

ZAMI, INC.

ZAMI: Atlanta's Premiere African-American Lesbian Organization

THE AUDRE LORDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 1995, the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund is administered by ZAMI and is the brainchild of its former Executive Director, Mary Anne Adams. The first two scholarships were awarded in 1997 and since that time, the fund has awarded 83 scholarships.

PURPOSE OF AWARDS

The ***Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards*** are designed to recognize **out*** lesbians and gay men of color who are making significant contributions to their communities. ZAMI wants to support and encourage their continuing education by providing scholarships to those women and men enrolled in accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2005, the Fund awarded thirteen \$1000 scholarships.

Out* is defined as an acknowledgement of lesbian/ gay identify to self, and or to family, friends, and community.

ELIGIBILITY

- An out lesbian/ gay man of color who is a graduating high school senior or currently attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States
- Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution.
- Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Lesbians / gay men 40 years and older are **also** strongly encouraged to apply

Please do not submit an application if you do not meet the eligibility requirements. No exceptions to the eligibility requirements are considered. The Fund does not offer scholarships for weekend programs, summer sessions, research, special projects, or for study out of the country.

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit official/unofficial up- to- date academic transcript (s) supporting the GPA entered on your application. You may send transcripts only from your most recent school(s), provided two semesters of study are included.
- Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman or transfer student.
- Completion of three of five essay questions outlined in the application.
- Three letters of recommendations~ one must be from a teacher/ professor, one must be from a supervisor/ mentor, and one from an activist/organizer in the lesbian/gay community.
- A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality headshot photograph. **Application will not be accepted if a clean headshot is not enclosed. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

AWARDS

Scholarship Amount ----- \$1000

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Lesbians and Gay men of color interested in obtaining an application should download an application from our website at www.zami.org

We cannot mail applications.

All application materials must be postmarked by May 1, 2006 and mailed to:
ZAMI
P.O. Box 2502,
Decatur, Georgia 30031

We prefer that all application materials be mailed as one package. If the references or transcript(s) are mailed under separate cover, the student is responsible for making sure that we receive it on or before the deadline.

We also require that you email one application package with the exception of transcripts and recommendation letters to zami@zami.org

Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

We cannot confirm receipt of your application; therefore we recommend you use a delivery confirmation and tracking system, such as the USPS registered mail.

Awards are for the current academic year only and by law are paid directly to the recipient and the academic institution. Checks not processed with the academic institution within 90 days of receipt will be rendered null and void by the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund. A scholarship committee reviews applications. Finalists may be invited to participate in a face-to-face or telephone interview.

Early applications are encouraged. Recipients may re apply each year.

Awardees will be notified on or before July 30, 2006.

NOTE: Award recipients are required to attend the Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards Ceremony scheduled for September 29-30, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. All expenses are paid by ZAMI.

ZAMI: A Carriacou word for women who work together as friends and lovers.....

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Application for The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 2502, Decatur, Georgia 30031

PLEASE TYPE / PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Deadline (post-mark) for this application is May 1, 2006

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Permanent Address If Different From Mailing Address _____

Telephone # where you can be reached after July 1, 2006: _____

Date of birth _____

Social Security Number _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Institution: _____

Circle One: Undergraduate Graduate

Student Classification: _____

Enrollment Status Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Address of Registrar's/ Financial Aid Office:

Registrar's Telephone Number: _____

Area of Study: _____ Minor _____

Current GPA _____ Expected Year of Graduation: _____

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

List Academic Honors/Awards or Extracurricular Accomplishments:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please describe any efforts or accomplishments that demonstrate your commitment to the lesbian / gay/bisexual/transgender community.

*Please note: You can attach any addition examples of your work or a video tape/DVD introducing yourself if you feel this will make your application stronger. **This is not in lieu of the application or written essays.**

DECLARATION (Must be signed for application to be considered)

I declare that the information provided above and attached is both accurate and truthful, and I will refund my scholarship if it is not.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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