

## **SMYAL Youth Leadership Awards Scholarship**

The SMYAL YLA provides up to \$5,000 of financial support to offset the costs of continuing one's education, whether at a technical or trade school, or a two or four year college or university. Funds may be used for everything from tuition to housing, room and board, or materials required for your program.

**Apply below. \*\*\* Applications Due by April 20, 2020 \*\*\***

**To submit application, email all information below, plus essays and letters of support to Rebecca York ([rebecca.york@smyal.org](mailto:rebecca.york@smyal.org)). Please keep submission limited to one email.**

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### **Applicant Information:**

Name (First): \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen or preferred name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note that, should you win the award, you may have to provide your legal name in order to receive your check.*

Name (Last) : \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns:

*Circle all that apply.*

She/her/hers

He/him/his

They/them/theirs

Ze/zir/zirs

Hi/hir/hirs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected or Completed High School Graduation Date (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_



High School That You Are/ Were Enrolled In:\_\_\_\_\_

Projected or Completed Date of General Education Development (GED) Tests (MM/ YYYY) : \_\_\_\_\_

## **For Minors (Those Under 18)**

Adult Contact Full Name (parent, guardian, mentor, etc.):\_\_\_\_\_

*Required for youth under the age of 18.*

### **Adult Contact Relation to Youth**

*Required for youth under the age of 18.*

Circle One:

Parent

Non-Parent Family Member

Legal Guardian

Mentor

Adult Contact Email:\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Application Materials**



supporting and mentoring youth advocates and leaders

## **Please Attach all Files**

### **Personal Essay (1,500 word max.)**

This essay should address the question, "As an out LGBTQ leader, how have you positively impacted the lives of those around you in your school or local community?" Please upload as a Word file, PDF, or JPEG. (To do this, go to your word processor, click "File" > "Save As" (sometimes just "Save") and choose what format you would like (.word, .jpeg, .pdf, etc.).

### **Letters of Support (2)**

These letters should be from a mentor, advisor, teacher, coach, or community member who can speak to your achievements in relation to the requirements of this award. Please upload as a Word file, PDF, or JPEG. (To do this, go to your word processor, click "File" > "Save As" (or sometimes just "Save") and choose what format you'd like (.word, .jpeg, .pdf, etc.).

### **List the programs where you have submitted active applications:**

These can include, but are not limited to: trade and technical schools, as well as two and four year colleges or universities. Please clearly indicate the names of each program.

### **Copies of received acceptance letters**

If applicable, please send any acceptance letters in the same email as all other completed application materials. Please only send letters in .word, .jpeg, .pdf, etc. formats.