



**2009 STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION & APPLICATION**

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship is awarded to a self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender student-athlete who has made a contribution to the sport(s) he or she is a part of and, as a result of his or her contributions and involvement, has enhanced the perception of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Awards are made to graduating high school seniors or current college students from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who will be/are currently attending a fully accredited two- or four-year college/university in the United States. Candidates should demonstrate dedication to both academic and athletic excellence, as well as show promise of serving as a positive role model as a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender individual.

The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship will provide at least \$1500 of financial support to offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, board or books. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded annually in June.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration by the Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship Selection Committee.

1. Applicant must reside and attend or have attended high school in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Current college students must be from (have a permanent home address in) the Washington, D.C. area. This includes the District of Columbia, Prince George's County (MD), Montgomery County (MD), Arlington County (VA), City of Alexandria (VA), Fairfax County (VA), Loudon County (VA), and Prince William County (VA).
2. Applicant must self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.
3. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current college student and have demonstrated academic success.
4. Applicant must demonstrate active involvement/participation in interscholastic athletics, intercollegiate athletics or a competitive sport (club sport, intramural athletics, recreation league, etc.). Sports include, but are not limited to, baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading/competitive cheer, crew, cross country, fencing, figure skating, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, sailing, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo, and wrestling. *NOTE: Due to various regulations and restrictions, NCAA athletes cannot be considered for this award.*
5. Applicant must supply an official copy of his or her high school transcript or current college/university transcript.
6. Applicant must be currently enrolled and/or intend to enroll full-time in an undergraduate program at a fully accredited two- or four-year college/university no later than Fall 2009. High school applicants must supply a copy of the acceptance letter for his or her chosen college/university. *NOTE: If acceptance letter is not available before the application deadline, submit the application and indicate you are still waiting for the letter.*
7. Applicant must submit a personal essay outlining how his or her sexual orientation or gender identity has impacted participation/involvement in a sport and the ways in which this involvement has enhanced the perception of the LGBT community (e.g., reduced homophobia and increased awareness and tolerance of LGBT people). The essay should also address the applicant's future goals and aspirations.
8. Applicant must submit two (2) letters of support from individuals who are qualified to address the candidate's suitability for this award.
9. Financial need may be considered in situations where the students are equally qualified. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) indicating the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to assist this process. The SAR is a summary of the information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

10. Applicant may not be related to any member or to the domestic partner of any member of the Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship Selection Committee and/or Team DC Board of Directors.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applications are available for download on the Team DC Web site at www.teamdc.org. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for the Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship must submit a completed application, including all required materials, by postal mail to:

Team DC
Attn: Student-Athlete Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 53051
Washington, DC 20009

Application materials must be postmarked **no later than June 1, 2009**. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered. *NOTE: Up to three finalists may be invited to meet with the Scholarship Selection Committee before a decision is made.*

APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECK-LIST

An application will be considered valid and complete when the following materials are included:

- Completed and signed application form
- Official/sealed copy of high school transcript or college/university transcript
- Copy of college/university acceptance letter (Note: this is for current high school seniors only)
- Letter of support from _____ (see application for instructions)
- Letter of support from _____ (see application for instructions)
- Personal essay
- Copy of Student Aid Report (optional)

AWARD NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The scholarship recipient will be notified in writing no later than July 1, 2009. Scholarship payment will be made in one installment in August 2009 upon receipt of official notification of enrollment/registration for classes. Team DC reserves the right to make payment directly to the college or university on behalf of the recipient.

RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATION

Acceptance of the award constitutes permission for Team DC to use the recipient's name in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship in the organization's publications and announcements. Furthermore, recipient agrees to provide official documentation indicating full-time enrollment at the college or university of his or her choice before payment will be made. Failure to supply documentation as a registered, degree seeking student will result in revocation of the full amount of the award.

ABOUT TEAM DC

Team DC is a volunteer-based organization that encourages and supports involvement in team and individual sports within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) and broader community, as well as serves as a clearinghouse for information about various LGBT sports teams, clubs, and events in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. To meet this objective, Team DC strives to promote excellence, integrity, and good sporting conduct by individuals and sport clubs. Team DC also coordinates the area's delegation to the International Gay Games and Cultural Festival. Team DC is a membership organization with a Board of Directors and a Council of Teams, which functions as both an advisory committee and a point of communication with area teams.

CONTACT US

Questions regarding the scholarship can be directed to us via e-mail at scholarship@teamdc.org. For general questions or for more information about Team DC, visit our Web site at www.teamdc.org.

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2009 APPLICATION FORM

Complete the following information and sign the application as requested. Then submit application along with all supporting documents by June 1, 2009 to the address indicated on page 2.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME TELEPHONE MOBILE/OTHER TELEPHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Birthdate MONTH / DAY / YEAR

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s):

How/where did you hear about this scholarship?

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

List the name of the school you attended or from which you are graduating. Please indicate if you were home-schooled.

HIGH SCHOOL CITY STATE

List the college/university in which you are currently enrolled or in which you plan to enroll as a full-time student for Fall 2009.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CITY STATE

Intended major/program of study:

SPORT/ATHLETIC INFORMATION

List in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent, all interscholastic athletics and/or competitive sports in which you have participated during high school and/or college. Include dates/years of involvement for each.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

List the name and contact information for the two individuals who have provided letters of support for you. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to contact these individuals directly.

NAME TITLE PHONE NUMBER

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Attach an essay to this application outlining your qualifications for this award. The essay must be **well-written, typed, and be two to three pages in length**. The essay should describe how being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) has affected your life, how your sexual orientation or gender identity has impacted participation/involvement in a sport, and the ways in which this involvement has enhanced the perception of the LGBT community (e.g., reduced homophobia and increased awareness and tolerance of LGBT people). The essay should also address your future goals and aspirations.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Remember to include the following documents with this application:

- Official/sealed copy of high school or college/university transcript Attached
- Copy of college/university acceptance letter (current high school seniors only) Attached Not yet available
- Two (2) letters of support Attached
- Personal essay Attached
- Copy of Student Aid Report (optional) Attached Not included

AGREEMENT

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application and all attachments are true and correct.

I understand that the Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship Selection Committee may conduct investigations related to the information I have provided herein and agree to hold the Committee harmless of any claims of liability resulting from these investigations.

I understand that any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for a Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship.

I understand and acknowledge that the intent of this scholarship is to provide financial support to self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender student-athletes.

I understand that, if awarded a scholarship, I will be required to submit proof of registration as a full-time, degree seeking student at a two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the Fall 2009 semester before any award payment will be made. Furthermore, I understand and accept that failure to be properly registered can lead to revocation of the full amount of the award.

If awarded a scholarship, and if mutually concurred, I agree to allow Team DC to use my name and picture in any newsletter, Web site, press release or other lawful media in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

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The Team DC Student-Athlete Scholarship Selection Committee values your observations and evaluation of the applicant's suitability for this award. In writing a letter of support, we ask that you address the following:

- How long and under what circumstances have you come to know the applicant?
- Describe the applicant's strengths and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant's academic success, contributions to his or her sport(s), and/or the impact of his or her involvement on others as a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender student-athlete.
- Discuss the applicant's potential for future success.
- Please provide any other comments about the applicant (e.g., impediments or hardships the applicant has overcome, motivation and initiative in pursuing goals, family responsibilities, community service) that you feel would be helpful for the committee to know.

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