

COLAGE Scholarship Program

for students with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent(s)

Sponsored by COLAGE with generous support from the Horizons Foundation Joseph Towner Fund

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May, 1 2009.

Background

COLAGE will award four scholarships to children of LGBTQ parents through a fund honoring the memory of community member and gay father Lee Dubin. Each scholarship will provide \$1,000 to post-secondary students who have one or more LGBTQ parent(s)/guardian(s) and have demonstrated ability and commitment to effecting change in the LGBTQ community and the community at large.

Lee Dubin Memorial Fund

Some of the most powerful members of the LGBTQ community are the children of LGBTQ parents who have grown up being nurtured and supported by this community and are now part of a whole generation of people who have the power to create dramatic change in the world. The fund was named for the father of COLAGE founder Ali Nickel-Dubin and through college scholarships, aims to honor our collective power and celebrate the unique experiences and achievements of our families. Students who are actively working to combat the intersections of racism, homophobia, and/or transphobia/ gender-based discrimination, and increase positive awareness of LGBTQ families are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements

Applicants must:

- Have one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/ or queer parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Be enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution. No graduate level or higher applicants please.
- Include financial aid form.
- Maintain a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0.

Guidelines for consideration

- Four grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded.
- Awards will be granted by the COLAGE Scholarship Committee, which is made up of volunteers who are LGBTQ parents and adult children of LGBTQ parents.
- Applicants of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. COLAGE does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, physical dis/ability, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, immigration/refugee status, age, gender, or type of LGBTQ family.
- Board or staff members of COLAGE, and their immediate family members, are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be willing to be named publicly in association with COLAGE, Horizons Foundation, and the Scholarship Program.
- Applicants with demonstrated economic need are encouraged to apply.

Application Directions (application form begins on page 2)

- Return completed application and essay (paperclip all pages of your application- **do not staple**)
- Provide proof of enrollment at the school where you will be attending. (If you are an entering freshman or other student who is not yet able to provide proof of enrollment, please attach a letter stating your circumstances with a Letter of Acceptance or a copy of your Intent to Enroll form. You may be asked to provide proof of enrollment if you are selected as a scholarship winner before you can receive your award.)
- Include grade verification (transcript or report cards)
- Return completed financial need worksheet
- Attach statement of financial need (FAFSA or letter of need if applicable)
- Include a recent photograph that COLAGE can use in their materials if you are selected as a scholarship winner
- Send all materials **no later than Friday, May 1, 2009** (postmarked). Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Questions? Contact COLAGE at 415-861-KIDS (5437) or scholarship@colage.org. This application is also available at www.colage.org.

Mail to: COLAGE Scholarship Committee 1550 Bryant Street, Suite 830 San Francisco, CA 94103

Part II: Academic and Employment Information

Please provide information about each high school or other educational institution you have attended.

School Name City, State	# of Yrs	Expected Graduation Date	Type of Degree

Please provide the following information about the post-secondary school or program that you will be attending, or considering attending, during the **2009/2010 school year**.

School Name City, State	Degree/ Certificate Objective	Planned Major (s) or Course (s) of Study	Academic Year	Anticipated Undergraduate Graduation Date	Terms/Semesters this award would be applied	Have You Been Admitted?
		-	- FR			- Yes
		-	- SO			- No
		-	- JR			
		-	- SR			

Current Unweighted GPA 0.00-4.0 scale: _____ ***attach most recent transcript/grade report***

Work Experience

Position	Company or Organization	Duties	Employment Dates	Hrs/Week

Part III. Financial Aid Information

Have you applied for other financial assistance? If yes, what type?

Status of Request (pending/confirmed/denied): _____

If no, other assistance applied for, why not? OR, if request denied, why? _____

Please attach Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) if you have one, in addition to the following information:

2009-2010 Academic Year Financial Need Worksheet (applicants must complete the following worksheet, if the applicant is not applying for or receiving financial aid, it is not necessary to also attach a Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) from your school but please attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Estimated Tuition		Estimated Income from Self (savings and/or employment) <u>Portion that will be applied to educational costs</u>	
Estimated Room and Board/Housing		Estimated Income from Parents/Family <u>Portion that will be applied to educational costs</u>	
Estimated Living Costs		Estimated Income from Scholarship or Grants	
Estimated Other Costs (please list)		Estimated Loans	
Estimated Total Costs for 2009-2010 Academic Year	=	Estimated Total Income for 2009-2010 Academic Year	=

Estimated Total Need for 2009-2010 Academic Year (Total costs- Total Income) = _____

Please use the space below to describe (in one to two paragraphs) your financial need (if any):

Part IV. Short Answer and Essay

Please type and attach your short answers (250 words or less) to questions **1 & 2**. Please be specific as possible.

1. Aside from the financial support, please tell the committee why support from these funds would be important/ meaningful to you.
2. Please describe activities you participate in, honors you have received, or special qualities about yourself that demonstrate your commitment to combating homophobia, working for social justice, and increasing positive awareness of LGBTQ families.

Please type and attach your 500-1,000 word essays in response to **one** of the following essay prompts.

3a. Respond to the following quote: "When an individual is protesting society's refusal to acknowledge his dignity as a human being, his very act of protest confers dignity on him." –Bayard Rustin.

OR

3b. How has being a COLAGEr (person with one or more LGBTQ parents) enriched or impacted your life? What aspects of being a COLAGEr do you most appreciate or feel challenged by?

Part V. How did you hear about the Lee Dubin Memorial Scholarship Fund?

- Through my school
- The COLAGE website
- Other organization: _____
- Other (please explain) _____

Part VI. Connecting with COLAGE

COLAGE is a national movement of children, youth and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer parent(s). We build community and work toward social justice through youth empowerment, leadership development, education and advocacy. We would love to contact you regarding ways you can become involved beyond the scholarship application process. Please check any/all areas and programs of interest that you might be interested in participating in or receiving more information.

Please note, your response is optional and in no way effects consideration by the scholarship committee.

Yes, I would like to get involved with COLAGE! Please contact me regarding:

- Submitting to our *Just For Us* publication
- Becoming more involved in the COLAGE chapter in my area
- There's no COLAGE chapter in my area. How do I start one?
- COLAGE Pen Pal Program
- COLAGE Online Community
- Speak OUT- Join COLAGE's network of youth and adults with LGBTQ parents who do media interviews, public speaking and other advocacy
- Family Week facilitation
- Youth/Family Events
- KOT (Kids of Transgender) programming
- Job and Internship opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities to work with younger kids of LGBTQ parents
- Other Volunteer Opportunities with COLAGE
- Other _____

Part VII. Certification

- A. I certify that the information I have presented in this application form and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the Scholarship Committee, I agree to provide proof of the information on this application
- B. I agree to notify COLAGE immediately of any changes in my academic status that 1) makes any information presented on this application form or attachments no longer true and correct, and/or 2) makes me ineligible for support as outlined in the fund guidelines.
- C. I understand that the names of recipients of the Lee Dubin Scholarships will be listed in COLAGE/Horizons Foundation publications and reports.
- D. I grant permission to COLAGE and Horizons Foundation to print portions of my essay in their publications (with appropriate credit).

- E. If selected as a scholarship recipient, COLAGE and/or the Horizons Foundation have my permission to use my photograph in their publications and press materials as a part of the scholarship recipient announcements.
- F. If I am under 18 years of age, I have included the signature of my parent or legal guardian.

NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE
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PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE
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