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First Friday Breakfast Club
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 41611
Des Moines, IA 50311

About the Scholarship

One-time scholarships of **\$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 a GSA or diversity club and/or provided leadership in the organization at their school
- Organized Day of Silence activities
- Organized support to include gender orientation in local civil rights ordinances and/or school district non-discrimination policies
- Discussed issues facing LGBTQ+ youth with school administration, faculty, 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

Who We Are

First Friday Breakfast Club is an educational forum that embraces the LGBTQ+ community and its allies as members, nourishes meaningful dialogue through monthly speakers, and cultivates young advocates for equity and inclusion by awarding leadership scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors.

Founded in 1996, First Friday Breakfast Club continues to evolve and to serve as a safe haven for all LGBTQ+ members, allies, and guests. What began as a few friends deciding to meet regularly for breakfast, soon grew into one of Iowa's largest breakfast clubs.


FFBC | Scholarship Program
First Friday Breakfast Club

Recognizing
efforts to promote
lesbian, gay, bisexual,
transgender and
queer (LGBTQ+)
acceptance *since*
1997.

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/>



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Dear Iowa High School Guidance Counselor,

Annually, the **First Friday Breakfast Club**, based in Des Moines, awards scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) issues in their schools and communities. Awards will be made in the amount of **\$3,000** per student. Due to the incredible generosity of our donors, this past year we were able to present **20** scholarships for \$3,000 each to Iowa students!

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 academic and personal information and essays submitted in the online application.**



2025 Scholarship Recipients came from the following Iowa high schools:

Madrid, Waterloo West, Centerville, Bondurant-Farrar, Panorama, Wahlert Catholic Dubuque, Ankeny, Springville, North Polk, Cedar Rapids, Lynnville-Sully, English Valleys, West Des Moines Valley, North Linn, Des Moines Roosevelt, Graettinger-Terril, Marshalltown, Interstate 35

We ask that you please:

- provide the scholarship information from this letter and the enclosed brochure to students who you know who might qualify,
- pass the information on to any other counselors, teachers, or GSA sponsors in your school system who may have contact with qualifying students,
- post the information in any other manner that you feel appropriate.



Starting this year, our scholarship application is completely **online** (no more paper copies). Please direct any interested students to our website (ffbciowa.org) to access the application:

- ffbciowa.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/

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

Sincerely,

Byron Huff
Board President

Ken Hanson
Scholarship Committee Chair

