



Equality Scholarship Application for Continuing GLBT Undergraduate & Graduate Students

The Hobbs Endowment for Equality Scholarship Program

The Hobbs Endowment for Equality Scholarship Program encourages gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender undergraduate and graduate students at Morehead State University (MSU) to apply for the two scholarships made possible by generous contributions from many people. The objective of the scholarship program is to recognize and encourage academic excellence and to offer financial support to meritorious students pursuing a bachelors or advanced degree at MSU. Scholarship recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process, and will have clearly demonstrated strong skills in many areas, including academic scholarship, leadership involvement, and community service in their application.

All scholarship applications will be submitted Office of Enrollment Services. Applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the President's Diversity Council, made up of faculty and staff members. There will be no student peer review. MSU does not maintain any record of the sexual orientation of students and all application information will be completely confidential. Notification of awards will be made via e-mail to the address listed on the application form and will not be forwarded to the student's permanent mailing address unless requested.

Mission of Morehead State University

We are a diverse community of learners committed to student success. MSU is accredited as a comprehensive University offering quality higher education opportunities in a collegial and open environment. MSU pursues academic excellence, research, community engagement and life-long learning. MSU is dedicated to improving the quality of life while preserving and promoting the unique cultural heritage of East Kentucky.

We strive to exemplify these core values:

- PEOPLE come first and are encouraged to achieve their full potential;
- Commitment to SCHOLARSHIP, LEARNING and SERVICE is embraced;
- EXCELLENCE is achieved through TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION and ACCOUNTABILITY;
- DIVERSITY of people and thought is respected;
- PARTNERSHIPS are built on honesty, integrity and trust

Our commitment to diversity and social justice involves the intentional creation of an inclusive educational community that values and promotes the development of individuals through active recognition, appreciation, respect for, and utilization of their unique talents and contributions. We embrace cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, language, age, marital status, ability status, national origin, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, spiritual practice, veteran status, and other forms of human difference.

Other Student Scholarships

We encourage you to apply for other student scholarships in addition to the Equality Scholarship in this application. For more information about this and other scholarships at Morehead State University, please visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships and read the Office of Enrollment Services Scholarship Guidelines before applying. MSU is actively engaged in developing new and exciting scholarship opportunities through the generous support of individual sponsors, foundations, businesses and community organizations.

Although every effort is made to present the most accurate and up-to-date information, the information contained herein is subject to change due to federal, state, and university funding limitations or changes in policy and procedure.

DEADLINE:

Please review the current priority application deadline for MSU scholarships at: www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

Date



The ALLYance is an established group determined to shape the views of those around us through providing resources, education, awareness, and support to Morehead State University students, faculty, and staff and the surrounding community. The organization will focus primarily on, but will not limit itself to, affectional orientation, and work toward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, and transgender equality throughout the community. The ALLYance is an advocacy organization that envisions an institution where people are insured of their basic human rights and can be open, honest, and safe.

For more information about GLBT resources at MSU, please visit:

The ALLYance at MSU
UPO 2422
Morehead, KY 40351

Phone: (606) 783-2225
FAX: (606) 783-5056

allyance@moreheadstate.edu

www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance

APPLICATION PROCESS

Who is eligible to apply for an undergraduate or graduate scholarship?

- Students who are enrolled as undergraduates or graduates at MSU.
- Students who are in good academic standing and who make satisfactory academic progress.
- Undergraduate students with a minimum of 24 credit hours
- Graduate students who have been accepted into an advanced degree program at MSU
- Students who will be enrolled at MSU the entire 2009-2010 academic year.
- Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

How do I apply?

- Download the application from www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.
- Download the application from www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance.
- Pick up an application from the Office of Enrollment Services.

Checklist for applications:

The following are mandatory for consideration:

- Application form
- Essay
- Resume
- Academic Checksheet
- Signature in Certification Statement (on application form)

How do I submit my application?

