The College Pride Guide 2018

Navigating The Pride Guide

Dear Readers,

At the beginning of this guide's creation, it was merely meant to serve as a tour guide handbook for a local LGBTQ+ Youth Group. However, while creating the guide, I realized how much information was still missing, and how few resources there were specifically for LGBTQ+ youth to help them in making decisions related to their education. College is known to be a time where students find themselves – many regard college to be the best years of their lives. However, most available college guidebooks are meant to show the benefits and drawbacks of institutions from the point of view of the average student, not from the point of view of

LGBTQ+ students. In making this guidebook, I hope that LGBTQ+ students will be able to see the types of events, services, and student life that is offered by many institutions specifically for their LGBTQ+ community. Above all, I hope this guide will give LGBTQ+ students information that will allow them to choose a college or university that best meets their needs, validates their identities, and provides the educational and social experience they deserve. To the students reading this: I wish you the best of luck in your college search and process, and hope this guide will serve as a helpful resource.

Sincerely, Alexa Holmes William Smith College '18

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Fast Facts

Location: Geneva, New York

Number of Students: 2,271

Public or Private: Private

Religious Affiliation: None

Average Grant: \$15,000 - \$30,000

Average Class Size: 18 Students

Acceptance Rate: 58%

Test Optional: Yes

Mascots: Hobart Statesmen and William Smith Herons

Freshman On-Campus: 99%

HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

Overview

Hobart and William Smith are independent liberal arts colleges offering over 45 majors and 68 minors. HWS is unique in that while Hobart and William Smith historically were separate institutions, they merged in 1943 as equal partner institutions. Today, Hobart and William Smith students attend classes together, can live in the same dorms, and engage in the colleges as one institution. However, when students graduate, male-identified individuals graduate from Hobart, and female-identified individuals graduate from William Smith. The Colleges also have this distinction with separate student governments and honors societies.

LGBTQ+ Services at Hobart and William Smith

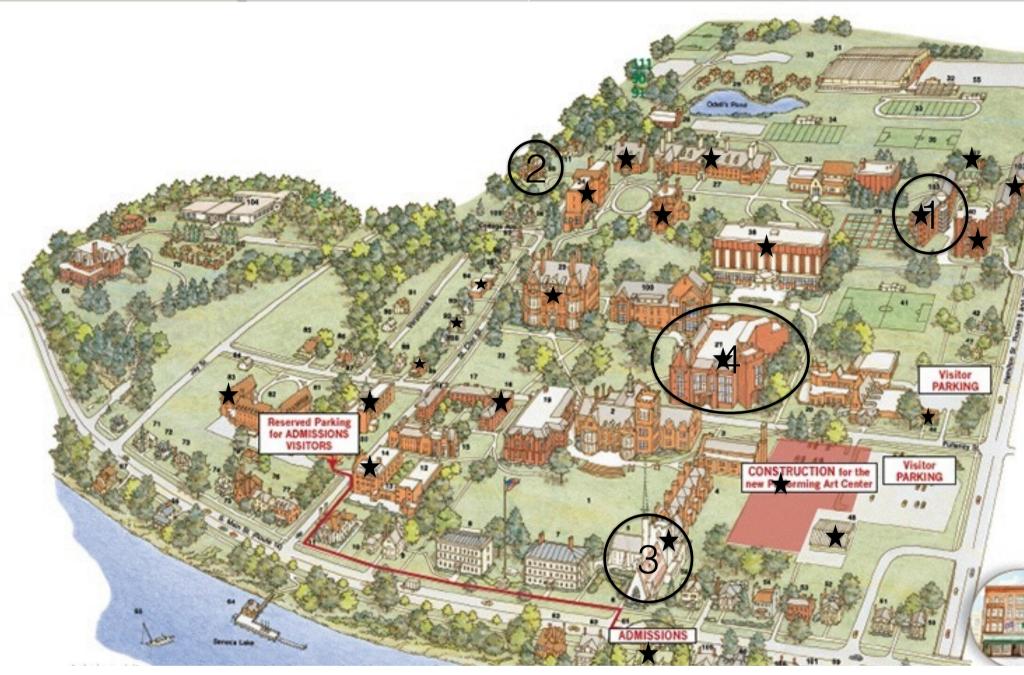
LGBT+ Resource	Transgender	Gender Inclusive	All Gender	LGBT+ Theme
Center?	Health Services?	Housing?	Bathrooms?	Houses?
HWS just opened their LGBTQ+ Resource Center in the Fall of 2017. The Resource Center offers many resources such as Safe Zone Trainings, fun events, weekly conversation groups, and many other things!	Unfortunately, transition related services are not offered at Hobart and William Smith, and are not covered by its student healthcare plan. However, the counseling center and Hubbs Health Center are both made up of healthcare professionals who are trained to meet the basic needs of all students.	Hobart and William Smith do have gender inclusive housing available. Transgender students are housed with the gender they identify as, and often have roommates just as all other students do. HWS' Residential Education works to ensure that Transgender and non-binary individuals are housed in safe and adequate housing.	All-gender bathrooms exist in many of our campus's buildings, including at least one in every dormitory. They are in certain academic buildings, but not all. For the time being, every all-gender bathroom is single stall restroom, not a communal restroom.	Hobart and William Smith Colleges have one LGBTQ+ themed house: QPOC House This house is home t many of the queer people of color who attend Hobart and William Smith. The house is a safe and accepting environme for all queer people of color, and often hos events ranging from dinners to concerts.

