



BONNIE J TINKER SCHOLARSHIP



Introduction:

The Scholarship was established in 2012 to provide support for LGBTQ+ Youth and Families in the SW Washington Five (5) County Area (Counties – Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Pacific).

In 2016, the Board of Directors chose to name the Scholarship after Bonnie J Tinker who was an inspired voice for the LGBTQ+ Community. The Scholarship is funded through donations, variety shows, and community fundraisers. Along with this, ten percent of the funds from all other events and programs are given to the Scholarship Fund.

Background:

Bonnie J Tinker was a strong voice for the rights of Women, Children, and the LGBTQ+ Families around the country. She worked to improve relations between diverse populations and viewpoints through her teaching of the LARA Method; a means to work through divergent beliefs to find common ground.

She was tireless in her work for Marriage Equality and the treatment of children and youth in the public schools. Her Anti-Bullying Program was taught in local school systems in the Portland / Vancouver Metro Areas. She was a key speaker on Television, Radio and Print Media for LGBTQ+ Equality. As a member of the Quaker Community, she helped the Quakers understand the importance of Marriage Equality. Her stance on Non-Violence and Non-Violent Intervention Techniques assisted in the development of procedures for working with divergent populations.

Criteria of Eligibility:

To be eligible, a candidate:

- Must have been a resident of Southwest Washington (of the 5 SW WA Counties named above) for at least one year prior to submitting an application. Residency requirement is one full year (For Example: If you were seeking an application in 2017, you must have lived in the 5 counties for the entire year of 2016.)
- Must identify as gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer, or have a parent/guardian that identifies as gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer. Allies of the LGBTQ+ Community may apply, but preference is given to LGBTQ+ Children, Youth and their Families first.
- Must currently work or volunteer promoting social justice, equity, or inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Must exhibit the desire to continue working to promote social justice, equity, or inclusivity for the LGBTQ+ community.

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- Must be pursuing education beyond the secondary level in one or more of the following areas: College, University, Trade and/or Vocational School, or The Arts. (On-line certificate or degree programs are not eligible for funding.)
- Must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Must be accepted (or acceptance-pending) for enrollment or enrolled in an accredited educational program beyond the secondary level which has an established non-discrimination policy that includes sexual and gender minority groups.
- Evidence the potential to successfully complete their selected program of study.
- Cannot be an employee working with or a committee or board member of Scholarship.

METHOD OF SELECTION:

Please be sure to read and review all REQUIREMENTS for the selection process. As an applicant for the Scholarship, it is your responsibility to complete and return all of the application and letters by the cut-off dates noted below.

The Scholarship Review Committee will not grant any extensions or requests for a longer time period than is noted below.

Application Process and Information:

- The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Committee is composed of Board Members of Scholarship, Saturday in the Park Event Members and Members of the Community Area Served who are appointed annually by the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson for the Scholarship Review Committee is a member of the Board of Directors for the SW WA Pride Alliance Organization.
- All Inquiries regarding information about the scholarship, how to apply, or request for clarification may be made through the website at <http://www.bjtscholarship.com> , via eMail at bjtsapplication@gmail.com or via telephone at 360-524-2123.
- Candidate Finalists for the Scholarship are required to be interviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee Members either in Person or via the Telephone through a Conference Call.
- The Scholarship(s) are between \$500 and \$2000 each year. The final amount granted to each Scholarship Recipient(s) is determined by the Scholarship Review Committee. The Scholarship Committee may increase the amount given depending upon the funds available.
- Please be sure to complete all of the Application, including the Letter of Interest and a minimum of two (2) Letters of Recommendations when sending in your Application. If you are currently in school, please submit a copy of your current transcripts with the application.

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- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered by the Scholarship Review Committee.
- Materials submitted during the application process will not be returned.
- Applications must be completed in full and returned to the address below before the end of February via eMail or via the US Mail of each year. Applications received after that date will be considered for the following application period
- Documentation must be received by the 1st of March each year.
 - SW WA PRIDE ALLIANCE
 - Attn: Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee
 - 9208 NE Highway 99
 - Suite #200
 - Vancouver, WA 98665
 - Telephone: 360-524-2123

 - eMail: bjtsapplication@gmail.com
- The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will send a letter to the Scholarship Recipient(s) no later than June 1st of each year. The Scholarship Recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Pride Event in Vancouver, WA. The Saturday in the Park Event which occurs annually on the second Saturday in July. Although, not required, the Scholarship Recipient(s) will be invited to attend the Saturday in the Park Event Celebration to receive their award.
- Applications for the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship may be found at the SW WA PRIDE ALLIANCE website or via the Scholarship website at bjtscholarship.com . You may also request a copy of the Application through the eMail listed: bjtsapplication@gmail.com .
- Scholarship Award Money will be sent directly to the educational institution and must be used in the academic year immediately following the award. If that is not possible, the funds will be returned to SW WA Pride Alliance and the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Fund.

