



2020-2021

ZBH Courageous Award

Scholarship Application Packet

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The ZBH Courageous Award recognizes LGBTQ and Allied students across Iowa who work to create welcoming and inclusive spaces for others.



Application Criteria

- Must be a current high school, college bound senior, who has been accepted to an accredited college or university OR currently enrolled at an accredited university or college as a freshman, sophomore, or junior and under the age of 24.
- Must be an out member of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) community or a vocal ally.
- Must have made significant contributions to the LGBTQ community.
- Must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale (or equivalent).
- Must be active with Iowa Safe Schools and a member of the Iowa GSA Network or Queer Campus Coalition.
- Must be able to provide two letters of reference.
 - One from a school staff member (teacher, counselor, principal)
 - One from a community member who has worked with the student (work supervisor, church leader, etc.)

Requirements of Award Recipient

- If awarded, the ZBH Courageous Award recipient agrees to:
 - Attend the Iowa Safe Schools Spirit Awards gala in October 2021
 - Attend at least one additional Iowa Safe Schools event throughout the 2020-2021 school year
 - Continue to be involved with the LGBTQ community on their college campus



Application Process

The following materials must be submitted electronically or by mail to the address listed below. All materials for each nominee must be submitted at one time and will not be returned. Only fully completed applications will be considered for the ZBH Courageous Award.

Application and supportive information must be received by **May 21st, 2021.**

Please include:

- A fully completed and signed application.
- Essays as outlined in the application
- A complete and official transcript reflecting current GPA.
- Official acceptance letter from accredited institution if the student is a high school senior.
- 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.
- Two letters of recommendation as outlined in the Application Criteria section.

Mail or email entire applications to:

Iowa Safe Schools

Attention: ZBH Courageous Award

P.O. Box 704

Des Moines, Iowa 50303

scholarship@iowasafeschools.org

Application

The application should be fully completed and signed. The answers to the questions may be legibly hand written or typed. All essays and letters of recommendation **MUST** be typed. The judging board is looking for students who show dedication, determination and



perseverance in representing the LGBTQ community and making their schools and communities more accepting and welcoming for all students. The applicant may attach additional paper if needed.

1. Applicant's Basic Information		
First Name:	Last Name:	Name Called:
Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip):		
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) / /	Email Address	Permission to Email? YES NO
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Permission to Call? YES NO
Are you a member or ally of the LGBTQ community? YES NO		



Applicant's Name: _____

3. Colleges & Universities You Attend or Have Been Accepted To

Name of School:	City:	State:
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4. Essays

Please attach a separate document that includes your full name for each essay question. Essays should be no more than 500 words.

Essay 1: Please 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 accepting, welcoming, and inclusive of queer and trans* students.

Essay 2: Please describe how your chosen major will contribute to and further your work with the LGBTQ community.



Award Requirements

The recipient must provide the ZBH Courageous Award committee all materials as mentioned in the Application Process section of the application. Awarded funds may be used for any school-related expense.

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.

By their signature(s) below, the applicant and/or guardian hereby authorizes, consents and grants to the ZBH Courageous Award and LGBT Youth In Iowa Schools Task Force (doing business as 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, quotes and/or information about the applicant, with the exception of transcripts, in any ZBH Courageous Award or LGBT Youth In Iowa Schools Task Force (doing business as 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 the ZBH Courageous Award and LGBT Youth in Iowa Schools Task Force (doing business as Iowa Safe Schools) from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever from or related to the use and disclosure of such information and/or likeness.

The ZBH Courageous Award applicants are responsible for supplying the information required for the application to be reviewed; however, if ZBH Courageous Award committee 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 Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____