Thank you for your interest in the Project Female’s 2018 Transgender Youth Scholarship Fund. Please carefully read all information contained in this document and application packet before submitting your application.

**Purpose of Scholarship**
The main purpose of Project Female’s 2018 Transgender Youth Scholarship Fund is to identify, support and empower the next generation of transgender youth by recognizing and celebrating their achievements and commitment to social change.

**Award Amount**
Scholarship awards are currently offered in the amounts of $500 to $1000 each.

**Application Packet**
Our 2018 application packet can be downloaded at: https://projectfemale.com/transgender-youth-scholarship/

Application packet consists of this document, official application form, and a helpful application checklist.

**Eligibility Criteria**
To be considered for this scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Identify as Transgender or Intersex
- Be out about sexual orientation/identity
- Be under 25 years of age at the date of application
- Be currently enrolled in high school or college
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better
- Submit a written or video essay as instructed
- Submit a completed and signed application with all requested supporting documents
- Agree to use scholarship award towards school-related expenses
Required Documents
1. Completed and signed 2018 Transgender Youth Scholarship Application Form.
2. A written or video essay addressing all questions in the essay section.
3. Proof of current enrollment in high school or college. This can be in the form of a copy of your current enrollment card, student identification card, or a verification letter from your high school or college admissions office.
4. A copy of your school transcript issued within the last 6 months. Transcript should show cumulative grade point average (GPA).
5. One (1) letter of recommendation.
6. Two (2) different photos of yourself suitable for print. One of the photos must be a headshot.

Essay Instructions

Submit a written or video essay of yourself addressing all of the following:

1. Tell us your coming out story. How did you come to know your gender identity?

2. How has being trans affected your life? You may be as specific as you like. For example, you could tell a story about an experience you’ve had that a cis person could not have had.

3. How do you want to see the experiences of future trans youth be different from your own? What are you willing to do to make that future a reality?

Your essay is one of the most important parts of your application. Your essay should be well organized and show that you have thought about your answers. Submit your essay in either written or video format. DO NOT send both. Written or video essays will be given equal weight.

If you choose to submit your answers in a written format, your essay should be typewritten, double–spaced, and printed on white paper. If emailing the essay, you may it in PDF format to scholarships@projectfemale.com. Please include your full name in the body or subject area of your email. It should be well-written and edited for grammar and spelling mistakes. Please limit your essay to 7 pages or less.

If you choose to submit your answers in video format, your presentation should be articulate and well delivered. Please make certain your recording is intelligible. We must be able to see you clearly. Be sure the space you use is well lit and the quality of the recording is high enough that we can understand you easily. Video presentations should be limited to 35 minutes or less.
Letter of Recommendation
We request one (1) letter of recommendation from a peer, co-worker, teacher, professor, schoolmate, counselor or other person who has worked with you and knows you well. Their letter should talk about one or more of your achievements, your character and why they recommend you for this scholarship.

Photos
Please submit two (2) different photos of yourself with your application. Photos must be suitable for print. One photo should be a recent headshot. School photos are acceptable. We will also accept digital photos in jpeg or gif format by email or thumb drive.

If emailing photos, you may email them to scholarships@projectfemale.com. Please include your full name in the body or subject area of your email.

Application Deadline
Applications and all supporting documents for our 2018 scholarships must be mailed together and postmarked by December 25, 2018. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Failure to follow directions may also disqualify your application.

Mail your application/documents to:

scholarships@projectfemale.com

Or

Project Female Scholarships
88 Quicks Lane
Katonah, NY 10536

Scholarship winners will be notified by Jan 15, 2019

Contact Information
If you have any questions not answered here, you may contact us by email at: scholarships@projectfemale.com.

We thank you for your interest and wish you the best of luck!
2018 Project Female Transgender Youth Scholarship Fund

Application Form

Application Deadline: December 25, 2018

Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________________

Birth Date: ________________________

Birth Place: _____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________

State / Zip: ______________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________

Where should the Scholarship Committee contact you if we have additional questions?:
________________________________________________________________________

How do you identify?:
❑ Lesbian  ❑ Gay  ❑ Bisexual  ❑ Trans  ❑ Intersex  ❑ Queer  ❑ Straight  ❑ Other
__________________________

How do you identify?:
❑ African American  ❑ Asian/Pacific Islander  ❑ Latino  ❑ Native American  ❑ White  ❑ Other
__________________________

How do you identify?:  ❑ Female  ❑ Male  ❑ Other __________________________

Currently Enrolled: ❑ High School  ❑ College

Current School Name: _____________________________________________________

Current School Address: _________________________________________________
Current Grade Level: ______________________________________________________

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _________________

High School Graduation Date: ______________________________________________

Name of High School: ____________________________________________________

City / State of High School: ______________________________________________

Where did you hear about this scholarship?: _____________________________

List your current and former extra-curricular activities, volunteer work and any awards and honors received. Include full name of organization(s), dates of involvement and any leadership roles you’ve held. You may use a separate sheet of paper for this section.

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List any current or most recent employment (if applicable):

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Agreement:
By signing and submitting this application and supporting documents, I agree to allow Project Female to publish and advertise my (or my child’s) name, photo(s), written essay or video presentation and/or other relevant information I have submitted at their discretion. I also agree that if I am awarded this scholarship I will use the funds solely for school-related expenses. I also understand that submitting any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship.

If I’m under the age of 18 at the time of application, my parent or legal guardian has also signed and dated this application on my behalf.

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Applicant’s Signature                                      date

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Signature of parent or legal guardian (If applicant is under age 18)   date
Checklist – 2018 Project Female Transgender Youth Scholarship Fund

To be considered for this scholarship, please be sure to submit the following application and documents together no later than December 25, 2018:

❑ Completed 2018 Project Female Transgender Youth Scholarship Fund Application Form
❑ Written or Video Essay
❑ Two (2) Photos Enclosed or Emailed
❑ One (1) Letter of Recommendation
❑ Proof of Current Enrollment in High School or College
❑ Copy of Most Recent Transcript
❑ Proof of Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

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Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later than December 25, 2018. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please also be sure to follow directions as outlined. If, for example, we ask for one letter of recommendation, don’t send three. If we instruct you to limit your written essay to 7 pages, don’t send 10 pages. Not following directions may disqualify your application.

Scholarship winners will be notified by January 15, 2019.

Good luck!