



First Friday Breakfast Club

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January 11, 2023

Dear Iowa High School Guidance Counselor,

Annually, the **First Friday Breakfast Club** (FFBC) awards scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) issues in their schools and communities. **Awards will be made in the amount of \$3,000+ per student. Since 1997, the FFBC has awarded more than 132 scholarships totaling over \$475,000.**

Scholarship recipients represent a cross section of students from all Iowa high schools, from urban and rural districts and both public and private schools. These students are leaders in academics, athletics, drama, and art. Each has committed their time and talents to helping others to understand and to appreciate the diversity and contributions their LGBTQ+ friends bring to their schools and communities. There are no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression of the applicant. **Students are selected based upon information submitted as defined in the enclosed application.**

We ask that you please:

- provide a copy of the enclosed application and information to students who you know who might qualify,
- pass the information on to any other counselors and teachers in your school system who may have contact with qualifying students,
- send or give a press release to the editor of your school's paper,
- post the information in any other manner that you feel appropriate.

Make as many copies of the application form as needed. Additional application forms and information can be obtained at ffbc-iowa.org. More brochures will gladly be provided upon request.

If you have any questions please contact me at **(515) 954-2996** or info@ffbc-iowa.org. We look forward to another year of amazing stories from our Iowa high school students!

Sincerely,

Byron Huff
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ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please limit each essay to one page, typed and double-spaced.

1. Reflect upon what made the issue of homophobia and/or equality issues important to you.
2. What significant things have you done and/or accomplished to reduce homophobia and provide education and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues in your school and/or community? Document what makes your experience/efforts unique. Be specific and provide supporting details.
3. Tell a story about a chance you had to educate someone on LGBTQ+ issues in a one-on-one situation (coming out to them, countering a stereotype, confronting a bully, etc.).

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

Please limit all of your responses to a total of no more than 2 pages (8 1/2" x 11").

- What are your professional goals?
- What do you consider to be the most important issues facing the LGBTQ+ community today? Why?
- How will you continue activities directed toward this issue? Explain.
- How did you find out about the First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship?
- Have you ever been arrested or charged with anything other than minor traffic offenses? Explain.

OTHER REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- List of extracurricular activities and community involvement (including organizations and dates)
- List of work experiences (including organizations and dates employed)
- Official transcripts of classes and grades
- Two letters of recommendation

COUNSELOR/ADVISOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Senior Class Population: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Counselor/Advisor: **Please check preference for contact:** Telephone _____ Email _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

By my submission of this application to the First Friday Breakfast Club, I certify that if I am awarded a scholarship, the proceeds will be used for the payment of school-related costs at a post-secondary educational institution and that I will be enrolled in a program that leads to a degree or professional certification.

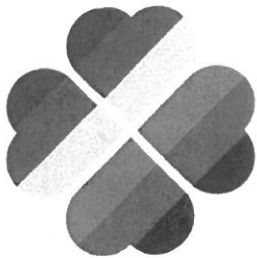
I understand that the award of this scholarship will be publicized, and I expressly consent to my name being used as a scholarship recipient in any such publicity. I agree to **attend the FFBC's annual scholarship award ceremony on Friday, June 2, 2023, in Des Moines, Iowa.** Further, I agree that photographs taken at these events may be included in publicity.

I certify that the information submitted on the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree with my responsibilities as detailed above.

By submission you are deemed to have certified that the essay responses are your work product, and that the content of your completed application is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Return the completed application and transcript by email to: info@ffbc Iowa.org

For more information or questions, email info@ffbc Iowa.org or call (515) 954-2996 (leave a message for a return call)



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2022-2023 Academic Year

FFBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Due Date: March 15, 2023

The **First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC)** is an educational, non-profit group for gay, bisexual, transgender men, and their allies. Monthly meetings provide members and guests an opportunity for education on community affairs from local, state, and national opinion leaders and provide them with positive images of the LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of its educational program, FFBC awards **\$3,000+** scholarships to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated **leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) issues and to reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities.**

An applicant must be a resident of Iowa and plan to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded without regard to gender, race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, **or gender/sexual orientation** of the prospective recipient or their relatives. Additionally, there is no restriction on the type or location of the educational institution where post-secondary education is pursued.

Applications and transcripts must be submitted by email **no later than March 15, 2023.** The FFBC Scholarship Awards Committee will notify recipients **no later than April 15, 2023.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Pronouns: _____

Hometown Newspaper (for press release purposes): _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

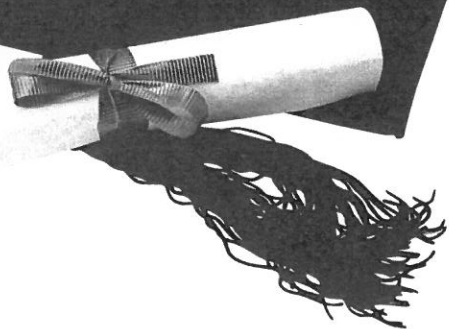
High School: _____ Phone: (____) _____

School Address: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average/Scale: _____

ACT or SAT Composite: _____ Awards Ceremony Date/Time: _____

Post-Secondary Institution You Plan to Attend: _____



About the Scholarship

One-time scholarships of at least \$3,000 are awarded. Scholarships are paid in two installments upon receipt of the student's "proof of enrollment" in the institution of secondary education.

