



2024 Queer Connect Scholarship Application

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor; educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family." – Desmond Tutu

Qualifications

Thank you for considering Queer Connect's 2024 Scholarship! As we service the tri-state area, our mission is to provide visibility and resources for the LGBTQIA community, so your support is vital!

- Must be a high school senior
- Must be planning to attend a post-secondary school or program (ex: trade or apprenticeship) fall of 2024
- Must be a resident of Bennington County, Rutland County, Windham County, Berkshire County, Rensselaer County

The Essay

Create an essay describing how you plan to be a positive role model for the LGBTQIA community in your life after high school. Our readers love narratives that include your story and background, so please share what motivates you to be part of this important work, especially if your history informs your practices.

The essay should not exceed 750 words. Please send your essay double spaced to:

jess@queerconnectbennington.com

- Deadline for the application is **May 10, 2024**
- Your essay should not include your name or contact information
- In the body of your **email**, please include the following information:

Contact Information	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
High school	
E-mail Address	
Pronouns	

The Award

The winner of the scholarship will receive **\$500** paid directly to the college, university, or any post-secondary institution/program of choice prior to the beginning of the fall 2023 semester. The winner will be notified by May 22, 2024. The winner's name will also be posted on Queer Connect's website and social media platforms. As well, the winner will have the opportunity to read their essay at Bennington Pride on June 30..

Agreement | Signature

By signing this cover page, I affirm that the content of my essay is true and complete. I give permission to Queer Connect to publish my name and submission on Queerconnectbennington.com.

- If you are able to print, sign, and scan this page on your application, great – but if not, please **type a statement of agreement** in the body of your email that accompanies your contact information above
- If you do not give permission, please indicate that in your email

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	