LGBTQ+ Student Life at Hobart and William Smith

Hobart and William Smith's LGBTQ+ specific student life is usually limited to events and talks hosted by one of our three LGBT+ groups on campus: QPOC House, the HWS Pride Alliance, and the LGBTQ + Resource Center. Past events have included drag shows, movie screenings, and concerts on the HWS Quad. Student life for LGBTQ+ students on campus is very rarely queer specific, and most queer students identify more with their other social groups, such as fellow classmates, club members, or teammates, than with queer groups.

The Tour

Hobart and William Smith Colleges



- 1- DeCordova Hall:
- Home of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center
 Dormitory for Students in their Sophomore year and older
 Home of the DeCordova Café, an in-dormitory café which serves coffee, snacks, and other refreshments

2- QPOC House:

Theme house designated as a safe space and living environment for Queer People of Color Facilitates

- conversations about intersectionality on campus, and in broader contexts
- Plan events to educate about and celebrate QPOC identities

3- Demarest Hall

Academic building home to many academic departments in the humanities Home to the LGBT Studies and Women's Studies departments Also home to the Fisher Center for the study of Men and Women

- 4- Warren Hunting Smith Library Home to HWS'
- collections of books and archive materials
- Contains numerous books on the topic of LGBTQ+ studies and education
- Also provides access to numerous databases and online archives which can be used for, or specifically include LGBTQ+ studies — for example "LGBT Studies in Video"



🝸 These black stars mark all buildings that have at least one all-gender restroom ★

Top Ranked Schools for LGBTQ+ Students in the United States

While Hobart and William Smith is a great option, it's not the perfect fit for everyone. With this in mind, there are many, many other American Colleges and Universities which are renowned for their LGBTQ+ services and student life. On this page, we have provided a list of the top 10 LGBTQ+ Inclusive campuses of 2018 in the nation. (according to <u>collegechoice.net</u>)

