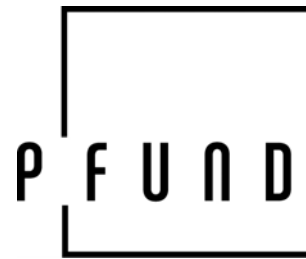


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## **PFUND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR** *Leading Upper Midwest LGBT foundation makes \$50,000 available to LGBT students*

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20, 2008 – PFund, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, today announced it has more than \$50,000 for scholarships to be awarded for the 2009-2010 school year. This marks the largest annual award pool in PFund’s over 20-year history.

Scholarships are available to high school, graduate and undergraduate students in both public and private schools, who are LGBT or allies. Awards are based on the students’ efforts to advance awareness and support of LGBT issues and their ability to spur visibility and dialogue in their communities. Service to their LGBT and allied communities is a key consideration.

### **Interested students can access the application form online at**

**<http://www.pfundonline.org/pdf/PFundScholApp.pdf>**. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2009. Following are some of the available scholarships:

- The RBC Wealth Management award for an outstanding GLBT or allied student.
- The Gilligan Pospisil scholarship for a student who has experienced homelessness and/or is working to alleviate homelessness, or a student in the field of social and economic justice
- Miriam Weinstein peace and justice education award for a student from a religious, racial or ethnic minority who has shown a commitment to peace and social justice issues. Preference given to someone majoring in education.
- Manahan-Bohan award for a lesbian student from Madelia, Minn. area or from rural Minnesota.

- PF Engineering scholarship for a LGBT student in the fields of engineering, physics or chemistry.
- Wellness award for a LGBT student studying chemical dependency counseling or in recovery.
- Meuwissen-Werb award for an out LGBT or intersex student with demonstrated leadership abilities in fostering respect between LGBTI and straight communities.
- Southeast Minnesota LGBT student award.
- Mankato State University Award for an outstanding GLBT student attending Mankato State University.
- Carey/Taylor award for a student pursuing a degree in instrumental music performance.
- Haynes/Hettinga scholarship for an African-American or Native American student.
- Howard Liebhaber Human Rights award for a student committed to alleviating oppression, and who works for social change.
- Linde-Ostrander Leadership scholarship to a GLBTQ student demonstrating leadership in bridging differences between GLBTQ and straight communities.
- Holland-Federhart scholarship for an openly GLBT student in performing arts or the arts
- Dr. Tom Knabel scholarship for a high school student who excels at choral singing or musical instrument performance.
- Blue Earth Area High School scholarship for graduating seniors.
- Quorum scholarship for a student leader with entrepreneurial spirit who works for equality.

Awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

“More than just money, PFund scholarships are a vote of confidence, encouragement and appreciation,” said Gregory Grinley, executive director of PFund. “Can any of us have too much of that?”

As a foundation doing community based philanthropy, PFund scholarships are determined by a committee made up of the broad range of LGBT and allied communities it supports. The 25

member committee consists of both PFund trustees and community members; each offering a unique perspective to contribute to the process.

### **About PFund**

Established in 1987 as Philanthrofund Foundation in Minneapolis when four friends pooled \$2,000, PFund is now supported by thousands of individuals in dozens of states who have created a vibrant and vital community foundation that is a catalyst for equality. PFund is one of only a handful of foundations in the nation created specifically by and for LGBT communities. It provides grants to emerging non-profit organizations, awards scholarships, develops leaders and inspires giving. Today PFund manages \$1.3 million in assets, enjoying the support of committed donors and dedicated volunteers from LGBT and allied communities.

<http://www.PFundOnline.org>.

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