



# BONNIE J TINKER SCHOLARSHIP



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## **Introduction:**

The Scholarship was established in 2012 by the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Board of Directors to provide support for LGBTQ Youth and Families in the SW Washington Five (5) County Area (Counties – Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Pacific).

In 2016, the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Board of Directors chose to name the Scholarship after Bonnie J Tinker who was an inspired voice for the LGBTQ Community. The Scholarship is funded through donations, variety shows, and community fundraisers. Along with this, ten percent of the funds from all other events and programs coordinated by Saturday in the Park PRIDE are given to the Scholarship Fund.

## **Background:**

Bonnie J Tinker was a strong voice for the rights of Women, Children, and the LGBTQ Families around the country. She worked to improve relations between diverse populations and viewpoints through her teaching of the LARA Method; a means to work through divergent beliefs to find common ground.

She was tireless in her work for Marriage Equality and the treatment of children and youth in the public schools. Her Anti-Bullying Program was taught in local school systems in the Portland / Vancouver Metro Areas. She was a key speaker on Television, Radio and Print Media for LGBTQ Equality. As a member of the Quaker Community, she helped the Quakers understand the importance of Marriage Equality. Her stance on Non-Violence and Non-Violent Intervention Techniques assisted in the development of procedures for working with divergent populations.

## **Criteria of Eligibility:**

To be eligible, a candidate:

- Must have been a resident of Southwest Washington for at least one year prior to submitting an application. Residency requirement is one full year (For Example: If you are seeking an application in 2017, you must have lived in the 5 counties for the entire year of 2016.)
- Must identify as gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer, or have a parent/guardian that identifies as gay/lesbian/bi/transgender/queer. Allies of the LGBTQ Community may apply, but preference is given to LGBTQ Children, Youth and their Families first.
- Must currently work or volunteer promoting social justice, equity, or inclusivity of the LGBTQ community.
- Must exhibit the desire to continue working to promote social justice, equity, or inclusivity for the LGBTQ community.

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- Must be pursuing education beyond the secondary level in one or more of the following areas: College, University, Trade and/or Vocational School, or The Arts. (On-line certificate or degree programs are not eligible for funding.)
- Must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Must be accepted (or acceptance-pending) for enrollment, or enrolled in an accredited educational program beyond the secondary level which has an established non-discrimination policy that includes sexual and gender minority groups.
- Evidence the potential to successfully complete his/her selected program of study.
- Cannot be an employee working with or a committee or board member of the Saturday in the Park Pride Organization.

### **METHOD OF SELECTION:**

Please be sure to read and review all REQUIREMENTS for the selection process. As an applicant for the Scholarship, it is your responsibility to complete and return all of the application and letters by the cut-off dates noted below.

The Scholarship Review Committee will not grant any extensions or requests for a longer time period than is noted below.

### **Application Process and Information:**

- The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Committee is composed of Board Members of Saturday in the Park PRIDE and Members of the Community Area Served who are appointed annually by the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson for the Scholarship Review Committee is a member of the Board of Directors for the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization.
- All Inquiries regarding information about the scholarship, how to apply, or request for clarification may be made through the website at <http://www.bjtscholarship.com> , via eMail at [bjtsapplication@gmail.com](mailto:bjtsapplication@gmail.com) or via telephone at 360-524-2661.
- Candidate Finalists for the Scholarship are required to be interviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee Members either in Person or via the Telephone through a Conference Call.
- The Scholarship(s) are between \$500 and \$2000 each year. The final amount granted to each Scholarship Recipient(s) is determined by the Scholarship Review Committee.
- Please be sure to complete all of the Application, including the Letter of Interest and a minimum of two (2) Letters of Recommendations when sending in your Application. If you are currently in school, please submit a copy of your current transcripts with the application.

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- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered by the Scholarship Review Committee.
- Materials submitted during the application process will not be returned.
- Applications must be completed in full and returned to the address below before the end of February via eMail or via the mail. Completed Applications received after 11:59pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, or postmarked after the 25<sup>th</sup> of February will not be considered.
- Documentation must be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March each year.
  - Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization
  - Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship
  - 6400 NE Highway 99
  - G-338
  - Vancouver, WA 98665
  - Telephone: 360-524-2661
  
  - eMail: [bjtsapplication@gmail.com](mailto:bjtsapplication@gmail.com)
- The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will send a letter to the Scholarship Recipient(s) no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Scholarship Recipient(s) will be announced at the Vancouver USA PRIDE Event which occurs annually on the second Saturday in July. Although, not required, the Scholarship Recipient(s) will be invited to attend the Vancouver USA Celebration to receive their award.
- Applications for the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship may be found at the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization's website [sitppride.org](http://sitppride.org) or via the Scholarship website at [bjtscholarship.com](http://bjtscholarship.com) . You may also request a copy of the Application through the eMail listed: [bjtsapplication@gmail.com](mailto:bjtsapplication@gmail.com) .
- Scholarship Award Money will be sent directly to the educational institution and must be used in the academic year immediately following the award. If that is not possible, the funds will be returned to Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization and the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Fund.

