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

**Recommendation Form Cover Sheet**

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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 Scholarship selection committee members should not write support letters for you. Each recommender should email their letter directly to [*ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com*](mailto: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. It funds one scholarship per year. For additional information visit, [www.mainecf.org](http://www.mainecf.org).
* This scholarship fund 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. To learn more, visit [www.mainecf.org/parsons-scholarship-fund-for-lgbtq-youth-and-allies](http://www.mainecf.org/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*](mailto:ParsonsFamilyScholarship@gmail.com) by **May 1, 2024**.