Princeton University	Located in Princeton, New Jersey : Princeton University has one of the most extensive and active LGBTQ+ Programming and Resource Centers in the United States. LGBTQ+ students have access to a wide variety of LGBTQ+ activities, lectures, events, etc. provided by the University. LGBTQ+ students also have specific resources provided by Princeton's housing, counseling, health, and scholarship services.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT is not only one of the top technical institutes in the world, it also boasts incredible services for LGBTQ+ students. Queer student life flourishes with numerous queer organizations, queer greek life, consistent education on LGBTQ+ identities, and LGBTQ+ career services. MIT is also renowned for their work with recognizing Intersectionality within queer identity.
University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire	Located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin: U Wisconsin Eau Claire offers incredibly queer student life activities. For example, the Eau Queer Film Festival which happens annually, the annual Drag Ball, and lectures on LGBTQ+ current events. UWEC also provides gender-inclusive housing.
University of Pennsylvania	Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: UPenn provides some of the best LGBTQ+ services of any American campus, notably in health, counseling, housing, student life, and campus safety sectors. The UPenn LGBTQ+ Resource Center also provides things like Queer Mentors, Outreach Programs, and travel fund assistance. In addition to this, UPenn is one of the most Trans-Inclusive campuses in the U.S., including specific policies protecting Trans Students' name changes, bathroom rights, and health care.
University of California — Los Angeles	Located in Los Angeles, California: UCLA is located within one of the most queer-friendly cities in the world, putting you in direct access to numerous queer bars, restaurants, and cafés as well as outreach opportunities and community events. UCLA also is home to an entire institute on gender identity and public policy research which directly works to benefit the queer UCLA community.
University of Michigan	Located in Ann Arbor, Michigan: UMichigan is also located in one of the most queer-friendly cities in the country. In addition to having great services for LGBTQ+ students, they also have student groups for asexual students, queer and trans people of color, LGBTQ+ students in STEM disciplines, and LGBTQ+ business students. UMich also provides scholarships, holistic healthcare, and academic inclusion efforts to support LGBTQ+ students.
Cornell University	Located in Ithaca, New York: Cornell University offers great resources for LGBTQ+ students, including their resource center, which provides opportunities for activism, outreach, and education. In addition to this, Cornell provides great services, notably trans health services which cover ongoing counseling and HRT.
Harvey Mudd College	Located in Claremont, California: Harvey Mudd College ranks so highly due mainly to their extensive, and constantly updating LGBTQ+ campus policies, as well as their many housing options, highly trained staff, and incredibly strict procedures relating to LGBTQ+ safety on campus.
Ohio State University	Located in Columbus, Ohio: In addition to providing a Sexuality Studies major and minor, Ohio State is most well known for their work promoting intersectionality, and supporting the QPOC community. Ohio State has a q*munnity of queer students of color which works to promote social justice among the various intersections of race, gender, and sexuality.
Johns Hopkins University	Located in Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins includes a vast array of networking and leadership opportunities for queer students, including the Diversity Leadership Council, and the LGBTQ+ Networking group which works to connect queer students at JH with other queer students and alumni. Johns Hopkins also includes extensive policies and protections specifically for transgender students.
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Top Ranked Schools for Transgender Students in the United States

Beyond LGBTQ+ friendly colleges and universities, there are also many other American Colleges and Universities which excel specifically with their Transgender Students. On this page, we have provided a list of the top 10 Trans+ Inclusive campuses in the nation. (according to *The Advocate*)

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Ithaca College Ithaca, NY	Ithaca College makes this list for their extensive work in providing adequate housing for Transgender Students, and working tirelessly to meet their housing needs. In addition to this, they have Gender Inclusive housing and a residence hall specifically for LGBTQ+ individuals. However, one of the most impressive services is through Ithaca's Speech Pathology program, which provides vocal training for Trans students who wish to have their voice match their identity, free of charge. Ithaca also provides healthcare coverage for HRT under their student health insurance.
University of Vermont Burlington, VT	The University of Vermont is one of the most proactive campuses for providing services and advocating for Transgender Students. Gender Identity and Expression have been included on the non-discrimination policy for over a decade. In more recent years, the University has begun hosting a student-run "Translating Identity Conference", and hosting "Trans 101" education seminars for the broader community. They also provide all-gender housing and bathrooms, and coverage of transition-related healthcare through student insurance.
University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	As noted in the previous list, UPenn has many LGBTQ+ services which they pride themselves on. Specifically for Transgender Students, UPenn provides some of the best on-campus Trans healthcare in the nation, including coverage of transition-related healthcare through student insurance Health Center staff is incredibly well trained and versed in Trans health. In addition, the campus is well known for providing incredibly effective Transgender education to faculty, staff, and students.
University of Oregon Eugene, OR	University of Oregon is unique because they are known for doing outreach without prompting from the state or from students. This preemptive policy making has allowed for an incredibly trans-inclusive community. The campus, therefore, has long offered all-gender housing and bathrooms, as well as all-gender locker rooms. The University of Oregon also provides coverage of transition-related healthcare through student insurance.
New York University New York, NY	NYU is not only one of the top schools for the arts (amongst other things!) in the United States, it also offers a vibrant trans community on its campus. With events like their Annual Trans Awareness Week, Gender Bender Ball, and their Trans-Student group, the T-Party – there are tons of social options for Trans students. NYU also offers great healthcare and services for their transgender students.
University of California — Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA	As noted in the previous list, LA is one of the best cities in the world for all LGBTQ+ people. However, UCLA also offers incredible resources for Trans students. UCLA was one of the first schools to cover hormones and surgeries for transitioning students under its student health insurance, and it has becoming increasingly accessible over the years. In addition, the school provides trans-inclusive athletic facilities, housing, and restrooms.
University of Massachusetts — Amherst Amherst, MA	Home to the first LGBTQ+ only residence hall, UMass Amherst has recently become increasingly supportive of their Trans students. Trans students are able to participate as their identified gender in intramural sports, have access to health care to support their transitions, and also a resource book intensively outlining all providers of mental and physical health, cosmetology, and other services specific to transgender students.
University of Michigan — Ann Arbor Ann Arbor, MI	UMich at Ann Arbor is home to the first college LGBT Center in the United States. Due to this history of celebrating queer identity, Trans students have long been supported on the Ann Arbor Campus. Students note that trans peers are incredibly visible, and this allows for a lively trans community to flourish. UMich provides gender inclusive housing and restrooms, as well as medical coverage for HRT and some other transitional services.
Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD	Johns Hopkins is also incredibly trans-inclusive and trans positive campus. In addition to providing health insurance which covers transition services, the campus also provides extensive all-gender bathrooms, and all-gender housing. Hopkins also has extensive and constantly updating transgender policies which protect students from harassment and hardship on campus.
Princeton University Princeton, NJ	Princeton University has an incredibly extensive Transgender community. With support groups such as "Beyond the Binary", and "The Gender Group", there are multiple ways to meet and interact with the rest of the campus' trans community. In addition, Princeton offers gender-inclusive housing, all-gender bathrooms, and healthcare coverage for HRT and trans-related mental health services.

