

The Flint Hills Human Rights Project Student Scholarship - 2023

The Flint Hills Human Rights Project (FHHRP) announces that applications are being accepted for the 2023 Student Scholarship. It is available for both undergraduate and graduate students at any post secondary educational institution in the Flint Hills region of Kansas (high school graduates who plan on attending a post secondary institution are welcome to apply). The Student Scholarship awards college students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who have demonstrated positive reaffirmation for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and allies (LGBTQIA) community through their service, artistic, academic/research, activism, or advocacy efforts. The Flint Hills Human Rights Project will award \$500-700 in scholarship monies paid to a full-time student's current institution for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Applications must be emailed to fhhrp@yahoo.com no later than midnight on **Friday, April 28th**. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact FHHRP at fhhrp@yahoo.com.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants for the FHHRP Student Scholarship must be enrolled full-time at a Kansas State University campus, Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan Area Technical College, Barton County Community College-Ft. Riley, or Highland Community College-Wamego. Applicants can be either undergraduate or graduate students.
- Applicants must carry a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher.
- Applicants must explain, in a 2-4 page essay, their active participation in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and allies (LGBTQIA) community through service, artistic, academic/research, activism, or advocacy efforts. This can include local, state, or nationwide organizations in which applicants have participated.

As part of the essay, please include further information on your past, present, and/or future planned actions, education efforts, and/or activism, and explain how that has contributed to the social advancement and progress of the local, statewide, national, or international LGBTQIA community.

The essay must be 2-4 pages, double spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point font, and Times New Roman font. Please use MLA or APA format if citing any outside sources.

Optional Documents:

- Financial need may be considered in situations where the students are equally qualified. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include a copy of their FAFSA from the respective Financial Aid Office of their institute of higher learning to assist this process.
- To further highlight your active participation with and efforts to serve the LGBTQIA community, you can include 1-2 letters of reference from individuals familiar with your work who are within your high school, college, university, or from your community.

FHHRP Student Scholarship 2021 Application Process:

1. Please review the Eligibility Criteria. Applications must include all parts for consideration.
2. Applications and essays must be submitted by email as an attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF.
3. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight on Friday, April 28th to be eligible for consideration. If a conflict arises and you cannot submit your application by this date, please contact

FHHRP at fhhrp@yahoo.com.

4. Email the completed application to fhhrp@yahoo.com and include the following information: your name, local address (including city, state, zip), home address (if different than local), telephone number, and email address.

History of the FHHRP Student Scholarship:

Formerly the FHHRP Praxis Scholarship In Paulo Freire's work with the oppressed in Brazil, he emphasized emancipatory education and empowerment. He used the concept of praxis to explain revolution from the ground up. Freire developed his concept of education as a practice of freedom from a critical reflection on various adult education projects he undertook in Brazil in the late 1950's and early 1960's. That is, that theory is a part of praxis, a reflection and action upon the world in order to transform it. Praxis is where philosophy induces action, the actual exercising of a philosophical belief. Paulo Freire always maintained that the cultural and historical praxis that is at the heart of being human is unending. We cannot transcend our existence as being unconcerned or limited; this limitation actually provides the opportunity of setting ourselves free as we join the political and social struggle for transformation of the world. Freire's ideas are at the heart of the vision and mission of FHHRP.