



**ALSO**Youth

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## **ALSO Youth Betsy Nelson Scholarship**

**ALSO Youth, Inc., is offering scholarships to provide financial support and encouragement to LGBTQ+ 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. LGBTQ+ youth under the age of 22 as of **August 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year of application.
2. A resident of Sarasota or Manatee County.
3. 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 ALSO Youth staff or Board Member.
5. Previously received fewer than two (2) ALSO Youth scholarships

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

*Scholarship applicants must submit the following to ALSO Youth by mail, in person, or electronically by March 31, 2023.*

- A completed application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- An up-to-date, typed resume.
- A one-to-two page typed personal statement expressing why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, leadership positions or involvement in LGBTQ+ advocacy, their school GSA or Diversity Club, or ALSO Youth, and the applicant's educational and career goals.
- Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Student Aid Report (SAR) or equivalent.
- 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 ALSO Youth staff or Board), signed and submitted directly to ALSO Youth by the reference.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

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

*Finalists may be required to attend a personal interview with the selection committee.*

### **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 and 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 MARCH 31, 2023.**

*By mail or in person:*

ALSO Youth  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
1470 Blvd of the Arts  
Sarasota, FL 34236

*By email:*

[ed@alsoyouth.org](mailto:ed@alsoyouth.org)  
Subject line: Scholarship Application

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  Undecided / Prefer not to answer  
Gender identity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High school(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
High school: \_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach 1-2 pages of a personal statement explaining why you are applying for this scholarship and describing your educational or career goals. Please type your name at the top of each page.

## FINANCIAL DATA

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report or equivalent.

Explain below any unusual financial circumstances in your household:

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## ALSO Youth Betsy Nelson Scholarship

ALSO Youth awards scholarships on the basis of a competitive process for identified LGBTQ+ 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 ALSO Youth's Scholarship Committee and upon approval by the ALSO Youth 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 ALSO Youth Scholarship Committee 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 or 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 ALSO Youth Scholarship Committee any information necessary to process or maintain my scholarship.

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

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The ALSO Youth Betsy Nelson Scholarship application includes all of the following materials. Check off each item when completed, and if possible, submit together in one envelope. **Application deadline is March 31, 2023. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

- A completed application form.
- An up-to-date, typed resume.
- A one-to-two page typed 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) Student Aid Report or equivalent.
- 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. Signed and submitted by the recommender directly to ALSO Youth.