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Colleges and Universities Offering LGBT/Sexuality Studies as a Major

Some of you may be excited about the potential to make gender and sexuality the focus of your studies if you decide to pursuer higher education. If this is your goal, refer to these fifteen colleges which all currently provide courses of study for a major in LGBT or Sexuality Studies.

College Name	Public/ Private?	Location Type	Acceptance Rate	Religious Affiliation	# of Students
Bennington College Bennington, VT	Private	Rural	60%	No affiliation	805
Bryant University Smithfield, RI	Private	Suburban	69%	No affiliation	3,698
College of the Atlantic Bar Harbor, ME	Private	Rural	65%	No affiliation	344
Cornell University Ithaca, NY	Private	City	14%	No affiliation	22,319
Denison University Granville, OH	Private	Suburban	44%	No affiliation	2,277
Gettysburg College Gettysburg, PA	Private	Suburban	43%	No affiliation	2,384
Goddard College Plainville, VT	Private	Rural	56%	No affiliation	505
Hampshire College Amherst, MA	Private	Suburban	70%	No affiliation	n/a
Hobart and William Smith Colleges Geneva, NY	Private	Suburban	60%	No affiliation	2,271
Mills College Oakland, CA	Private Women's College	Urban	84%	No affiliation	1,332
Trinity College Hartford, CT	Private	Urban	34%	No affiliation	2,350
University of Massachusetts – Amherst Amherst, MA	Public	Suburban	60%	No affiliation	30,037
University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Eau Claire, WI	Public	City	89%	No affiliation	10,629
University of Wisconsin — Milwuakee Milwuakee, WI	Public	Urban	72%	No affiliation	26,011
Wesleyan University Macon, GA	Private Women's College	Suburban	38%	United Methodist	676

Queer Services at SUNY Schools

With the incredibly high costs of tuition, more and more students are finding that State Colleges and Universities are affordable, and incredibly high-quality institutions. Many SUNY schools are not only academically rigorous, but also great homes for their LGBTQ+ students. If you are looking for a State College/University with a residential student body, here is some information on their LGBTQ+ services.

College Name	Public/ Private?	Acceptance Rate	LGBTQ Resource Center?	Transgender Health Services?	LGBTQ+ Specific Scholarships?	Gender Inclusive Housing?	Gender Neutral Bathrooms?
Binghamton University Binghamton, NY	Public	42%	Yes	Not Provided, but located 1 hr from campus	Not provided by school	Yes	At least 1 per facility
Stony Brook University Stony Brook, NY	Public	40.7%	Yes	Not Provided on Campus	Marylou Stewart Pride Scholarship	Yes	At least 1 per facility
University at Albany Albany, NY	Public	56%	Yes	Not Provided on Campus	Not provided by school	Yes	In certain buildings
University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY	Public	57.8%	No	HRT covered	Not provided by school	Yes	In certain buildings
Buffalo State College Buffalo, NY	Public	61.6%	No	No	No	Unclear*	In certain buildings
Purchase College Purchase, NY	Public	41%	No	Covered by College's health insurance	No	Yes	In all residential buildings and certain academic
SUNY Geneseo Geneseo, NY	Public	59.1	Yes	No	No	Yes	In the process of installing all- gender bathrooms
SUNY New Paltz New Paltz, NY	Public	41.9%	No – LGBTQ Coordinator instead	Unclear*	In progress	Yes	Yes - sometimes multiple for building
SUNY Oswego Oswego, NY	Public	51%	No	No – but can make referrals and consult those already undergoing HRT	No	Must Request*	Few
SUNY Potsdam Potsdam, NY	Public	67.6%	No	No	No	Some	Few

