



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) nonprofit organization, private and independent from Texas State University and any of its organizations. Please review this letter as it includes instructions for submitting a complete application packet. This award is for a leadership development scholarship covering all costs for one Texas State University student to attend Campus Pride's national summer leadership program, *Camp Pride*. All applicants must be enrolled at Texas State University for the fall semester following the *Camp Pride* conference.

The leadership development scholarship is a way to foster leadership and personal growth within the Texas State LGBTQIA and Ally community. By way of *Camp Pride*, college students around the United States will have access to premiere faculty and national leaders in social justice, human rights, and civil rights advocacy. The recipient of this award will attend *Camp Pride* and develop a personal action plan to make Texas State University more LGBTQIA-friendly. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

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

- Complete the following **application**
- Provide a current **resume**
- Provide an unofficial **transcript** reflecting a Texas State GPA of at least 2.25
- 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 **April 1st** and the recipient will be notified by **May 15th**. For more information about *Camp Pride*, please refer to their website at www.campuspride.org/camppride. If you have any questions, please email us at **BobcatPrideScholarship@gmail.com**.

Thank you,

Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund Committee

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

Major:	_____	Minor:	_____
TXST GPA:	_____	Classification:	_____
Are you a full time student?		YES	NO
When is your anticipated graduation date?		_____	
How did you hear about the Bobcat Pride Scholarship?		_____	

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 2.25
3. One typed **essay** (at least two pages) that answers one of the following questions:
 - If you are chosen for this award, in what ways will attending Camp Pride fit into your leadership goals?
 - In what ways has your involvement at Texas State University impacted your leadership as a member of the LGBTQ and Ally 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. Registration Agreement

If I am selected as a Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund recipient, I agree to the following statements as they pertain to Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund and *Camp Pride* registration requirements.

1. When requested by the executive board, and prior to the payment of registration fees, I will provide verification through an unofficial transcript that I am maintaining at least a 2.25 GPA and I am enrolled in courses at Texas State University for the fall semester following the *Camp Pride* conference.
2. In the event that I am unable to attend *Camp Pride*, I will promptly inform the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board so that a cancellation may be processed before the *Camp Pride* deadline. In accordance with *Camp Pride* cancellation policy, any funds not refunded by *Camp Pride* will be the responsibility of the recipient to pay back to the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund. All correspondence regarding a refund of the scholarship will occur via email through BobcatPrideScholarship@gmail.com.
3. I will keep the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board current on all address, telephone numbers, and e-mails throughout the academic semester.

I agree with the above statements.

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

I agree with the above statements.

Signature

Date

C. Fundraising Attendance

If I am selected as a Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund recipient, I commit to attending the fall soireé 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.

I agree with the above statement.

Signature

Date

D. Discussion of Ideas

Upon return from *Camp Pride*, I understand that I will work in conjunction with the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund executive board to arrange a *Discussion of Ideas* event in San Marcos where I will share skills and innovations I learned to enhance LGBTQ awareness.

I agree with the above statement.

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 the leadership development award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund will meet with the board of directors at least two weeks prior to departure for *Camp Pride* to review the itinerary and understand how to prepare for the Discussion of Ideas. _____

Recipients of the leadership development award from Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund will attend *Camp Pride* in its entirety and return to Texas State prepared for the Discussion of Ideas. _____

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 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



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 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 of LGBTQIA 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 LGBTQIA identity or the role they have played within the LGBTQIA 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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