

Pride Houston

2021 Scholarship FAQs

How much is the scholarship and how many will be given out?

One or more scholarships of up to \$2000 each are awarded annually, subject to the availability of funds and the recommendation of the Pride Houston Scholarship Committee. The objective is to award the first scholarship(s) in time for the recipient(s) to utilize the funds during Fall 2022.

What is the deadline to apply for this year's scholarship?

Applicants can apply until June 4, 2021. All documentation must be submitted and received by this date or the applicant will be considered ineligible.

I do not now yet where I will be attending college, can I still apply for a Pride Houston Scholarship?

Yes. You do not need to be enrolled or accepted to a program/university to apply. However, you will need to be enrolled in the future for the 2022-2023 school year.

Is there a grade level that should apply for this scholarship?

High School Juniors/Seniors and college students are all able to apply for this opportunity.

Can I apply for this scholarship if I am in a graduate program?

Yes!

If I apply for this scholarship in the spring of 2021 can I use the funds for school during the 2021 2022 school year?

No. Unfortunately, scholarship funds will be available starting in the fall semester of 2022 for the following school year.

If my career goals are not exclusively focused on the LGBTQIA+ community may I still apply?

Yes, Pride Houston selects scholars whom it believes will be future advocates of change and/or will contribute to the LGBTQ+ community. Some scholars will choose a career that focuses on the LGBTQ+ community, and others will use their skills and influence in other ways while not working full time on LGBTQ+ issues. Talent and a drive to contribute to society are key characteristics of a Pride Houston Scholar. Pride Houston welcomes students seeking to study in all fields.



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I am not sure that I qualify (or identify) as either financially disadvantaged or marginalized, but I am confident that I have many of the other strengths (history of leadership, dedication to a field, etc.). Should I still apply?

Yes, you may qualify and should apply. Pride Houston's selection committee weighs all facets of each person's application. Pride Houston supports scholars who have a variety of needs and who demonstrate a record of accomplishment and high achievement.

If I don't have many academic accomplishments should I still apply?

Yes! While some scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, there will be awards earned based on overall personal merit and contributions to society.

Are Pride Houston's scholarship awards restricted to any specific geographic regions?

Applicants must be a Houston-area (which includes Harris or a contiguous county) resident and attending a Houston-area high school or college at the time of application. Counties that qualify for this scholarship are Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Brazoria, Galveston, Liberty, Waller, Chambers, and Austin. If you have questions about your county being able to be included please email the Scholarship committee at scholarships@pridehouston.org. Pride Houston's application process is open to all high school juniors, high school seniors, and college students regardless of citizenship. However, the applicant must be attending an accredited institution that is based in the United States of America, including Hawaii and Alaska for the 2022/2023 school year. Students attending a college or university in a United States territory are NOT eligible.

Does Pride Houston provide scholarships to undocumented students?

Yes, as stated above regarding geographic location, Pride Houston's application process is open to all high school and college students regardless of citizenship. Undocumented students that are currently enrolled in a Houston based (or surrounding area) school are eligible. However, will require proof of enrollment at the current school via transcript and the school of choice for 2022/2023 with proof of college enrollment.

If I'm selected as a finalist, will there be an in-person interview?

No. There is no in-person interview. The Houston Pride Scholarship Committee will review all applications as a closed panel.

When will scholarships be awarded to winners?

Scholarship winners will be announced September 2021. Funds are available to be applied to student accounts starting at the fall semester of 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

If I win can I use the money for summer 2022?

No. Funds will not be available for student accounts until the fall semester of 2022.

Where can I find the scholarship application?

www.PrideHouston.org/Scholarship

