



2015 KEVIN JENNINGS EQUALITY WINSTON-SALEM— Student Scholarship Guidelines

To receive consideration, an applicant must:

- Complete the scholarship application. The application form can be downloaded from the Equality Winston-Salem homepage at www.equalitywinstonsalem.org. Applications are also available from your school guidance counselor or GSA advisor.
- Consider attending a scholarship briefing on **Saturday, March 21 from 2-3pm**. (Applicants are encouraged, though not required, to attend the meeting.) **The scholarship meeting will be held at the North Star LGBT Community Center at 704 Brookstown Avenue in downtown Winston-Salem.** During the meeting we will review the scholarship application and answer any questions you might have about the application process. We will also provide a brief history of the scholarship, including information on Kevin Jennings, and allow you to share your experience as an LGBTQ student at your school. Please contact us if you would like to attend the scholarship briefing and require transportation to and from North Star.
- Be a resident of Forsyth County, North Carolina
- Have a current minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- Be graduating in Spring 2015 from a Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school or receiving an equivalent GED and attending a college, university or technical college in Fall 2015
- Demonstrate active involvement/leadership in a Gay/Straight Alliance, Equality Club or in the general Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community
- Realize this scholarship is not based on financial need; however, financial need can be mentioned in your applicant letter

HISTORY: The Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship was established in 2013 to provide scholarships for students who have shown leadership and vision in a Gay/Straight Alliance at their school or in the general LGBTQ community if no such alliance yet exists within the school. **This year Equality Winston-Salem will award up to \$3,500 to deserving applicants.** Scholarship monies will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition, fees, room and board, and/or other college expenses. In any given year, if there are no qualified student/s identified by the scholarship deadline, funds may be carried over and awarded the following year. Since 2013, EWS has awarded a total of \$4,000 to seven high school seniors. In 2015, the scholarship was renamed the Kevin Jennings Equality Winston-Salem Scholarship to honor the generosity of Mr. Jennings and acknowledge the struggles he overcame as a gay teenager in the 1970s in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County.

DEADLINE:

All scholarship applications must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 5pm.**

SELECTION: Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by **Monday, May 4, 2015** and will be contacted by an Equality Winston-Salem representative. *Scholarship finalists may be invited to an in person interview before scholarships are awarded.*

CRITERIA: Students must complete the scholarship application in full and submit a one-page letter outlining the gay/straight alliance leadership he/she has shown in high school and/or in the community. Applicants should include future intentions and goals including future contributions to the LGBTQ community.

RECOMMENDATION: In an effort to affirm your scholarship application, applicants must secure a recommendation from an adult 18 years of age or older who knows you well and can attest to your leadership and involvement in LGBTQ efforts in our community. The recommendation must accompany your scholarship application or be sent separately to Equality Winston-Salem by the scholarship deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS: The Equality Winston-Salem Board of Directors will review all applications and determine the recipient/s of the scholarship.

PAYMENT PROCESS: Scholarship monies will be given to the account of the student's choice at the college he/she will attend in Fall 2015.

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

Please mail your completed application to:

Equality Winston-Salem
c/o Mary Jamis
541-A North Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Please call 336-749-9198 or email mjamis@mcreative.net if you have questions about the application process.

- Applications may also be submitted online by emailing all application materials to: mjamis@mcreative.net by the April 15, 2015 5pm deadline.



Applicant Form for The 2015 Kevin Jennings Equality Winston-Salem Student Scholarship

1) Full Name (first, middle, last):

2) Name you use for communication: _____

3) Birth Date: _____

4) Email Address: _____

5) Address: _____

6) Phone Number(s): _____ home _____ cell

7) High School or learning place currently attending:

8) College/Institute you will attend in Fall 2015:

9) How do you prefer to be identified (circle one): Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender
Questioning Queer Heterosexual Supporting Ally Prefer Privacy
Other: _____

10) Do we have permission to use your name in public communication such as a newspaper article?
_____ Yes _____ No

11) Your counselor/principal/advisor will be contacted upon your selection. Do we have permission to announce your award at a school assembly if selected? _____ Yes _____ No

12) Signed _____ Date _____

13) Please enclose a one-page typed letter stating your activity in a gay/straight alliance, in the LGBTQ community at large, future gay/straight alliance goals or plans, and any other information you think would qualify you to receive this scholarship.

14) Please enclose a letter of recommendation from an adult 18 years of age or older. Please indicate why you feel this applicant should be considered for a scholarship (Limit to 150 words or less). Include the scholarship applicant's name and your name and contact information (email address and phone) in the letter of recommendation.