Accomplishments of previous scholarship recipients include:

- ☐ Founded Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) or diversity club and/or provided leadership in the organization
- ☐ Organized day of silence activities
- ☐ Organized support to include gender orientation in local civil rights ordinances and school district non-discrimination policies
- ☐ Discussed issues facing LGBTQ youth with school faculty, administration and/or community groups
- ☐ Wrote articles in community and school papers addressing LGBTQ issues
- ☐ Addressed LGBTQ issues in school debates, speeches and forums
- ☐ Actively affirmed and advocated for LGBTQ students in their school
- ☐ Provided positive image and role model as an out and open LGBTQ student/ally

For tax-deductible donations, designate 'FFBC Scholarship Fund' on your check and mail contributions to:

First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship Committee

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Who We Are

FFBC is an educational non-profit for gay, bisexual and transgender men and their allies. Members and guests gather the first Friday of every month for breakfast, fellowship, and a speaker. As Iowa's largest independent breakfast club, we are active, dynamic, and engaging. We educate ourselves on LGBTQ and other issues in a safe and supportive environment. We contribute to a variety of community organizations. FFBC works to reduce prejudice and discrimination.

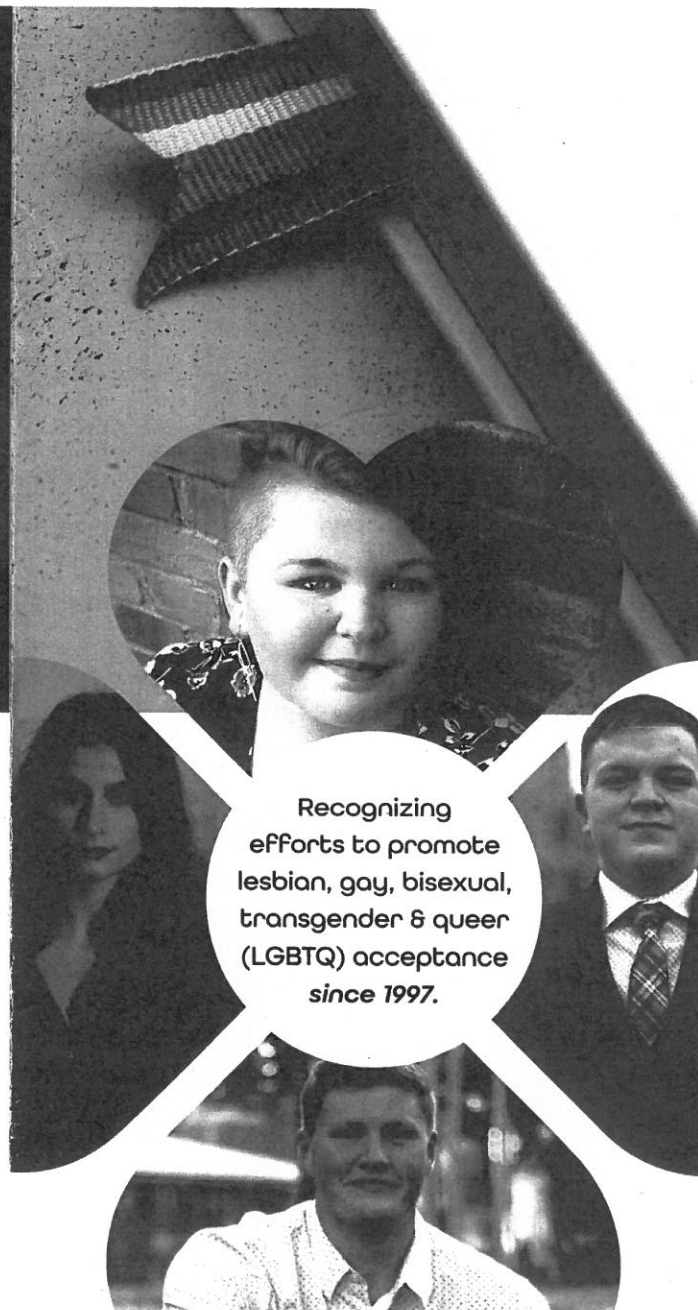
The FFBC scholarship is funded through the generous contributions of our members and supporters in both the LGBTQ and straight communities.

For more information, visit online at:
<https://FFBCIowa.org/>



FFBC
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Scholarship
Program



Previous Recipients

Scholarship recipients have included students from the following Iowa communities, to name a few:

Altoona	Fort Dodge
Ames	Hampton-Dumont
Ankeny	Iowa City
Asbury	Macedonia
Bettendorf	Marshalltown
Boone	Muscatine
Carroll	Newton
Cedar Falls	Ogden
Clinton	Pella
Council Bluffs	Persia
Davenport	Robins
Des Moines	Sioux City
Dubuque	Waterloo
East Sac County	West Burlington
Eldridge	

Qualifications

- ☐ Graduating senior from an Iowa high school
- ☐ Resident of the State of Iowa and planning to pursue post-secondary education
- ☐ Participated in significant activities to promote LGBTQ acceptance in his/her/their school and/or community
- ☐ Awards are made without regard to gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, marital status or employment status

Apply Today!

Download the application at <https://ffbc Iowa.org/scholarships/>, fill out and submit to FFBC by mail or email.

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Selection Process

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have distinguished themselves with significant efforts to counter homophobia, promote LGBTQ acceptance and educate their schools/communities on LGBTQ issues. Academic achievement and extra-curricular activities are also considered.

Application Timeline

Application Deadline	Postmarked, emailed, or uploaded by March 15
Recipients Announced	On, or about, May 1
Recipients Recognized	FFBC June Meeting