- Mail your application to:
MSU Office of Enrollment Services
100 Admissions Center
Morehead, KY 40351
- You may also drop the application off at the Office of Enrollment Services between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

When will I be notified if I receive an award?

Only students who have been selected to receive a scholarship will be e-mailed or receive a letter (if requested) with the e-mail address provided on this application.

Questions?

Contact the Office of Enrollment Services (800-585-6781; admissions@moreheadstate.edu; www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions).

THE ESSAY

Completing the Essay

The essay is one of the most important ways for the selection committee to distinguish your accomplishments from those of other applicants. An application not accompanied with an essay will not be reviewed.

Specifications:

- Your essay should be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 5 pages.
- Use 12 pt. font and 1" margins.
- In the top right hand corner of each page of your essay, list your name and MSU Eagle ID number; page number and "Essay"
- Please proofread your essay; selection committee will consider the overall quality of your essay.

What should I include in my essay?

Please address the following points in your essay and emphasize the points that will correspond with the criteria listed:

- Your academic and personal achievements
- Special talents, experiences and interests
- Personal and/or career goals
- Any special circumstances where you have been unusually resourceful given your circumstances. Examples may include: personal hardship, first generation college student, re-entry student, veteran, disability, financial need, etc.
- Your community activities and contributions to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities
- Your experience with sexual orientation and gender identity issues
- Your commitment to your field of study
- Your commitment to sharing your experience as a GLBT leader at MSU with service to the MSU and surrounding communities.

THE RESUME

Completing the Resume

Include the resume with the application. An application without an accompanying resume will not be reviewed.

Specifications:

- Your resume should be typed and no longer than 2 pages.
- Use 12 pt. font and 1" margins.
- In the top right hand corner of each page of your essay, list your name and MSU Eagle ID number; page number and "Resume"
- Be sure to include start and stop dates for all activities. If your involvement is ongoing, write "ongoing."

What should I include in my resume?

In resume format (see sample), describe briefly:

- honors and awards you have received
- extracurricular activities in which you have participated
- volunteer and service work you have performed
- paid employment you have had in the last three years
- any publications, exhibitions, ensembles, etc. in which you have been featured or participated

THE SELECTION PROCESS

How are recipients selected?

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee made up of faculty and staff members. There will be no student peer review. Not all scholarships may be awarded.

Recipients of scholarships will be selected on their ability to:

- Meet the criteria for the scholarship they are receiving
- Write a concise, compelling and coherent essay
- Clearly demonstrate in their application packet, especially in their essay, why they should receive a scholarship
- Clearly demonstrate in their application packet, especially in their essay, their commitment to equality



Hobbs Endowment for Equality

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

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Personal Information (Please use black ink):

Last Name First Name M.I.

Eagle ID: m _____ Male Female Self Identify _____

Local address:

Street

City State Zip Local Phone

E-mail County of Permanent Residence

Citizen Status: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other, please specify: _____

I will be enrolled in the following semesters in academic year:

Fall Spring Summer

My student classification during the fall semester will be:

Freshman (0-29 hours) Sophomore (30-59 hours)
 Junior (60-89 hours) Senior (90 hours and above)
 Transfer Student Graduate Student

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

Major(s): _____

Career Objective(s): _____

Graduate degree plans: MA MS MD PhD Other: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? (e.g. mailed correspondence, The ALLYance, GLBT resource center, Multicultural Student Services, Enrollment Services, MSU employee, another student, e-mail, Web site, etc.) Please answer in the space provided:

How would you like to be notified of scholarship award:

e-mail ONLY
 e-mail & letter to local address

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that all the information reported on my application for undergraduate scholarships is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Hobbs Endowment for Equality sponsors request information regarding their scholarship applicants and recipients. I authorize the release of my academic, financial and personal information to Hobbs Endowment for Equality sponsors for the purpose of being considered for these awards. With this application, I include my essay, my resume, and a checksheet of academic history:

Student's signature Date

Mail or deliver completed application packet (application, essay, resume and checksheet) to the MSU Office of Enrollment Services by the scholarship deadline specified at www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.