2017 ZBH Courageous Award

Scholarship Application

The ZBH Courageous Award recognizes LGBTQ students across Iowa who work to create safe, supportive, and nurturing learning environments and communities.
About the ZBH Courageous Scholarship

The ZBH Courageous Scholarship was founded in 2017 to benefit LGBTQ students across Iowa who create safe, supportive, and nurturing learning environments and communities. The scholarship is named for its founder, Zachary Bales-Henry. The scholarship is for $1,000 and can be spent on any educational need including tuition, room & board, books, and/or supplies.

About Iowa Safe Schools

All students need a safe, supportive atmosphere in which they can learn, including students that are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ). Unfortunately, bullying, harassment, and discrimination against LGBTQ students occurs often in our schools. As these students face verbal and physical harassment; educators, policy makers, parents, and other students are hampered by the lack of quality information and resources to protect LGBTQ students.

Founded in 2002, Iowa Safe Schools has worked to improve the lives of LGBTQ youth, educators, and families across the state through education, outreach, and advocacy efforts. In 2007, Iowa Safe Schools led a coalition of organizations to successfully advocate for the state’s anti-bullying law and extension to the Iowa Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity protections.

Iowa Safe Schools is a well-respected leader in youth development, school climate, and LGBTQ policy issues. Through programming such as the Iowa GSA Network, the Annual Iowa Governor’s Conference on LGBTQ Youth, and the Safe Schools Academy, Iowa Safe Schools has improved the lives of thousands of LGBTQ youth.
Application Requirements

Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2017.

Must be “out” as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Must be enrolled full-time for the full academic year.

Must be enrolled in a degree-granting undergraduate program. Graduate and post-doctoral programs are not eligible.

Students studying at online programs or trade schools, are NOT eligible.

Must be at least a senior in high school.

Must be an Iowa resident.

Must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale (or equivalent).

Application Checklist

Only completed applications will be considered for the ZBH Courageous Award. The following materials must be submitted electronically by 5:00PM on April 14, 2017.

- A one page cover letter explaining the student’s interest in receiving the scholarship.
- The student’s current resume with emphasis on community and school involvement.
- An official transcript reflecting current GPA.
- A completed and signed application.
- Essays as outlined in the application
- One video, no more than five minutes, as outlined in the application.
- Official acceptance letter from accredited institution if the student is a high school senior.
- Two letters of recommendation

Email entire application to scholarship@iowasafeschools.org
1. **Applicant’s Information**

*Please type your responses.*

First Name:__________________________  Last Name:__________________________

Pronouns:____________________________

Mailing Address

Street:_______________________________

City:_______________________________  Zip Code: ________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _________________

Email Address: _____________________________

Home Phone: _____________________________

Cell Phone (if different): _____________________________

Are you an out member of the LGBTQ community?  YES  NO

College or University You Attend or Plan to Attend in Fall 2017:

Name of School:__________________________City:________________State:______
2. Essays

*Please complete the Essays on a separate typed document.*

**Written Essay 1**

In 600 words, describe your current and past involvement with the LGBTQ community. Tell us about how that involvement has impacted your school and/or communities to make them more safe, supportive, and nurturing of LGBTQ youth.

**Written Essay 2**

In 600 words, describe how your chosen major will contribute to and further your work with the LGBTQ community.

**Video Essay**

Videos will not be judged on quality of video. Feel free to be as creative or simple as you wish to be. Videos should be no longer than 5 minutes in length.

Please create a video that answers the following question:

What do you see as the biggest issue facing the LGBTQ community and what do you see as one or two ways to help fix that issue?
3. Applicant Confirmation

By their signature(s) hereto, the applicant and/or guardian(s) if applicable, warrants and represents and certifies that all information contained within this application is true, correct, complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge, that there are no material omissions or misrepresentations, that the application is entirely the work of the applicant and that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria.

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________________   Date:________________________

By their signature(s) below, the applicant and/or guardian hereby authorizes, consents and grants Iowa Safe Schools permission to use the information provided by applicant and any information contained in the application packet, including the name, likeness, personal statement or part thereof, photograph, videotape, quotes and/or information about the applicant, with the exception of transcripts, in any Iowa Safe Schools’ publication, and/or public relations materials and further hereby waives the right to approve the finished product(s) and/or its specific use(s) and agrees to release and hold harmless Iowa Safe Schools from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever from or related to the use and disclosure of such information and/or likeness.

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________________   Date:________________________

Parent or Guardian Signature: ________________________   Date:________________________

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Applicants are responsible for supplying the information required for the application to be reviewed; however, if Iowa Safe Schools finds it necessary to contact the school, Colleges, Universities, or school officials that were submitted in the application to request further information, I hereby allow this, and give permission to do so.

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________________   Date:________________________

Parent or Guardian Signature: ________________________   Date:________________________

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)