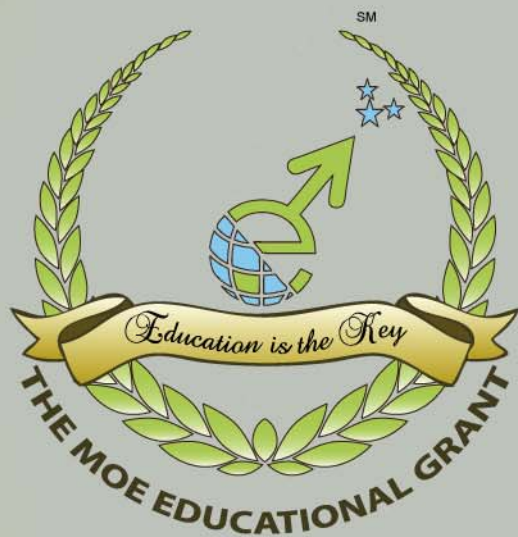


The MoE Scholarship Application

2010-2011



THE MEN OF ESSENCE LGBT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE MEN OF ESSENCE ORGANIZATION

Each year, the Men of Essence (MoE) Organization hosts the Annual Backpack Drive as its major fundraising event. The purpose of this event is to raise funding and acquire backpacks from our supporters. We in turn donate backpacks and school supplies to children directly or indirectly benefited by other nonprofit organizations. Our region of focus is the Dallas/Fort Worth area. As a professional networking organization dedicated to embracing diversity and positive imagery emerging out of the LGBT community, we believe that it is essential to encourage the intellectual growth of young people. Today's youth is tomorrow's leadership. Their perceptions of the world influence how they grow up to impact the the ever-changing cultural fabric of their surroundings.



Most importantly, however, the MoE organization realizes the difficulty that many youth may face as they begin to come to terms with who they are as members of the LGBT community. We recognize the fact that growing up in a world that is sometimes intolerant of diversity may cause many youth to doubt themselves and their potential. Therefore, we believe it is of utmost importance that we combat this adversity with positive reinforcement through our scholarship program.

The Annual MoE Backpack Drive is the organization's largest gathering of LGBT professionals in the DFW region. The MoE Educational Grant Recipient will be able to meet these members of the professional community and exchange information and ideas that may profoundly affect his or her future. These community members will be those who are successfully functioning in their professions or occupations and can thus serve as a great source of inspiration.





PARTICIPATION

MoE is an organization dedicated to creating opportunity, supporting education, combating discrimination, and spawning economic growth within the LGBT community of color. Recipients of the MoE Educational Grant need not be members of the Men of Essence Organization. However, all applicants for the MoE Educational Grant should be (1) young members (ages 17 – 25) of the LGBT community, (2) maintaining a 2.5 average GPA, and (3) pursuing or planning to pursue a fulltime, postsecondary course of study in a degree program at a United States institution in the fall of 2010.

Upon submission of the application form and supplemental documentation, applications will be reviewed by the MoE Board of Directors. The MoE Board of Directors will thus select the best qualified applicant.

APPLICATION/REAPPLICATION

Those who wish to apply for the MoE Educational Grant should fill out the application form that begins on page 3 of this scholarship application packet. It is important that the application form is filled out in its entirety. It is also important that applicants follow all instructions and submit the supplemental information that is required. If the application is incomplete or if all supplemental information is not submitted, this may be grounds for application rejection. Those who apply are always encouraged to apply again.

The deadline for receipt of applications by the Men of Essence Organization is May 1, 2010.

WINNERS

The MoE Board of Directors reviews all applications and selects the winner. The winner will be notified of selection by telephone, mail or email no later than May 14, 2010. The winner will be recognized at the 2009 Men of Essence Backback Drive Kickoff Event. All decisions made by the MoE Board of Directors are final.

AWARD AMOUNT

\$1000 - \$2000 per Individual



APPLICATION

To apply for the MoE Educational Grant, please complete this application form and mail along with supplemental information to the following address:

MEN OF ESSENCE
P.O. BOX 152524
ARLINGTON, TX 76015

You may also email your completed application form to info@essencemen.org, along with scanned copies of your supplemental information where applicable.

Applicant Name:

First

Middle

Last

(Please include any maiden or other names by which you have been known.)

Date of Birth:

Month

Day

Year

School Address:

School Name

Street

_____ / _____

City

State

Zip Code

School Phone Number:



Home Address:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Institution of Attendance in Fall 2010: _____

Student Classification: _____

(Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate)

Cumulative GPA at Institution of Attendance: _____

List all postsecondary institutions attended with highest class standing attained and cumulative GPA:

Institution 1

Class Standing

GPA

Institution 2

Class Standing

GPA

Institution 3

Class Standing

GPA

High School Attended: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____



For High School Seniors Only: College Admission Composite Test Scores

SAT

ACT

Note: Please attach copies of all score reports as requested in number five of the list of attachments.

Vocational Goal(s):

State Your Major: _____

Awards and Honors (attach list if necessary):



Community Service (attach list if necessary):

Please attach the following documents or arrange to have them sent to the Men of Essence Organization:

1. Personal Letter from Applicant (at least 500 words). The MoE Educational Grant is awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence, financial need, and community service. In preparing your personal letter, keep in mind that the committee members are all professionals who volunteer in the LGBT community. Consider how you can most effectively convey your best qualities. Since the awards are targeted to LGBT youth, the Men of Essence Organization will be interested in the techniques and approaches you use to express why you deserve the MoE Educational Grant.

2. Two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from an institutional professional (high school teacher, professor, dean, etc.). The letter of recommendation from an institutional professional must be submitted via mail to the Men of Essence organization on official institution letterhead.

3. Current official transcript from institution now attending and transcripts from all other postsecondary institutions attended. If you have not yet attended such an institution or have not completed one year of study, send your high school transcript.

4. Score Reports (for high school seniors only). Please attach a copy of your score reports for all standardized tests taken for college admission. Copies are acceptable; there is no need to attach official reports.

