**Parsons Scholarship Fund for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies**

**Application Form 2022**

*All applications, supporting documents, and applicant information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with the public or anyone outside this scholarship committee and Maine Community Foundation, which processes the awards and issues the scholarship payments.*

*All sections must be completed for the application to be considered.*

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| **Contact Information** |

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| Full Legal Name |  |  |  |
|  | *Last* | *First* | *Middle initial* |
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| Chosen Name (if different from above) |  |  |
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| Email |  | Phone |  |
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| Address |  |  |  |
|  | *Street address* |  | *Apartment/Unit #* |
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|  | *City* | *State* | *Zip code* |
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| Preferred Contact Method | [ ] Email | [ ] Phone Call | [ ] Text |

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| **Education** |

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| High School Name |  |
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| High School Address |  |
|  | *Street address* |  |  |
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|  | *City* | *State* | *Zip code* |
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| Expected High School Graduation Date |  |
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| Intended Post-Secondary School Name |  |
|  | *Note: Qualifying Post-Secondary Schools must be accredited, not-for-profit, and non-sectarian colleges or universities in the United States.* |
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| Intended Post-Secondary School Address |  |
|  | *Street address* |  |  |
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|  | *City* | *State* | *Zip code* |
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| Current Status at This School | [ ] Accepted | [ ] Applied,Hope to Attend | [ ] Plan to Apply |

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| **Past Activities and Future Plans** |

*Please provide answers to the following questions (approximately 250 words each, unless you feel more are necessary). Attach and continue on an additional page if you need to.*

1. Consider your activities both in high school and outside of school in your community. Through these activities, how have you helped to promote and protect LGBTQ+ rights and the LGBTQ+ community, foster a safe space for LGBTQ+ students, enhance diversity, or prevent bullying?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Consider your high school academic or extracurricular activities, leadership roles, achievements, or awards and also your jobs, volunteer efforts, or community service activities outside of school. Which of these have been most meaningful to you, and why?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What academic and extracurricular goals do you hope to pursue at your next school, and how will achieving them help you promote diversity and LGBTQ+ equality in your life and community beyond school?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there any other information you would like to share with the selection committee? *(optional)*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| **Recommendation Letters** |

*Please list two references. If possible, at least one should be a teacher or school counselor. Recommenders must email the cover sheet and letter directly to* *ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com* *by May 1, 2022.*

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| Recommender #1 Full Name |  |  |  |
|  | *Last* | *First* | *Middle initial* |
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| Email |  | Phone |  |
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| Recommender #2 Full Name |  |  |  |
|  | *Last* | *First* | *Middle initial* |
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| Email |  | Phone |  |
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| Address |  |  |  |
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| **Signature and Permission** |

Please check one. *(This will have no bearing upon consideration of your application.)*

[ ]  I grant permission to the Maine Community Foundation to publish my name and/or likeness when publicly announcing scholarship winners.

[ ]  I **do not** grant to the Maine Community Foundation to publish my name and/or likeness when publicly announcing scholarship winners.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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| Signature |  | Date |  |

*Thank you for applying for the Parsons Scholarship Fund for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies. For your application to be considered, you must email a PDF version of your completed application to* *ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com* *no later than 5:00pm ET on May 1, 2022.*

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**Application Checklist**

To be considered for the Parsons Scholarship Fund for LBGTQ+ Youth and Allies, complete all of the application parts and submit them to *parsonsfamilyscholarship@gmail.com* by May 1, 2022. The selection committee cannot evaluate incomplete applications.

[ ]  Application form

[ ]  Unofficial high school transcript

[ ]  Recommendation #1

[ ]  Recommendation #2

[ ]  All in pdf format

[ ]  Email to *parsonsfamilyscholarship@gmail.com*

[ ]  Submit by May 1, 2022

**Parsons Scholarship Fund for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies**

**Recommendation Form Cover Sheet**

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| Applicant name: |
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| Recommendername: |  | Relationship toapplicant: |
| Recommenderemail: |  | Recommenderphone: |

**Instructions for the scholarship applicant:**

Please give this cover sheet to the two people who have agreed to write a recommendation letter for you. If possible, one letter should be from a teacher or high school counselor. Your family members and Parsons Scholarship Fund selection committee members should not write support letters for you. The recommender should email their letter directly to *parsonsfamilyscholarship@gmail.com* by May 1, 2022.

**To the recommender:**

Thank you for writing a letter of support for a Maine high school student applying for the Parsons Scholarship Fund for LGBTQ+ youth and allies. The insights you provide will be enormously helpful to the scholarship selection committee.

* The Parsons Scholarship Fund provides support for LGBTQ+ graduating seniors and their allies (also graduating seniors) at Maine high schools in their pursuit of post-secondary study at any accredited, not-for-profit, non-sectarian college or university in the United States. For additional information see <https://www.mainecf.org/find-a-scholarship/available-scholarships/parsons-scholarship-fund-for-lgbtq-youth-and-allies/>
* This scholarship is inspired by the life and work of Betsy Parsons and has been created by her family who staunchly support her ideals and share her deep love for and commitment to Maine and its people. <https://www.mainecf.org/find-a-scholarship/available-scholarships/parsons-scholarship-fund-for-lgbtq-youth-and-allies/>
* The Parsons Family welcomes and encourages Maine graduating high-school seniors of any gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, or socioeconomic background to apply.

Your letter should describe the nature and length of your relationship with the applicant and explain why you think this student is a strong candidate for the Parsons Scholarship Fund. You may want to tell us what you know about the applicant’s involvement and commitment to LGBTQ+ and diversity issues, how the applicant will continue to contribute to LGBTQ+ community after high school, and anything you think is notable about the applicant’s community service and academic achievement.

Please submit a pdf version of your letter and this cover sheet directly to *parsonsfamilyscholarship@gmail.com* by **May 1, 2022**.