

Adam S. Kaplan Memorial LGBT Scholarship

The LGBT Network is proud to announce the Adam S. Kaplan Memorial LGBT Scholarship for 2020. The Scholarship recognizes two outstanding LGBT-identified youth advocates and leaders with scholarships of up to \$1,000 each. Scholarship funds can be applied to tuition, books, fees and/or room & board. The Scholarship is open to all majors.

Criteria

Scholarship applicants must be graduating from high school and enrolling in college for the upcoming fall 2020 semester. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to impacting positive change for LGBT people, including other LGBT youth, through school and/or community leadership and involvement.

About Adam S. Kaplan

Adam S. Kaplan was the first youth member of the organization’s Board of Directors in 1993-1994. Adam went on to educate thousands of young people through speaking at more than 200 schools and appearing on numerous television shows to advocate for the rights and safety of LGBT youth. He also oversaw the opening of the LGBT Network’s first community center in 1995. The Scholarship provides a legacy to Adam’s bright spirit and curious mind by giving other promising, young LGBT leaders on Long Island an opportunity to receive a quality college education.

Application Process

To apply for a scholarship, applicants should prepare and submit the following in one application package:

1. Scholarship Applicant Information Form
2. Personal Statement (please see below for instructions)
3. Essay (please see below for instructions)
4. Two letters of reference

Applications must be received by Friday, April 10, 2020 before 5:00 pm.

Applicants are selected for an interview after careful review of the complete application, academic performance & interest, honors, and service to the LGBT community.

TIMELINE

Applications Due	Friday, April 10, 2020
Applications Reviewed; Finalists Invited to Interview	Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Interviews conducted (at LGBT Network Hauppauge Center)	Monday, April 20 Tuesday, April 21
Scholarship recipients notified	Week of April 27

Application Instructions

Scholarship Application Information Form

Please complete the enclosed Scholarship Application Form and include it as a cover sheet to your Application Package.

Please use the following formatting guidelines in preparing both your Personal Statement and Essay documents in a word processing program:

- One-inch (1") margins
- 11-point Times New Roman font
- Double-spaced

Personal Statement (Limit to one page)

In one page or less, please concisely discuss your academic interests, personal interests, and current and past involvement in the LGBT community.

Personal Essay (Limit to three pages)

In three pages or less, please include the following points in your personal essay:

- Your personal experience as an LGBT youth
- Describe how you helped create safer spaces for LGBT people, including youth
- Describe how you intend to use your time in college and your education to further pursue your goals of creating safer spaces for LGBT people through activism, education, and community involvement.

Letters of Recommendation (Two letters required)

Please include two Letters of Recommendation with your Application Package. Letters can be from teachers, club advisors, coaches, employment supervisors, or other figures of leadership. Letters from family members are not eligible.

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

**LGBT Network
Scholarship Committee
125 Kennedy Drive, Suite 100
Hauppauge, New York 11788**

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the scholarship and/or the application and selection process, please contact Chandra Grant, Assistant to the COO, at 516-323-0011 or via e-mail at cgrant@lgbtnetwork.org.