\_\_\_\_  
name phone

**graduation date** \_\_\_\_\_ **senior awards program date and time** \_\_\_\_\_

**gpa** \_\_\_\_\_ **on a** \_\_\_\_\_ **point scale**

**class rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACT or SAT composite** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. What university do you plan to attend** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? yes  no

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Apart from this scholarship, how do you plan to finance your education?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. List school, community and religious activities (if any) and duration of each activity**

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**4. List awards and/or honors and from whom.**

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

**5. List employment experience (if any).**

**employer**

**job held**

**duration**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**6. List references providing letters of recommendation.**

**name** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**address** \_\_\_\_\_

**how do you know this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**name** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**address** \_\_\_\_\_

**how do you know this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**name** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**address** \_\_\_\_\_

**how do you know this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete individual essays, addressing each of the following questions in detail.**

**7. State the reasons you want to further your education and describe your career goals.**

**8. Describe your experiences as an openly LGBT student in your school; your experiences when and how you came out and the impact of your coming out on yourself, your family, your schoolmates and community.**

**9. Have you participated in efforts to reduce the level of homophobia in your school and community? Please describe in detail.**

***If so, you are also qualified and should apply for the First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship of \$2,500. Please complete the separate application at [www.ffbc-iowa.org](http://www.ffbc-iowa.org). If you do not apply for a FFBC scholarship please explain why you are not seeking additional financial support.***

**10. Explain what you consider to be the most important issues facing the LGBT community today.**

**11. What are your plans for LGBT activism during college?**

**12. If you are awarded a Matthew Shepard Scholarship, what do you see as your specific and continuing responsibility to work to improve the climate for LGBT people of Iowa?**

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**Complete individual essays, addressing each of the following questions in detail.**

**13. Apart from providing financial support for your education, how will receiving a Matthew Shepard Scholarship change and improve your life?**

**14. Describe a significant moral or ethical dilemma you have faced and how and why you resolved it as you did. Also describe what moral and ethical standards you will maintain if you receive a Matthew Shepard Scholarship.**

**15. financial information**

**attach a copy of your student aid report (SAR) or FAFSA application**

**list sources of financial assistance while attending college, with amounts:**

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**parents' or guardians' combined income in the last calendar year** \_\_\_\_\_

**explanation of financial need** \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) aware that you are applying for this scholarship?**

**yes**  **no**  **if no, please explain** \_\_\_\_\_

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**17. Have you ever been arrested (for other than minor traffic offenses)?**

**yes**  **no**  **if so, please explain** \_\_\_\_\_

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**18. How did you find out about Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship?**

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## **application certification**

By my submission of this application to Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship Committee, I certify I identify as being **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER (circle one)**; that if I am awarded a gold eagle scholarship, the proceeds will be used for the payment of tuition, books, and fees at an Iowa Board of Regents university; if I am awarded a silver eagle scholarship, the proceeds will be used for the payment of tuition, books, or fees at a university in the United States; and that I will be enrolled full-time in a program that leads to a degree or professional certification.

I further certify that the information submitted on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree with my responsibilities as detailed herein. If awarded a scholarship I understand that renewal requires maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA each semester during college, continuing service to the LGBT community and an annual interview with the scholarship committee. If selected, I will submit a final transcript after high school and college graduation.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** I understand Matthew Shepard Scholarships are awarded to mature students with a reputation for honesty, integrity and community service. I understand that dishonesty, failure to keep in contact with the scholarship committee or actions which bring disrepute to recipients or to the scholarship program will subject me to sanctions up to and including removal from the scholarship program and termination of scholarship benefits. I am committed to working with scholarship mentors to accelerate my academic performance and transition to professional standards of behavior and adult leadership roles.

Finally, I certify that I understand that the award of this scholarship will be publicized, and will be presented at my school awards assembly and at Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 5, 2009. If selected, I will attend all scholarship events below. I expressly consent to my name, photograph, and hometown being used as a scholarship recipient in any such publicity. If selected, I agree to provide a photograph that can be used in publicity regarding the scholarship awards.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be submitted and supplemental materials must be postmarked by March 31, 2009.**

**FINALIST INTERVIEWS WILL BE APRIL 18 & 25, 2009**  
**Scholarship Orientation and Photo Shoot May 2, 2009**  
**Matthew Shepard Scholarship Awards Dinner June 5, 2009**  
**College Prep Seminar July 17 - 19, 2009**

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This scholarship is named in memory of Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was brutally murdered in October 1998 because he was gay. It is awarded to openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Iowa high school seniors based on aptitude, academic achievement, community service, and financial need. It is underwritten and awarded by the Rich Eychaner Charitable Foundation.

Applicants must be graduating Iowa high school seniors. Silver Eagle recipients may attend any university in the United States. Gold Eagle Recipients will attend an Iowa Board of Regents university (The University of Iowa, Iowa State University or The University of Northern Iowa). Applicants are responsible to accomplish their own enrollment with their chosen university. There is no restriction or limitation in the selection procedures based upon gender, race, religion, creed, national origin or the marital or employment status of the applicants or their relatives. All Matthew Shepard Scholarship events are tobacco free.