



First Friday Breakfast Club

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First Friday Breakfast Club is an educational forum that embraces the LGBTQ+ community and its allies as members, nourishes meaningful dialogue through monthly speakers, and cultivates young advocates for equity and inclusion by awarding leadership scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors.

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Dear Iowa High School Guidance Counselor,

Annually, the **First Friday Breakfast Club**, based in Des Moines, awards scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors committed to reducing homophobia and increasing awareness and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) issues in their schools and communities. Awards will be made in the amount of **\$3,000** per student. **Due to the incredible generosity of our donors, this past year we were able to present 16 scholarships for \$3,000 each!**

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:

- 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, teachers, or GSA sponsors 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 ffbc Iowa.org. More brochures will gladly be provided upon request.

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

Sincerely,

Byron Huff
Board President

Ken Hanson
Scholarship Committee Chair



2024 Scholarship Recipients came from the following Iowa high schools:

Des Moines Roosevelt, Spencer, Bondurant-Farrar, Cedar Falls, Lisbon, Central DeWitt, Linn-Mar, Sioux Center, Grinnell, Waukee Northwest, Ogden, Carlisle, Algona, Woodbine, and Johnston.