Queer Services at SUNY Schools, Continued

College Name	Public/ Private?	Acceptance Rate	LGBTQ Resource Center?	Transgender Health Services?	LGBTQ+ Specific Scholarships?	Gender Inclusive Housing?	Gender Neutral Bathrooms?
SUNY Cortland Cortland, NY	Public	42%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
SUNY Oneonta Oneonta, NY	Public	53%	Yes	mental health services and HRT	No	Yes	Yes
SUNY Fredonia Fredonia, NY	Public	53.2%	No	No	No	By request*	Some, pushing for more*
SUNY Plattsburg Plattsburg, NY	Public	50%	No	No	No	Yes	Some
The College at Brockport Brockport, NY	Public	49%	No	Some*	No	Yes	Yes
The College at Old Westbury Old Westbury, NY	Public	62.4%	No	No	No	No	Unclear*
Alfred State College Alfred, NY	Public Technical	54%	Yes	Unclear*	No	Yes	Some*
Farmingdale State College Farmingdale, NY	Public Technical	46.6%	No	In Progress	No	No	Unclear*
Fashion Institute of Technology New York, NY	Public Technical	44.3%	No	Unclear*	No	Yes	Unclear*
Morrisville State College Morrisville, NY	Public Technical	56.2%	No	Unclear*	No	Yes	Yes

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LGBTQ + Scholarships for New York Schools

Regardless of whether applying to a public or private institution, the costs of tuition can often be too high for families and individuals to afford on their own. Luckily, in addition to the many scholarships that are provided for academics, athletics, etc. there are also some scholarships specifically for LGBTQ+ students within New York State.

Scholarship Name	Description	Amount	
LIVE OUT LOUD Young Trailblazers Scholarship	Scholarship for LGBTQ+ High School Seniors to help fund their College, University, Technical/Vocational degrees. Award criteria are based on the demonstration of past leadership and community service involvement, academic credentials, personal essay, letters of recommendation, an individual interview, financial need, and future goals	3 Scholarships for \$10,000 each	
Sheldon Oppenheim Memorial Scholarship	Funds students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender and attend SUNY Rockland Community College. Award criteria based on an essay detailing any obstacles they may have overcome, their educational goals, any community service, or special circumstances and optional letters of recommendation.	4 Scholarships for \$250-\$500 per year	
Margo Karle Scholarship Fund	Provides needs-based funds for woman attending CUNY with demonstrated commitment to social justice.	Needs-Based	
Hofstra University LGBT Activism Scholarship	Funds scholarship for LGBT or Allied Hofstra student who has a demonstrable record or strong potential in support of LGBT activism.	Variable	
New York Ramblers Scholarship for Student Athletes	The New York Ramblers Scholarship for student athletes was create to support student-athletes who self-identify as either lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or intersex (LGBTQI), or are demonstrated and committed allies. Awardees will receive a one-time scholarship, paid directly to their college, to cover tuition and fees.	Up to 2 Scholarships for \$2,500	
Levin-Goffe Scholarship Fund	The Levin-Goffe Scholarship Fund was established to cover up to two years of schooling for immigrants here in New York City who identify as LGBTQI. Students must be full-time students in a New York City nonprofit college or university; the annual tuition must not exceed \$12,500. Applicants must have successfully completed at least one academic year or is at least a rising sophomore and have a minimum 3.25 GPA.	Variable	
SOULE Foundation Scholarship	For LGBTQ+ individuals from NY, CT, or NJ. Award criteria based on the demonstration of past leadership and community service involvement, academic credentials, personal essay, letters of recommendation, an individual interview, and a financial need	\$2,500	
The Rochester Area Community Foundation's Rochester LGBTQ Scholarship	This scholarship is available to all students from in the eight-county area surrounding Rochester* and have enrolled in a program in public health, nonprofit administration, or social justice activism. The applicant must also demonstrate a commitment to social justice activism regarding LGBTQ+ rights. *(Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties)	Minimum of \$1,000	

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Scholarships for QTPOC

There are many LGBTQ+ scholarships, but there are also some scholarships specifically available for **QTPOC** (Queer/Trans People of Color). While these are only a few examples of scholarships for QTPOC, there are many other scholarships that can be found on the databases listed on the National Scholarships page.

