

The West Memorial Scholarship supports LGBTQIA+ students in Detroit Lakes Public Schools pursuing higher education. We seek students who demonstrate academic achievement, community involvement, leadership potential and a commitment to furthering equality and visibility for the LGBTQIA+ community. The application deadline is March 15. The West Memorial Scholarship is a \$5,000 renewable scholarship (up to four years). To be eligible for renewal you must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher and be making yearly progress toward graduation. For renewal applications, you only need to fill out page one of the application, with a transcript.

Personal Information

Full Legal Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Pronouns _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

High School (ALC, eLaker or DLHS) _____

Current or Intended Higher Education Institution (if renewing) _____

Intended Major/Course of study _____

Expected Graduation Date (for high school) _____

Expected Graduation Date (for college if renewing) _____

Academic Information

Current GPA _____

Academic Honors or Awards (if applicable)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Include a copy of your most recent transcript

Community Involvement & Leadership - Please include your involvement in school activities or sports, community or church and LGBTQIA+ organizations. Please list the activities/organizations you were involved with, in what capacity, what dates and what impact or involvement you had, please attach.

Financial Need - Please briefly describe any specific financial challenges you face in pursuing higher education (100 words or less) , please attach.

Essay Questions (you may provide a photograph or copy of your own original artwork in place of, or in addition to, one of the essay questions, with a brief description of how it applies to either essay question) Essays should be 500 - 750 words, typed and double spaced, please attach.

Essay 1 - Describe your journey as an LGBTQIA+ person. How has your identity shaped your educational goals, career aspirations and outlook on life? You may choose to include challenges you have overcome, moments of self-discovery or how your identity has shaped your view of the world.

Essay 2 - Discuss your commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community. Describe a specific action, project or role you have taken on to promote equality, understanding or support for the community. You may include how you plan to utilize your higher education to continue advocating on campus, in your future career or in your local community.

References

Please provide the contact information for two references. One should be a school staff person (teacher, coach, counselor, advisor, etc.) and one should be a community contact (supervisor, mentor, pastor, organization leader, etc.), please attach.

**If any extenuating circumstances impacted your academics, community involvement or ability to provide references, please attach an explanation along with your application.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your application to West Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 1805
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502