

Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship
North Dakota State University
2015-2016 Application – Deadline: April 7, 2015

About the Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship Fund

The Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship Fund was founded in 2009 by North Dakota State University faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni. The fund recognizes students' affirmation of LGBTQ identification and/or service and leadership to the LGBTQ community. Award amounts are \$500 – two scholarships will be awarded this year.

Eligibility

- Enrolled at North Dakota State University during the full 2015-2016 academic year
- Must have completed at least one (1) semester at NDSU
- LGBTQ identified and/or leadership or service in the LGBTQ community
- Satisfactory academic progress
- Preference will be given to those applicants who have not already received this scholarship

Applications sought from persons of diverse backgrounds, particularly those from traditionally underrepresented communities and demographic groups.

Award Terms

- To be applied to tuition, books, and/or fees through Financial Aid
- Valid only for the 2015-2016 academic year
- Award will be reported to Student Financial Services as a scholarship

Judging Criteria

- Applicants' affirmation of LGBTQ identity and/or commitment to the LGBTQ community
- Evidence of LGBTQ-related service, leadership, or scholarship
- Evidence of serving, leading and working for change in LGBTQ communities, including as a role model, mentor, and/or adviser. (No applicant will be eliminated from consideration due to lack of opportunities to participate in LGBTQ activities).

Application Process

Completed application must be received by 4pm, April 7:

Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship Fund, c/o Kara Gravley-Stack, Director of Diversity Initiatives, Office of Multicultural Programs, Memorial Union room 178, Fargo, ND 58108 or email to: ndsu.multicultural@ndsu.edu

For consideration, the following application materials must be submitted:

- Completed application form, including 250-word essay
- Names and contact information from two personal references who can speak to applicants' demonstrated or potential leadership and service to the LGBTQ community.

For additional information, please contact the Director of Diversity Initiatives at 701.231.7091 or Kara.Gravley-Stack@ndsu.edu

Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship Application

Name: _____

NDSU ID#: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____

Academic Major/Minor: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Sexual Orientation (optional): ☐ lesbian ☐ gay ☐ bisexual ☐ other, _____

Gender Identity (optional): ☐ female ☐ male ☐ transgender ☐ other, _____

With your completed application, please include a brief, typewritten essay (no less than 250 words), answering the following question.

How has your sexual orientation and/or gender identity shaped your experiences as a student at North Dakota State University? What recommendations would you make to improve the campus climate for LGBTQ students.

Confidentiality Statement & Press Release

Please Note: Your answers in this section **do not** affect your eligibility for the Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship. All documents received by the Selection Committee are considered confidential. However, some material, as approved below, is carefully selected from applications and recommendations to announce award recipients and to encourage additional giving to this important scholarship fund.

If chosen to receive an Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship, may NDSU make your name, academic major, hometown, and status as an NDSU student available to the press?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If chosen to receive an Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship, may NDSU list your name at the Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach Division's Green and Golden Globe Awards?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If chosen to receive an Amanda Weitgenant Memorial LGBTQ Student Scholarship, may NDSU use your name, essay, and photo for fund-raising purposes?

☐ Yes ☐ No

I verify that the information I have supplied is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date