

First Friday Breakfast Club

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First Friday Breakfast Club is an educational group for gay, bisexual, trans men, and their allies who gather monthly in Des Moines for breakfast, fellowship, and a speaker. We provide a safe and supportive environment for all members and guests.

Dear Iowa High School Guidance Counselor,

Annually, the **First Friday Breakfast Club** (FFBC) awards scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) issues in their schools and communities. **Awards will be made in the amount of \$3,000+ per student**. Since 1997, the FFBC has awarded more than 132 scholarships totaling over \$475,000.

Scholarship recipients represent a cross section of students from all Iowa high schools, from urban and rural districts and both public and private schools. These students are leaders in academics, athletics, drama, and art. Each has committed their time and talents to helping others to understand and to appreciate the diversity and contributions their LGBTQ+ friends bring to their schools and communities. There are no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression of the applicant. Students are selected based upon information submitted as defined in the enclosed application.

We ask that you please:

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- provide a copy of the enclosed application and information to students who you know who might qualify,
- pass the information on to any other counselors and teachers in your school system who may have contact with qualifying students,
- send or give a press release to the editor of your school's paper,
- post the information in any other manner that you feel appropriate.

Make as many copies of the application form as needed. Additional application forms and information can be obtained at **ffbciowa.org**. More brochures will gladly be provided upon request.

If you have any questions please contact me at (515) 954-2996 or **info@ffbciowa.org**. We look forward to another year of amazing stories from our Iowa high school students!

Sincerely,

Byron Huff Board President

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Ken Hanson Scholarship Committee Chair