

National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA)

Los Angeles Chapter

2009 Scholarship to Fund Projects/Application Deadline May 15, 2009

Student journalists seeking money for multimedia and traditional journalism writing projects on issues affecting the LGBT community may apply for the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, Los Angeles chapter scholarship. The financial award for the scholarship winner is up to \$1,000, and is awarded annually, based on chapter finances.

Students are encouraged to propose innovation, particularly in developing projects at the college level (undergraduate or graduate school) that encourage a better understanding of issues affecting the lesbian, gay, transgendered, and bisexual communities. For example, scholarship money might finance the acquisition of technology (laptops or video cameras) needed to develop these news stories, or cover travel costs. Preference for awarding the scholarship will go to proposals for non-traditional story ideas, though applications for traditional print, magazine, or broadcast news stories also are highly encouraged. The award winner should expect to complete the work in the following academic year. Students applying for the scholarship need not propose a project that they are working on in the upcoming academic year, though preference will go to those that do make such a proposal. The selection committee also will consider the student's previous journalistic work on LGBT issues.

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application this year is May 15. Applications postmarked after the due date will not be considered for this year's award. Applications may be sent via U.S. mail or via e-mail attachment. The letter of application should clearly state your name, address (both mailing and e-mail), and the institution of higher education that you are attending. You must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education, in either a two-year, four-year or graduate program dealing with journalism and mass communication. Your letter should outline your project with a timeline for completion. Applicants also are encouraged to discuss previous projects involving LGBT issues and to enclose copies of those stories/projects.

To summarize, applicants must:

- Provide proof of enrollment or acceptance at a two- or four-year journalism or mass communication program at a college or university.
- Reside in or be enrolled in a university or college in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, or Ventura counties.

- Demonstrate an interest in a career in journalism or mass communication
- Either have shown an interest in and/or propose a project or traditional news story that encourages a better understanding of issues affecting the LGBT communities.

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