



Mama Linda Queer Youth Fund Guidelines and Application

In her memory, the North County LGBTQ Resource Center has established The Linda Johnson Queer Youth Fund.

Beginning in 2023, the North County LGBTQ Resource Center will award \$700 to five different individuals aged 16-22 to assist with educational related expenses. To enter, youth will be asked to fill out a short application and submit a written, audio, or video composition answer to this topic:

As a queer person, talk about a challenge you have faced and share how it has shaped the person you are today.

While this is primarily a needs-based award, all youth, who identify (publicly or not) as LGBTQ+, are encouraged to apply for this award. Click [here](#) for details, including deadlines, submission guidelines, and privacy considerations.

All applications received by the deadline of **April 15, 2023** will be considered by the Award Committee, with announcements of the annual award recipients taking place on June 3, 2023 at the annual Pride by the Beach in Oceanside, CA.

There are no specific GPA, test score, citizenship, or academic pursuit requirements attached to this award.

Recipients of the award can use the funds for any purpose that aids in furthering their education, including (but not limited to): tuition, books or other required supplies, technology upgrades or additions, equipment or materials related to a craft or career pursuit.

Eligibility requirements (Applicants must meet these minimum requirements)

1. Resident of North San Diego County at time of application
2. Identifies as LGBTQ+
3. Currently enrolled or planning to enroll in high school, vocational school, community college, university, or other accredited educational program OR actively engaged in development of career skills through non-traditional experiences.

Scholarship award criteria (All submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria)

1. Submission of completed Application Form
2. Application essay (written, audio or video submission*)
3. Priorities are given to those with financial hardship**

*If submitting a video or audio essay response, you will need to provide the file on a non-returnable flash drive. Video submission should be sent as an mp4 file. Audio submissions should be sent as an mp3, wav, or aif file.

**Proof of financial hardship is not required, however, if information is provided it will be considered and given appropriate weight in the evaluation process.

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **April 15, 2023, 11:59 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Applications can be submitted in the language you are most proficient in. If submitting in a language other than English or Spanish, please indicate the language, and, if necessary, specific dialect you are submitting in.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.

4. Type and/or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.ncresourcecenter.org/mamalindafund.
5. You will be notified in May regarding the status of your application using the preferred method indicated by you on your application. If no preferred method is indicated, you will be notified by mail.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your future plans. Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Written essay, recorded video response or recorded audio response to the following question:

As a queer person, talk about a challenge you have faced and share how it has shaped the person you are today.

If your application includes a flash drive, please mail OR submit application in person to:

**North County LGBTQ Resource Center
ATTN: Mama Linda Queer Youth Fund
3220 Mission Ave, Suite 2
Oceanside, CA 92058**

Written applications can be submitted as indicated above or via email at:

MamaLindaQueerYouthFund@ncresourcecenter.org



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Date of Application:

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address:: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Best Telephone Number: ()	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Are you related to any North County LGBTQ Resource Center Board of Directors, staff, or volunteer? (Please circle) Yes No (If yes, please indicate name here: _____)	
6.	Current School: Current Grade:	
7.	If applicable, future school of choice: _____	
8.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	
9.	If not going to school, what is your current educational or career/vocational path?	
10.	How will this award help you further your educational/vocational/career goals?	

11.	Preferred method of contact if other than mail to address above (circle method and provide information): Telephone: Email: Text: Designated third party:
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12.	<p>Personal Essay Please answer the following question: As a queer person, talk about a challenge you have faced and share how it has shaped the person you are today.</p> <p>Please indicate whether your essay submission is: written video file audio file</p>
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20.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	Letter to Scholarship Committee. Not exceeding one (1) page.
	YES	NO	Personal Essay. If printed, must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors. If submitting via video or audio, please include file link or mail flash drive. FILE LINK URL: _____

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the scholarship program, unless I specifically opt out below.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

_____ For personal safety or other reasons, I am opting out of the photography request. I understand that selecting this box in no way affects my application or submission eligibility.