



**THE LEVIN-GOFFE SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR UNDOCUMENTED LGBTQI IMMIGRANTS**  
A Program of Stonewall Community Foundation



## About the Levin-Goffe Scholarship for Undocumented LGBTQ Immigrants

Due to rising tuition and student loan interest rates, college degrees are more expensive than ever. Even so, undocumented LGBTQI immigrants experience increased challenges in their pursuit of higher education due to social stigma and legal discrimination levied against them.

The Levin-Goffe Scholarship for Undocumented LGBTQI Immigrants provides critical financial support to students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex, and who are living in the United States without permanent or otherwise secure residential status. It offsets some of the financial burdens undocumented immigrant students face and helps advance the dreams of LGBTQI community leaders. Specifically, the scholarship covers up to two years of undergraduate schooling at an accredited New York City college or university, paying tuition and fees of up to \$6,250 per term or \$12,500 per year directly to the scholarship recipient's school.

## Who Should Apply

Eligible applicants are all those who:

- Self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex (LGBTQI);
- Self-identify as an immigrant;
- Are undocumented\*, i.e., do not hold U.S. citizenship, a green card, and/or a F-1 visa, and are not an international student;
- Can prove full-time enrollment at an accredited, nonprofit New York City college or university with intention of receiving a bachelor's degree;
- Have successfully completed at least one full academic year at a New York City college or university, or are at least a rising sophomore at a New York City college or university;
- Do not have a tuition that exceeds \$12,500 annually; and
- Have a current, most recent, or cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher\*\*

\*"Undocumented" is defined as foreign-born U.S. residents who do not have documented permanent residential status. We also welcome applications from individuals seeking or already granted asylum in the United States.

\*\*Renewal of this scholarship requires that recipients maintain a GPA of at least 3.25 each term.

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**\*International students, defined as individuals enrolled at an accredited higher education institution and in the United States on a temporary visa for the purpose of undergraduate study, who are not immigrants or refugees, are not eligible for this scholarship.**

Scholarships will be awarded on the bases of both need and merit. Candidates should:

- Have a clearly expressed need for financial support;
- Have and be able to maintain an excellent academic record; AND
- Demonstrate interest and involvement in their school and/or local community

**Note on applicant confidentiality: The privacy and safety of applicants for the Levin-Goffe Scholarship is an intrinsic component of the process. All responses provided herein will remain confidential and be shared only with staff of the Stonewall Community Foundation and members of the Levin-Goffe Scholarship Selection Panel.**

**The deadline for 2018 applications is NOON on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **About Stonewall Community Foundation**

Stonewall Community Foundation is the only public foundation focused on the needs of New York City's diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community. Since 1990, Stonewall has been partnering with donors, organizations, and community leaders who share the same vision: to build a thriving LGBTQ New York.

We take education seriously, knowing that it has the power to help LGBTQ people overcome complex social and economic barriers. For nearly 15 years, we have partnered with donors to create scholarships that provide unique opportunities and access to education, both in New York City and throughout the country.

## SECTION I: Contact Information

Name:

Email:  Phone:

My current living situation (please check all that apply):

☐ I live in on-campus housing

☐ I live with my family

☐ I live in off-campus housing

☐ I live with friends /roommates

## SECTION II: Eligibility

NOTE: Responses provided in this section will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

I identify as the following (please check all that apply):

☐ Lesbian

☐ Transgender

☐ Gay

☐ Queer

☐ Bisexual

☐ Intersex

My gender pronouns are:

☐ He/Him/His

☐ She/Her/Hers

☐ They/Them/Theirs

☐ Other:

Immigration Status

☐ By checking here, I certify that I am an immigrant to the United States and do not have documented status as a permanent resident.

☐ By checking here, I certify that I am *not* an international student or an individual in the United States only for the purpose of higher education.

### Enrollment Status

☐ By checking here, I certify the following:

- (1) I am currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited NYC college/university;
- (2) I am working to obtain an undergraduate degree;
- (3) I have completed one academic year; AND
- (4) My current GPA is at least a 3.25

### SECTION III: School Information

Institution Name:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip:

What is the expected date of completion for your degree?

What is the start date of the current or upcoming academic term?

What is the end date of the current or upcoming academic term?

Current Major:

Current GPA:

### SECTION IV: Applicant Profile

Country of Origin:  Date of Birth:

How long have you lived in the United States?

Are you currently employed?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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**Important note:** If any of your answers to the questions below are not completely visible within the spaces provided, the Scholarship Committee may not be able to read it in its entirety.

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**Extracurricular Activities**

Please list any additional social, academic, political, or professional activities in which you are involved, including student organizations and community volunteer service.\*

**Honors and Awards**

Please list any honors and awards you have received within the past three years, including academic and non-academic achievement, and other scholarships.

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Please describe your single greatest accomplishment to date. (500 words max)

**Statement of Need**

Please describe why you are applying for the Levin-Goffe Scholarship and the impact the award would have on your future. (750 words max)



## SECTION V: Submission Instructions

Please send your completed application, along with two (2) letters of recommendation and your most recent transcripts by **noon on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### NOTE:

1. Please do not send application materials separately.
2. Unsealed transcripts will be accepted, but they must be on official school letterhead as issued by the Registrar's Office.

#### For submission by email

Email materials to [grants@stonewallfoundation.org](mailto:grants@stonewallfoundation.org).

#### For submission by fax

Fax materials to (212) 367-1351.

#### For submission by postal mail

Mail to:           Levin-Goffe Scholarship Fund  
                      c/o Stonewall Community Foundation  
                      1270 Broadway, Ste. 501  
                      New York, NY 10001

### **QUESTIONS?**

Please direct all inquiries to [grants@stonewallfoundation.org](mailto:grants@stonewallfoundation.org) or call (212) 457-1341.

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