Scholarship Name	Description	Amount
APIQWTC Scholarship Fund	The APIQWTC Scholarship is an academic scholarship meant to help ease the costs of either the graduate or undergraduate degree for Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community. The scholarship is awarded to APIQWTC people who are both academically successful, and committed to bettering their communities.	\$2,500
TSER Trans Student of Color Scholarship	The Trans Student of Color Scholarship highlights the activism of trans youth of color whose work focuses on intersection of race and gender identity and is working to end racism and transphobia. The applicant must be trans, gender diverse, two spirit, Hijra, and/or within the trans community and a person of color.	\$500-2,000
Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards	The Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards are designed to recognize out* black lesbians and lesbians of color making significant contributions to their communities. ZAMI NOBLA wants to support and encourage their continuing education by providing scholarships to those women enrolled in accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs. *Out is defined as an acknowledgement of lesbian identify to self, and to family, friends, and community.	\$1,000 or more
Levin-Goffe Scholarship for LGBTQI Immigrants	The Levin-Goffe Scholarship provides a measure of financial stability to undergraduate students who are both LGBTQ or intersex and undocumented immigrants. Eligible applicants are all those who: Are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, or intersex; Do not hold U.S. citizenship, a green card, or an F-1 visa; Have a current, most recent, or cumulative GPA of at least 3.25; Are enrolled at an accredited, nonprofit school in New York City; and Have completed one academic year / are at least a rising sophomore	Awarding a total of \$25,000 for up to two years of school.
Bill Caspare Memorial Fund Diversity Scholarship	The Bill Caspare Memorial Fund Diversity Scholarship is available to full – time junior and senior students who are African – American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Native American, multiracial, or part of the LGBTQ community. You must be interested in new media / digital advertising / data science, and have a minimum 3.25 GPA to be eligible for this award.	\$10,000

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National LGBTQ + Scholarships and Databases

In addition to specific scholarships, there are also numerous databases and foundations which offer scholarships for LGBTQ+ students across the nation. The databases listed are able to be searched for LGBTQ+ specific scholarships, or other scholarships which may not be LGBTQ+ specific. Many of these scholarships apply to most accredited Colleges, Universities, or Technical Schools.

Website Name	Description	LGBTQ+ Specific?
<u>scholarships.Com</u>	This website serves as a database for multiple scholarships based by category. There is a LGBTQ+ specific scholarship page which contains many of the top scholarships offered for LGBTQ+ students.	No
Human Rights Campaign hrc.org	On the webpage for the Human Rights Campaign, there is an entire LGBTQ+ scholarship database. The results can be narrowed down by specific state, or you can search for national scholarships.	Yes
BestColleges.com (http://www.bestcolleges.com/ financial-aid/lgbtq-scholarships/)	Best Colleges is a website which also has a database with a category for LGBTQ+ specific scholarships. This website divides the LGBTQ+ scholarships down into different categories, and explains many, making it incredibly comprehensive and accessible.	No
Pride Foundation pridefoundation.org	The Pride Foundation offers 50 different types of scholarships through their organization, but you only need to write one application to be considered for them all. Scholarships offered are of varying amounts.	Yes
The LEAGUE Foundation https://www.leaguefoundation.org/	The League Foundation is an organization which offers up to 15 scholarships annually. These scholarships are specifically for LGBTQ + students, with the major qualifiers being that you are an out member of the LGBTQ+ community, and that you have above a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 Scale.	Yes
Campus Pride https://www.campuspride.org/ national-scholarship-database/	Campus Pride is mostly known for their services in rating schools based on how LGBTQ+ friendly and accessible they are. However, they also offer a database with scholarships ranging from national, to regional, to school specific.	Yes
Affordable Colleges Online <u>https://</u> www.affordablecollegesonline.org/ <u>college-resource-center/lgbtq-</u> scholarships-financial-aid/	Afordable Colleges Online is a website which offers financial aid and scholarship advice and opportunities. The LGBTQ+ specific scholarship page is broken into regional, school specific, and national scholarships and has numerous options to pick from.	No