Please be sure to include all attachments (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) with your application.

All information obtained from this application will be held in strict confidence only to be used for the purpose of selecting the scholarship recipient(s).

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APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OF USE PEN TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee, in granting financial aid, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, marital status, familial status, age, mental or physical disability, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, or source of income.

Name _____

Current Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

e-Mail _____

Student ID Number _____

Institution Attending _____

Have you lived in One of These Counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania, or Pacific County, for at least one year prior to submitting this application? Yes No

(NOTE: You can live in one of more of the counties listed for the past year. ** For Example: You were living in Skamania County, but moved during the year to the Pacific County.)

Check one:

I identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer/ally individual

One or more of my guardians identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer

Guardian's name: _____

The following information is **OPTIONAL** and will be used for demographic purposes only.

Date of Birth _____

Gender Identity _____

Sexual Orientation _____

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EDUCATION INFORMATION

To what accredited program (college, university, trade/vocational, or arts school) have you been accepted for enrollment or are you enrolled in?

School name _____

School mailing address _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Phone _____

Enrollment status: Full-time Part-time

What is your choice of curriculum or vocation?

Education Background

Do you hold a:

- High school diploma
- General education degree (GED)
- Other: _____

Name(s) of degree granting institution(s)

Types of degree(s) received _____

Date(s) received _____

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List any and all work or volunteer experience in which you have participated that you feel are important, including past service to and involvement in the LGBTQ community, including, if relevant, life experiences with a LGBTQ guardian and how the experience has affected your life and future plans. (You may write on a separate sheet if needed.)

PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Describe how you plan to give back to the LGBTQ community both while on campus and in the future.

List any special awards or honors you have received.

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List any special training, courses, workshops, etc. that you have had beyond education.

FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

Please annualize your expenses, as this scholarship is awarded on an annual basis:

From _____/_____/_____ to _____/_____/_____

List any other scholarships/loans you have applied for or received for the above time period:

Applied: _____

Received: _____

Anticipated income for aid period:

Employment \$ _____

Savings \$ _____

Scholarships \$ _____

Loans \$ _____

Parents/partner \$ _____

Other \$ _____ *Specify:* _____

Other \$ _____ *Specify:* _____

Total Income \$ _____

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Anticipated expenses for aid period:

Tuition/fees	\$ _____	
Books/supplies	\$ _____	
Living expenses	\$ _____	
Medical/dental	\$ _____	
Insurance	\$ _____	
Childcare	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Other	\$ _____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____	

What is your anticipated financial need during the period of your schooling? _____

Do you plan to work during the period of time for which you are seeking financial aid? Yes No

Employer _____ Number of hours per week _____

IMPORTANT - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On attached sheets, please provide additional information regarding your individual background, goals, aspirations, accomplishments, dreams, hopes, or other information that would help the scholarship review committee evaluate your request for financial consideration.

Letters of recommendation should specifically mention the relationship to the scholarship applicant.

Applicants must also submit at least two letters of recommendation that attest to the applicant's academic history and potential, community involvement and financial need.

You may submit any other information you deem helpful in the selection process, i.e., references, transcripts, and other relevant schooling information. The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will not be responsible for returning materials to you.

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AFFIDAVIT:

I have read and understood the criteria for eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship. I understand that if I am a recipient of this scholarship, the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee has my permission to use my name and photograph for newsletters, brochures, publicity releases, videos, website, social media and/or in any other display and presentation materials they may use.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

REMINDER: Applications MUST BE RECEIVED within the TIME FRAME noted in the Application.

Application(s) will be checked by the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee during March and April of each year. The Scholarship Committee will meet to discuss each application and make a determination of eligibility from those applications received.

The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will inform the SW WA Pride Alliance of their choice and that information will be entered into the next Board's meeting minutes.

Applicants will be notified by the first week of June, with selectees posted on the website. The recipient(s) will receive recognition at the annual "Saturday in the Park Event Celebration" held on the second Saturday in July.

The Treasurer will send the check to the Institution of the individual chosen. Funds will be sent according to the academic calendar of the institution for the upcoming year. Funds may be used for Tuition, Fees, and On-Campus Room and Board charges, but cannot be used for Off Campus Housing, Transportation, Dependent Care, Personal Expenses, or any other expense other than those noted in the application.

AFFIDAVIT for the Parent / Legal Guardian (if applicant is under the age of 18):

As the Parent / Legal Guardian of an individual under the age of 18, I have read and understood the criteria for eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship. I understand that if the individual name in this document is a recipient of this scholarship, the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee and the SW WA Pride Alliance Board of Directors have my permission to use their name and photograph for newsletters, brochures, publicity releases, videos, website, social media and/or in any other display and presentation materials that may be used.

I further state that I have the legal right, under the law, to review, sign and assist in adhering to the terms and conditions of this Scholarship for the individual named.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Date _____