***Please be sure to include all attachments (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) with your application.***

***All information obtained from this application will be held in strict confidence only to be used for the purpose of selecting the scholarship recipient(s).***

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**APPLICATION**

*\*PLEASE TYPE OF USE PEN TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION\**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The Saturday in the Park PRIDE Organization and the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee, in granting financial aid, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, marital status, familial status, age, mental or physical disability, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, or source of income.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived in One of These Counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania, or Pacific County, for at least one year prior to submitting this application?       Yes       No

(NOTE: You can live in one of more of the counties listed for the past year. \*\* For Example: You were living in Skamania County, but moved during the year to the Pacific County.)

Check one:

I identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer/ally individual

One or more of my guardians identify as gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer

Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is **OPTIONAL** and will be used for demographic purposes only.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Identity \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

To what accredited program (college, university, trade/vocational, or arts school) have you been accepted for enrollment or are you enrolled in?

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment status:             Full-time             Part-time

What is your choice of curriculum or vocation?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Education Background

Do you hold a:

- High school diploma
- General education degree (GED)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of degree granting institution(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Types of degree(s) received \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) received \_\_\_\_\_

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List any and all work or volunteer experience in which you have participated that you feel are important, including past service to and involvement in the LGBTQ community, including, if relevant, life experiences with a LGBTQ guardian and how the experience has affected your life and future plans. (You may write on a separate sheet if needed.)

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**PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

Describe how you plan to give back to the LGBTQ community both while on campus and in the future.

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List any special awards or honors you have received.

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List any special training, courses, workshops, etc. that you have had beyond education.

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**FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION**

Please annualize your expenses, as this scholarship is awarded on an annual basis:

From \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

List any other scholarships/loans you have applied for or received for the above time period:

Applied: \_\_\_\_\_

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Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated income for aid period:

Employment           \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings               \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships         \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/partner      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Other                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated expenses for aid period:

Tuition/fees	\$ _____	
Books/supplies	\$ _____	
Living expenses	\$ _____	
Medical/dental	\$ _____	
Insurance	\$ _____	
Childcare	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Other	\$ _____	<i>Specify:</i> _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____	

What is your anticipated financial need during the period of your schooling? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to work during the period of time for which you are seeking financial aid?  Yes  No

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

On attached sheets, please provide additional information regarding your individual background, goals, aspirations, accomplishments, dreams, hopes, or other information that would help the scholarship review committee evaluate your request for financial consideration.

**Letters of recommendation should specifically mention the relationship to the scholarship applicant.**

***Applicants must also submit at least two letters of recommendation that attest to the applicant's academic history and potential, community involvement and financial need.***

You may submit any other information you deem helpful in the selection process, i.e., references, transcripts, and other relevant schooling information. The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will not be responsible for returning materials to you.



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**AFFIDAVIT:**

I have read and understood the criteria for eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship. I understand that if I am a recipient of this scholarship, the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee and the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Board of Directors have my permission to use my name and photograph for newsletters, brochures, publicity releases, videos, website, social media and/or in any other display and presentation materials they may use.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: Applications MUST BE RECEIVED within the TIME FRAME noted in the Application.**

***Application(s) will be checked by the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee during March and April of each year. The Scholarship Committee will meet to discuss each application and make a determination from those eligible.***

The Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee will inform the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Board of Directors of their choice and that information will be entered into the next Board's meeting minutes.

Applicants will be notified by the first week of June, with selectees posted on the website. The recipient(s) will receive recognition at the annual "Vancouver USA Pride Celebration" held on the second Saturday in July.

The Treasurer will send the check to the Institution of the individual chosen. Funds will be sent according to the academic calendar of the institution for the upcoming year. Funds may be used for Tuition, Fees, and On-Campus Room and Board charges, but cannot be used for Off Campus Housing, Transportation, Dependent Care, Personal Expenses, or any other expense other than those noted in the application.

**AFFIDAVIT for the Parent / Legal Guardian (if applicant is under the age of 18):**

As the Parent / Legal Guardian of an individual under the age of 18, I have read and understood the criteria for eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship. I understand that if the individual name in this document is a recipient of this scholarship, the Bonnie J Tinker Scholarship Review Committee and the Saturday in the Park PRIDE Board of Directors have my permission to use their name and photograph for newsletters, brochures, publicity releases, videos, website, social media and/or in any other display and presentation materials that may be used.

I further state that I have the legal right, under the law, to review, sign and assist in adhering to the terms and conditions of this Scholarship for the individual named.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_