



First Friday Breakfast Club

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January 10, 2025

Dear Iowa High School Guidance Counselor,

Annually, the **First Friday Breakfast Club**, based in Des Moines, awards scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) issues in their schools and communities. Awards will be made in the amount of **\$3,000** per student. **Due to the incredible generosity of our donors, this past year we were able to present 16 scholarships for \$3,000 each!**

Scholarship recipients represent a cross section of students from all Iowa high schools, from urban and rural districts and both public and private schools. These students are leaders in academics, athletics, drama, and art. Each has committed their time and talents to helping others to understand and to appreciate the diversity and contributions their LGBTQ+ friends bring to their schools and communities. There are no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, sexual orientation or gender identity/ expression of the applicant. **Students are selected based upon information submitted as defined in the enclosed application.**

We ask that you please:

- provide a copy of the enclosed application and information to students who you know who might qualify,
- pass the information on to any other counselors, teachers, or GSA sponsors in your school system who may have contact with qualifying students,
- send or give a press release to the editor of your school's paper,
- post the information in any other manner that you feel appropriate.

Make as many copies of the application form as needed. Additional application forms and information can be obtained at ffbc Iowa.org. More brochures will gladly be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact us at **(515) 954-2996** or info@ffbc Iowa.org. We look forward to another year of amazing stories from our Iowa high school students!

Sincerely,

Byron Huff
Board President

Ken Hanson
Scholarship Committee Chair



2024 Scholarship Recipients came from the following Iowa high schools:

Des Moines Roosevelt, Spencer, Bondurant-Farrar, Cedar Falls, Lisbon, Central DeWitt, Linn-Mar, Sioux Center, Grinnell, Waukee Northwest, Ogden, Carlisle, Algona, Woodbine, and Johnston.





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2024-2025 Academic Year

FFBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Due Date: March 15, 2025

The **First Friday Breakfast Club** (FFBC) is an educational group for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. Monthly meetings provide members and guests an opportunity for education on community affairs from local, state, and national opinion leaders and provide them with positive images of the LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of its educational program, FFBC awards **\$3,000 scholarships** to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated **leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) issues and to reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities.**

An applicant must plan to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded without regard to gender, race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, **or gender/sexual orientation** of the prospective recipient or their relatives. Additionally, there is no restriction on the type or location of the educational institution where post-secondary education is pursued.

Applications and transcripts must be submitted **by email no later than March 15, 2025.** The FFBC Scholarship Awards Committee will notify recipients **no later than April 15, 2025.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Pronouns: _____

Hometown Newspaper (for press release purposes): _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

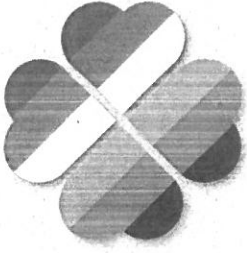
High School: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

School Address: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average/Scale: _____

ACT or SAT Composite: _____ Awards Ceremony Date/Time: _____

Post-Secondary Institution You Plan to Attend: _____



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ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please limit each essay to one page, typed and double-spaced.

1. Reflect upon what made the issue of homophobia and/or equality issues important to you.
2. What significant things have you done and/or accomplished to reduce homophobia and provide education and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues in your school and/or community? Document what makes your experience/efforts unique. Be specific and provide supporting details.
3. Tell a story about a chance you had to educate someone on LGBTQ+ issues in a one-on-one situation (coming out to them, countering a stereotype, confronting a bully, etc.).

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

Please limit all of your responses to a total of no more than 2 pages (8 1/2" x 11").

- What are your professional goals?
- What do you consider to be the most important issues facing the LGBTQ+ community today? Why?
- How will you continue activities directed toward this issue? Explain.
- How did you find out about the First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship?
- Have you ever been arrested or charged with anything other than minor traffic offenses? Explain.

OTHER REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- List of extracurricular activities and community involvement (including organizations and dates)
- List of work experiences (including organizations and dates employed)
- Official transcripts of classes and grades
- Two letters of recommendation

COUNSELOR/ADVISOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Senior Class Population: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Counselor/Advisor: **Please check preference for contact:** Telephone _____ Email _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

By my submission of this application to the First Friday Breakfast Club, I certify that if I am awarded a scholarship, the proceeds will be used for the payment of school-related costs at a post-secondary educational institution and that I will be enrolled in a program that leads to a degree or professional certification.

