



**Project Pride SRQ, Inc., is offering scholarships to provide financial support and encouragement to youth who are seeking to attend a college, university or trade school recognized as accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or a similar accreditation body. This is a merit / needs-based scholarship (open to all applicants regardless of immigration status).**

### **MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY**

*Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:*

1. Be under the age of 22 as of **August 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year of application.
2. Be a resident of Sarasota or Manatee County.
3. Are enrolled at an accredited non-profit academic or vocational institution in the summer or fall of the year of application.
4. Not a relative of Project Pride SRQ staff or Board Member.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

*Scholarship applicants must submit the following to Project Pride SRQ by the deadline posted on Project Prides' website*

- Completed application forms. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Transcript(s) of grades for the applicant's most recently completed coursework. This may include high school transcripts, GED score report, or any postsecondary transcripts.
- Two recommendation forms from non-related adults such as instructors, employers, or mentors (excluding Project Pride SRQ staff or Board).
- An up to date, formatted resume.
- A one-to-two page formatted personal statement expressing why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, their leadership positions or involvement in LGBTQ+ advocacy, school GSA or Diversity Club, or Project Pride SRQ, and the applicant's educational and career goals.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

*The Scholarship Task Force will consider the following when selecting scholarship recipients:*

- Leadership/Involvement with Project Pride SRQ, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and/or school GSA or Diversity Club.
- Academic achievement.
- Financial need

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

- *Proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance will be required prior to release of checks.*
- *Scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's school, when possible. If not, the check will be made out to the school and given to recipient to deliver. Funds are designated for tuition, required fees, books and supplies only.*
- *Multiple scholarships will be awarded, with \$500 being the minimum award.*

**SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY May 24, 2023 TO:**  
[scholarships@ppsrq.org](mailto:scholarships@ppsrq.org)



## Project Pride SRQ Scholarship Fund

APPLICATION FORM (p.1)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Legal Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these is the best way to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation:  Lesbian  Gay  Bisexual  Queer  Asexual  Straight  
 Undecided / Prefer not to answer

Gender identity: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High school(s) attended: \_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

High school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative weighted GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

College/School you plan to attend this summer/fall: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major/program of study? \_

\_\_\_\_\_

Check the class you will be in this summer/fall:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

College(s)/vocational school(s) attending/attended (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of college level credit hours already earned (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### **COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

Please list any community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations, or school affiliated clubs or groups in which you are now active or have previously been active:

Organization / Year(s) / Position:  
(*e.g. Community Org / Dates / Position*)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Please list any honors or awards you have received, the name of the organization presenting the award and date:  
(*e.g. Honor or Award / Date:*)

### **SPECIAL EXPERIENCES**

Please describe any special experiences that have made an impact on your life which you would like to share with the Task Force (e.g. family situations, coming out story):

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please explain why you are applying for this scholarship and describe your educational or career goals.

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Please list Projected College Expenses and Assistance for the upcoming academic year.  
(Estimates are acceptable):

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES**

Tuition/Customary Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Books and Supplies: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Add.'l Fees (parking etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Family/Personal Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal/State Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Study Program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL Assistance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your employment history, including dates, starting with your most recent job. And attach a one-page resume.

Company / dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job title / hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's annual income from full or part-time work: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's annual income from full or part-time work: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ # of siblings under age 22 \_\_\_\_\_

Explain below any unusual financial circumstances in your household:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Project Pride SRQ awards scholarships based on a competitive process for identified LGBTQ+ and LBGTQ+ allied high-school seniors and college students who have not attained the maximum age (22 years) under the eligibility requirements that may consider academic achievement, extracurricular and community involvement, a statement of the applicant's personal aspirations and educational goals, financial need, and references.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Project Pride SRQ's Scholarship Task Force and upon approval by the Project Pride SRQ Board of Directors. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's school and are designated for tuition, required fees, books, and supplies only. The Project Pride SRQ Scholarship Task Force reserves the right not to award scholarships if applicants are not considered qualified. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexuality, gender identity or immigration / citizenship status.

### APPLICATION AND INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false statements on this application may disqualify me from receiving a scholarship. I understand, due to funding, not every eligible applicant will receive an award; however, no application materials will be returned.

I, (print applicant's legal name) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for any college or school to release to the Project Pride SRQ Scholarship Task Force any information necessary to process or maintain my scholarship.

Applicant's Signature (legal name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Project Pride SRQ Scholarship application includes all the following materials. Check off each item when completed, and if possible, submit together in one envelope. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

- A completed application form.
- Transcript(s) of grades for the applicant's most recently completed coursework (this may include high school transcripts, GED score report or postsecondary transcripts).
- Two recommendation forms from non-related adults such as instructors or other campus administrators, employers, mentors, etc.
- An up to date, formatted resume.
- A one-to-two page formatted personal statement expressing why the applicant is applying for the scholarship and the applicant's educational and career goals.
- A copy of the applicant's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or equivalent.

**APPLICANT:**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
College/university you plan to attend this fall: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE REFERENCE:**

The student named above is applying for a Project Pride SRQ Scholarship. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. After completing the information below, please use the back of this form or an attached sheet to provide your recommendation for this applicant.

Your recommendation should express why you think this student should be considered for a scholarship. Criteria for scholarship selection include the applicant's academic commitment and potential, as well as financial need. YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Please note that the recommendation may not be written by current Project Pride SRQ Board members or staff.

Please return this form and your written recommendation to [scholarships@ppsrq.org](mailto:scholarships@ppsrq.org) This is necessary for consideration and review of any application.

**The application deadline is May 24, 2023**

Check your relationship to the applicant:  Instructor/Professor  Employer/Supervisor  Other

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing - Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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