



First Friday Breakfast Club

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2024-2025 Academic Year

FFBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Due Date: March 15, 2025

The **First Friday Breakfast Club** (FFBC) is an educational group for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. Monthly meetings provide members and guests an opportunity for education on community affairs from local, state, and national opinion leaders and provide them with positive images of the LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of its educational program, FFBC awards **\$3,000 scholarships** to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated **leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) issues and to reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities.**

An applicant must plan to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded without regard to gender, race, religion, creed, marital or employment status, or **gender/sexual orientation** of the prospective recipient or their relatives. Additionally, there is no restriction on the type or location of the educational institution where post-secondary education is pursued.

Applications and transcripts must be submitted **by email no later than March 15, 2025.** The FFBC Scholarship Awards Committee will notify recipients **no later than April 15, 2025.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Pronouns: _____

Hometown Newspaper (for press release purposes): _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School: _____ Phone: (____) _____

School Address: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average/Scale: _____

ACT or SAT Composite: _____ Awards Ceremony Date/Time: _____

Post-Secondary Institution You Plan to Attend: _____



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ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please limit each essay to one page, typed and double-spaced.

1. Reflect upon what made the issue of homophobia and/or equality issues important to you.
2. What significant things have you done and/or accomplished to reduce homophobia and provide education and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues in your school and/or community? Document what makes your experience/efforts unique. Be specific and provide supporting details.
3. Tell a story about a chance you had to educate someone on LGBTQ+ issues in a one-on-one situation (coming out to them, countering a stereotype, confronting a bully, etc.).

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

Please limit all of your responses to a total of no more than 2 pages (8 ½" x 11").

- What are your professional goals?
- What do you consider to be the most important issues facing the LGBTQ+ community today? Why?
- How will you continue activities directed toward this issue? Explain.
- How did you find out about the First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarship?
- Have you ever been arrested or charged with anything other than minor traffic offenses? Explain.

OTHER REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- List of extracurricular activities and community involvement (including organizations and dates)
- List of work experiences (including organizations and dates employed)
- Official transcripts of classes and grades
- Two letters of recommendation

COUNSELOR/ADVISOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Senior Class Population: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Counselor/Advisor: **Please check preference for contact:** Telephone _____ Email _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

By my submission of this application to the First Friday Breakfast Club, I certify that if I am awarded a scholarship, the proceeds will be used for the payment of school-related costs at a post-secondary educational institution and that I will be enrolled in a program that leads to a degree or professional certification.

I understand that the award of this scholarship will be publicized, and I expressly consent to my name being used as a scholarship recipient in any such publicity. I agree to **attend the FFBC's annual scholarship award ceremony on Friday, June 6, 2025, in Des Moines, Iowa.** Further, I agree that photographs taken at these events may be included in publicity.

I certify that the information submitted on the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree with my responsibilities as detailed above.

By submission you are deemed to have certified that the essay responses are your work product, and that the content of your completed application is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Return the completed application and transcript **by email** to: info@ffbc Iowa.org

For more information or questions, email info@ffbc Iowa.org or call (515) 954-2996 (leave a message for a return call)