



The AMP Organization
"Promoting LGBTQIA Creativity, Culture and Community"

Dear Queer Youth Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the AMP Organization's 2011 Queer Youth Scholarship and congratulations on your initiative to apply. The AMP Organization was founded on the idea of increasing queer visibility, inspiring the youth within the LGBTQIA community and encouraging people just like you to stand up and be heard through artistic expression. Enclosed you will find the Queer Youth Scholarship application, requirements for awards and directions on how to apply. Please read through them carefully and visit our website should you wish to have further information about the AMP Organization, its history, programs, and mission statement. Questions pertaining specifically to the application process can be sent to info@amporg.org

Upon receipt of all completed applications received by the deadline, the scholarship committee will review and make its recommendation to the AMP board for final review. Please note that incomplete applications will not be processed and notice will not be given to the applicant. AMP Organization Queer Youth Scholarship award recipients will be notified via email and phone of the prize along with information on the awards presentation. Should your contact information change during this period; it is your responsibility to notify the AMP Organization before the deadline.

On behalf of the AMP Organization staff and its volunteers, we wish you the best of luck in your application process and look forward to hearing your stories.

A Personal Note from AMP Founder, Annie Parkhurst:

I am so glad that you have decided to apply for this scholarship and accept the love and encouragement you deserve from your queer community. Each dollar of this scholarship was raised/donated at AMP events that promote queer art, music, film and lots of fun in the name of supporting YOU, our precious, amazing and capable youth. I am so proud of you for being who you are and for lending your story and talents to this exciting process. GOOD LUCK!!

Truly yours,

Annie M Parkhurst
Executive Director and Founder
The AMP Organization



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The AMP Organization is dedicated to supporting the young people in the Long Beach and greater areas that are passionate about music, art and community service. We celebrate the talents and diversity of the LGBTQIA people and through this scholarship hope to inspire and enrich the next generation of leaders in the queer community.

Applicant Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Scholarship Funding Range: From \$100 up to \$700 Cash Award

All questions with regard to eligibility should be emailed to info@amporg.org prior to the deadline. The AMP Organization reserves full discretionary rights as to the interpretation of eligibility and completeness of all applications. Ineligible or incomplete applications will not be processed and no advanced notice will be given.

You must qualify for all of the following items to be considered for any award

_____ Current High School or College student (ages 15 to 25 years old)

_____ Identified as LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, straight ally)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

1. Proof of school enrollment (copy of student identification card-both sides).
2. Personal Essay completed per provided guidelines.
3. Creative Essay completed per provided guidelines.
4. Provide 2 References and their signature (mentor, teacher, counselor)
4. Signature agreement to the AMP's QYS 2011 terms and conditions.
5. Print and sign (where applicable) all completed pages of this application.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 5th 2011



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FUNDING PROCESS

- Completed applications, essays and all other information received on or prior to the August 5, 2011 deadline will be reviewed by a diverse committee.
- Applicants not chosen for the awards will be notified via email no later than October 31, 2011
- Upon receipt of the signed scholarship agreement, monies shall be distributed to the applicant directly via cash or personal check. (Note: Queer Youth Scholarship ceremony location, time and date TBA)

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Awards will be made on the basis of the involvement in the before mentioned music, art and community categories within their personal and creative essays. In order to include all students, please do not send transcripts or GPA information. Submissions and all included materials will not be returned. Decisions of the Scholarship committee are final. A list of AMP Queer Youth Scholarship winners will be posted at www.amporg.org once the announcement has been made and winners have been contacted.

Awards are unrestricted as to race, gender or sexual orientation. All scholarship recipients must agree to allow The AMP Organization to use their names, likeness, and essay content in all publicity. If chosen but not attending the academic year identified above, all scholarship monies must be returned to the AMP Organization.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PART 1: PERSONAL ESSAY

The purpose of the PERSONAL ESSAY is to give the applicant an opportunity to share important information on their life, events that might have shaped them, influences, extracurricular activities and most importantly their future goals. Essays should be no more than **1000 words (12pt font)**. All submissions become the property of The AMP Organization.

Personal essays should include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. A brief description of yourself
2. Description of any music, art or community service involvement.
4. Explanation of involvement, if any, specifically within the LGBTQIA community.
5. Explanation of how awarding you this scholarship will benefit the Queer community.
6. Any other pertinent information about the applicant, the applicant's story and goals.

PART 2: CREATIVE ESSAY

The purpose of the CREATIVE ESSAY is to allow the applicant to express themselves through art. Images, MP3 recordings and videos are preferred. *The applicant reserves the rights to the art sent in to The AMP Organization and allows the rights to use the art submitted in all publicity.*

The following mediums will be accepted:

- Music (if not original music, credit must be given to composer/artist)
 - o Must include written/typed lyrics
 - o No less than 1 minute or more than 10 minutes in length
 - o Send audio/video CD/DVD format to the address listed.
 - o Send link/MP3 to info@amporg.org
- Poetry (written or performed must include written/typed version of the work)
- Live Performance/Dance (must include website link or DVD of performance)
- Painting (if not shippable, applicant must include high resolution photo of work)
- Drawing (if not shippable, applicant must include high resolution photo of work)
- Digital (if not shippable, applicant must include high resolution photo of work)
- Design (if not shippable, applicant must include high resolution photo of work)
- Photography (if not shippable, applicant must include high resolution photo of work)

CREATIVE ESSAYS MUST INCLUDE: A brief description of the work included, no more than 200 words 12pt font. If you have a question concerning what is accepted under these guidelines, please email info@amporg.org



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PART 3: REFERENCES

In an effort to encourage community involvement, extracurricular activities and volunteer opportunities, The AMP Organization requires at least 2 references from school, groups, businesses or volunteer affiliations in order to be considered for the Queer Youth Scholarship.

References may include: Teachers, Counselors, Community Leaders and/or Mentors. Email info@amporg.org for any questions about this portion of the application.

REFERENCE #1

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

LENGTH OF RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

REFERENCE #2

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

LENGTH OF RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____



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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Email and standard mail shipments are acceptable only (No drop-offs). Email of your entire application, essay and creative pieces is preferred.

Print the entire completed application and sign in all of the required areas and include the following items:

- Proof of school enrollment (copy of ID both sides)
- Personal essay (PART1)
- Creative essay description (PART2)
- Any CDs, DVD, or audio material for the creative essay
- High resolution photos of work if it is not shippable

Send to:

The AMP Organization
Attn: Scholarship
776 Dawson Ave
LONG BEACH, CA 90804

If sending via email:

- Send to: info@amorg.org
- Include Subject Line as: 2011 Queer Youth Scholarship
- Include all materials signed and dated in PDF or Microsoft Word document
- Proof of school enrollment (photocopy of school ID)
- Personal essay (PART1)
- Creative essay description (PART2)
- Website links or audio material for the creative essay
- Photos included must be submitted in JPEG format high resolution

Remember, all submissions must be received by AUGUST 5th 2011



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read and sign the following statement:

I CERTIFY THAT THE ACCOMPANYING ESSAYS AND ANY ART INCLUDED ARE MY OWN WORK. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE. I AGREE TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AS FINAL. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SPONSORS, PROMOTERS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SCHOLARSHIP. I AGREE THAT THE AMP ORGANIZATION AND ITS AFFILIATS MAY USE MY NAME, LIKENESS, AND ESSAY CONTENT IN ITS PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____