



Dear Applicant:

We are glad you are interested in applying for an award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund®. We are a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, private and independent from Texas State University and any of its organizations. Please review this letter as it includes instructions on submitting a complete application packet. The award is for an academic achievement scholarship applicable towards educational costs associated with attending Texas State University. All applicants must be enrolled at Texas State University for the awarded semester.

The academic achievement scholarship is a way to celebrate the accomplishment of an LGBTQ Bobcat; recognizing the hard work it takes to maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply. The scholarship will only cover a portion of costs, requiring funding from other sources. It is up to each applicant to understand how receiving scholarship funds may impact other sources of financial aid being received.

In order to be considered for the award, you must:

- Complete the following **application**
- Provide a current **resume**
- Provide an unofficial **transcript** reflecting a Texas State GPA of at least 3.00
- Answer **one** of two essay questions
- Complete the **Scholarship Recipient Agreement** form
- Complete the **Code of Conduct and Recipient Responsibility Agreement** form
- Obtain **one** completed applicant **recommendation form** (*in a sealed envelope, signed across the back*)

Applications must be mailed to:

Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund
PO Box 2532
Kyle, TX 78640

Your application packet must be postmarked no later than **May 15th (for a fall semester scholarship)** or **December 15th (for a spring semester scholarship)** of each year. The recipient of the award will be announced June 15th or January 15th with the award available prior to the start of the awarded semester. If you have any questions, please email us at **BobcatPrideScholarship@gmail.com**.

Thank you,

Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund Committee

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____
TXST GPA: _____ Classification: _____

Are you a full time student? YES NO
Are you eligible to receive financial aid? YES NO
When is your anticipated graduation date? _____
How did you hear about the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund®? _____

Before submitting the application for review, please complete and the attach the following:

1. An updated **resume** including any campus/community involvement, volunteer work, internships, student organization affiliations, and/or leadership positions
2. An unofficial **transcript** reflecting a Texas State GPA of at least 3.00
3. One typed **essay** (at least two pages) that answers one of the following questions:
 - As a member of the LGBTQ community and Texas State University student, what are some of the challenges you have faced and how have you overcome them?
 - In what ways has your involvement at Texas State University impacted your identity as a member of the LGBTQ community?
4. A completed **Scholarship Recipient Agreement** form.
5. A completed **Code of Conduct and Recipient Responsibility Agreement** form
6. A completed applicant **recommendation form** from a mentor, supervisor, advisor, or anyone who can support your application of this scholarship. (*in a sealed envelope, signed across the back*) If this is going to be submitted separately and directly from the recommender, please state this in your application.

To submit the application packet, please return to:

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

A. Providing Records

If I am selected as a Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund® recipient, I agree to provide the following information to the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund while enrolled at Texas State University.

1. When requested by the committee and prior to the release of my scholarship, I will provide an unofficial transcript that verifies my GPA and that I am enrolled in courses at Texas State University for the semester the award is granted.
2. In the event that I withdraw from the university, I will promptly inform the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund so that I can submit a refund of scholarship funds. If the committee determines I am no longer enrolled, they will contact me to initiate my refunding the scholarship funds. All correspondence regarding a refund of the scholarship will occur via email through BobcatPrideScholarship@gmail.com.
3. I will keep Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund current on all address, telephone numbers, and e-mails throughout the academic semester.

I agree with above statements regarding providing records.

Signature

Date

B. Publicity

If I am selected as a Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund recipient, I understand that my name and/or photos and/or videos may be used in publications including the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund website, Facebook page, brochures, and marketing materials. Publicized information is limited to name, photo, academic major, classification, quotes from my submitted essay or personal statements. Also, I understand that I may deny such permission and it will in no way jeopardize my chances of being awarded a scholarship from the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund.

I give permission to use my **name** for publicity purposes.

Yes No

I give permission to use my **photo** for publicity purposes.

Yes No

I give permission to use any **videos** recorded for publicity purposes.

Yes No

I give permission to use my **academic major** and **classification** for publicity purposes.

Yes No

I give permission to use **quotes from my submitted essay** for publicity purposes.

Yes No

Signature

Date

C. Fundraising Attendance

If I am selected as a Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund recipient, I commit to attending the soireé (fall recipients) or donor social (spring recipients) as requested by the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board. I am aware advance notice will be given by the committee. This event will include my official recognition as a recipient.

Signature

Date

D. Letter of Appreciation

If I am selected, I agree to write a letter of appreciation to donors of Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund. This letter, or portions of the letter, may be used by the executive board of Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund in marketing and donor relation initiatives.

Signature

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT AND RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

This Code of Conduct and Recipient Responsibility Agreement is designed to establish a common understanding of the standards and expected conduct for Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund® recipients.

Please read the following statements and initial each in acknowledgement:

Recipients of an award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund will apply the awarded funds to Texas State University tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.

Recipients of an award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund will refuse to engage in or tolerate any fraud, misuse, or waste of Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund resources.

Recipients of an award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund are representatives of the organization and will present themselves with integrity and behave in a mature and professional manner.

Recipients of an award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund, who also hold a leadership position within a registered student organization, will respectfully consider concerns of the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund in the event of a conflict of interest.

Recipient Responsibility:

Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund recipients have an obligation to be familiar with this agreement. Lack of awareness or any misunderstanding of an ethical standard or responsibility is not itself a defense to a concern of unethical conduct.

In applying for this award from the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund, I understand and agree to the expectations presented in this Code of Conduct and Recipient Responsibility Agreement form. Additionally, I attest that the information and documents provided in this application are true. In the event I do not abide by these responsibilities or intentionally omit information, I understand that the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board will request to meet with me to address any concerns. Consequences of a breach in the Code of Conduct and Recipient Responsibility Agreement can vary, and will be determined by the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board.

Signature

Date



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Information (To be completed by applicant)

Applicant's Name	
Name of Recommender	
Relationship to Applicant	

Section 2: Applicant Evaluation (To be completed and submitted by the recommender)

I would compare the applicant with other individuals of the same level as follows:	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Academic performance					
Interpersonal skills					
Willingness to learn					
Maturity					
Initiative					
Responsibility					
Motivation					
Integrity					
Activism					
Connection to the LGBTQ community					

Section 3: Overall Evaluation

Compared to other students at the same level, I would rank this applicant in the top:

___ 1% ___ 5% ___ 10% ___ 25% ___ 50%

Section 4: Additional Information

Please attach additional pages if you would like to provide more information than this form allows.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? (e.g. classroom, work, church, mentoring, internship, etc.)

2. What do you know about this applicant that allows them to stand out as a student able to set and pursue academic goals?

3. This scholarship is specific to furthering the education LGBTQ students, many of whom have struggled in pursuing their educational goals due to family circumstances and/or lack of support. If you are familiar with this applicant's experience, please share what you know as it relates to the applicant's LGBTQ identity or the role they have played within the LGBTQ community.

4. What else do you think the selection committee should know about this applicant?

Name of Recommender:

Title:

Place of Employment:

Date:

Email Address:

Phone:

When this form is complete, please sign along the seal of the envelope before returning to applicant or mailing to the committee.

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