I understand that the award of this scholarship will be publicized, and I expressly consent to my name being used as a scholarship recipient in any such publicity. I agree to **attend the FFBC's annual scholarship award ceremony on Friday, June 6, 2025, in Des Moines, Iowa.** Further, I agree that photographs taken at these events may be included in publicity.

I certify that the information submitted on the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree with my responsibilities as detailed above.

By submission you are deemed to have certified that the essay responses are your work product, and that the content of your completed application is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Return the completed application and transcript by email to: info@ffbc Iowa.org

For more information or questions, email info@ffbc Iowa.org or call (515) 954-2996 (leave a message for a return call)



About the Scholarship

One-time scholarships of **\$3,000** are awarded. Scholarships are paid in two installments upon receipt of the student's proof of enrollment in the institution of secondary education.

Accomplishments of previous scholarship recipients include:

- Founded a GSA or diversity club and/or provided leadership in the organization at their school
- Organized Day of Silence activities
- Organized support to include gender orientation in local civil rights ordinances and/or school district non-discrimination policies
- Discussed issues facing LGBTQ+ youth with school administration, faculty, and/or community groups
- Wrote articles in community and school papers addressing LGBTQ+ issues
- Addressed LGBTQ+ issues in school debates, speeches, and forums
- Actively affirmed and advocated for LGBTQ+ students in their school
- Provided positive image and role model as an out and open LGBTQ+ student/ally

For tax-deductible donations, designate 'FFBC Scholarship Fund' on your check and mail contributions to:

**First Friday Breakfast Club
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 41611
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Scholarship
Program



Recognizing efforts to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) acceptance *since 1997.*

Who We Are

First Friday Breakfast Club is an educational forum that embraces the LGBTQ+ community and its allies as members, nourishes meaningful dialogue through monthly speakers, and cultivates young advocates for equity and inclusion by awarding leadership scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors.

Founded in 1996, First Friday Breakfast Club continues to evolve and to serve as a safe haven for all LGBTQ+ members, allies, and guests. What began as a few friends deciding to meet regularly for breakfast, soon grew into one of Iowa's largest breakfast clubs.

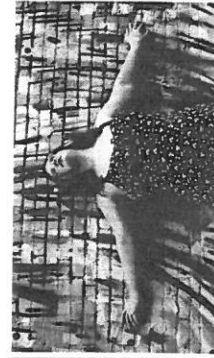
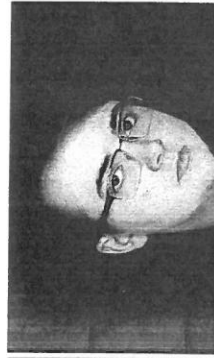
The FFBC scholarship is funded through the generous contributions of our members and supporters in both the LGBTQ+ and straight communities.

For more information, visit online at:
<https://FFBCIowa.org/>

Previous Recipients

Scholarship recipients have included students from the following Iowa communities, to name a few:

Altoona
 Ames
 Ankeny
 Asbury
 Bettendorf
 Boone
 Carroll
 Cedar Falls
 Clinton
 Council Bluffs
 Davenport
 Des Moines
 Dubuque
 East Sac County
 Eldridge



Qualifications

- Graduating senior from an Iowa high school
- Planning to pursue college or other post-secondary education
- Participated in significant activities to promote LGBTQ+ acceptance in his/her/their school and/or community
- Awards are made without regard to gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, marital status, or employment status

Selection Process

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have distinguished themselves with significant efforts to counter homophobia, promote LGBTQ+ acceptance and educate their schools/communities on LGBTQ+ issues. Academic achievement and extra-curricular activities are also considered.

Apply Today!

Download the full scholarship application or digital brochure at:

<https://ffbc Iowa.org/scholarships/>

Fill out and submit application materials to FFBC by email.

Email: info@FFBCIowa.org

Application Timeline

Application Deadline	Emailed or uploaded by March 15
Recipients Announced	On, or about, May 1
Recipients Recognized	FFBC June Meeting