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

**Application Form 2024**

*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 |  |  | |  |
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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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| **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 | | | |  | | | | | |
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| Intended Post-Secondary School Address | | | |  | | | | | |
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| Current Status at This School | | | Accepted | | | Applied,  Hope to Attend | | | Plan to Apply |

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| **Short Essay Questions** |

*Please provide answers to the following questions (approximately 300 words each, unless you feel more are necessary). Attach and continue on an additional page if you need to.*

1. Describe your activities and leadership roles both in high school and outside of school in your community. Which have been most meaningful to you, and why?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Discuss what you think is the most important issue facing the LGBTQ+ community right now. In five years, where do you think things will stand on this issue?

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*](mailto:ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com) *by May 1, 2024.*

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| Recommender #1 Full Name |  |  | |  |
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| Recommender #2 Full Name |  |  | |  |
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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 Family Scholarship 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*](mailto:ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com) *no later than 5:00pm ET on May 1, 2024.*

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**Application Checklist**

To be considered for the Parsons Family Scholarship for LBGTQ+ Youth and Allies, complete all the application parts and submit them to *ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com* by May 1, 2024. 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, 2024

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

**Recommendation Form Cover Sheet**

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| Applicant name: | | |
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| Recommender  name: |  | Relationship to  applicant: |
| Recommender  email: |  | Recommender  phone: |

**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 Family Scholarship selection committee members should not write support letters for you. The recommender should email their letter directly to *ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com* by May 1, 2024.

**To the recommender:**

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

* The Parsons Family Scholarship 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 lives and work of Betsy Parsons and her parents and has been created by their family who staunchly support their ideals and share their 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 Family Scholarship. 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, 2024**.