



The Tonda Taylor Scholarship Fund of Time Out Youth Center

The Tonda Taylor Scholarship Fund of Time Out Youth Center was established in 2007 to provide financial support and encouragement to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) identified youth who are seeking to earn a two-year or a four-year undergraduate degree in the field of their choice. This Merit/Needs based Scholarship.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer high school senior or high school graduate under the age of 21 as of May 6th of the year of application.
2. Be a resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina or a county which Time Out Youth Center serves in North or South Carolina.
3. Plan to enroll as a full-time, degree-seeking student at an accredited non-profit academic or vocational institution in the summer or fall of the year of application.
4. Open to all applicants regardless of immigration status.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Scholarship applicants must submit the following to Time Out Youth Center by May 6, 2016:

- A completed application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- An official transcript(s) of grades for the applicant's most recently completed coursework. This may include high school transcripts, GED score report or any postsecondary transcripts.
- Two recommendation forms from non-related adults such as instructors, employers or mentors.
- An up-to-date, typed resume.
- A one-to-two page typed personal statement expressing why the applicant is applying for the scholarship and the applicant's educational and career goals.
- A copy of the applicant's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or alternative documentation.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following when selecting scholarship recipients:

- Financial need as determined by the costs of college attendance compared with an applicant's household income and other financial factors.
- Academic achievement.
- Involvement with Time Out Youth Center, LGBTQ Advocacy and/or GSA.

Finalists are required to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee. All interviews will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016. If you know this will not work, please indicate by initialing here_____.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship award amounts are non-renewable. Funds are paid directly to the recipient's school and designated for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Scholarship recipients attending community college where annual school expenses total less than the awarded amount may request the balance to be applied to their second year expenses.

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY May 6, 2016 TO:

The Tonda Taylor Scholarship Fund Committee
Time Out Youth Center
2320 N. Davidson Street
Charlotte, NC 28205

For more information, please contact:
Shakira Clarke, Director of Youth Services
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704.344.8335 ext.611



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APPLICATION FORM (p1)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Legal Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Preferred Name: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ County: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Which of these is the best way to reach you? _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity: Lesbian Gay Bisexual - Transgender Queer

Self-identified gender _____ Gender Pronouns: _____

Number of Dependent Children: _____ Ages: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High school(s) attended: _____ Location: _____

_____ Location: _____

High school graduation date: _____

Current cumulative weighted GPA (if applicable): _____

COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

College you plan to attend this summer/fall: _____ Location: _____

What is your intended major/program of study? _____

Check the class you will be in this summer/fall: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

College(s)/vocational school(s) attending/attended (if any): _____

Number of college level credit hours already earned (if applicable): _____



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APPLICATION FORM (p2)

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Please list any community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations, or school affiliated clubs or groups in which you are now active or have previously been active:

Organization / Year(s) / Position: ex. Community Org / 2004 – present / Youth Leader

HONORS AND AWARDS

Please list any honors or awards you have received, the name of the organization presenting the award and date:

Honor or Award / Date:

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Please describe any special experiences that have made an impact on your life which you would like to share with the committee (e.g. family situations, coming out story):



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach 1-2 pages of a personal statement explaining why you are applying for this scholarship and describing your educational or career goals. Please type your name at the top of each page.



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APPLICATION FORM(p3)

FINANCIAL DATA

Please list Projected College Expenses and Assistance for the upcoming academic year. (estimates are acceptable):

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

Tuition/Customary Fees:	\$
Books and Supplies:	\$
Add. Fees (parking etc.):	\$
Personal Expenses:	\$
Other (specify):	\$
Other (specify):	\$

TOTAL Anticipated Expenses: \$

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Family/Personal Contribution	\$
Federal/State Grants	\$
Scholarships	\$
Work Study Program	\$
Loans	\$
Other (specify)	\$

TOTAL Assistance: \$

Please list your employment history, including dates, starting with your most recent job. Also, please attach a one-page resume.

Company / dates: _____
 Job title / hours per week: _____

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 Job title / hours per week: _____

Applicant's annual income from full or part-time work: _____

Spouse/Partner's annual income from full or part-time work: _____

How many people live in your household? _____

Explain below any unusual financial circumstances in your household.



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APPLICATION FORM (p4)

Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Time Out Youth Center awards scholarships on the basis of a competitive process for identified LGBTQ high school seniors that may consider academic achievement, extracurricular and community involvement, a statement of the applicant's personal aspirations and educational goals, financial need and references.

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Time Out Youth Center Board of Directors based on scholarship committee recommendations. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's school and are designated for tuition, required fees, books and supplies only. The Time Out Youth Center scholarship committee reserves the right not to award scholarships if applicants are not considered qualified. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity or immigration or citizenship status.

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false statements on this application may disqualify me from receiving a scholarship. I understand, due to funding, not every eligible applicant will receive an award; however, no application materials will be returned.

I, (print applicant's legal name) _____ give permission for any college or school to release to Time Out Youth Center Scholarship Committee any information necessary to process or maintain my scholarship.

Applicant's Signature (legal name): _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Time Out Youth Center Tonda Taylor Scholarship application includes all of the following materials. Check off each item when completed, and if possible, submit together in one envelope. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

- A completed application form
- An official transcript(s) of grades for the applicant's most recently completed coursework (This may include high school transcripts, GED score report or postsecondary transcripts)
- Two recommendation forms from non-related adults such as instructors or other campus administrators, employers, mentors, etc.
- An up-to-date, typed resume.
- A one-to-two page typed personal statement expressing why the applicant is applying for the scholarship and the applicant's educational and career goals.
- A copy of the applicant's completed Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or equivalent.
- Proof of the applicant's intent to enroll.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM #1

Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

College/university you plan to attend this fall: _____

TO THE REFERENCE:

The student named above is applying for the Tonda Taylor Scholarship of Time Out Youth Center. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. After completing the information below, please use the back of this form or an attached sheet to provide your recommendation for this applicant.

Your recommendation should express why you think this student should be considered for a scholarship. Criteria for scholarship selection include the applicant's academic commitment and potential, as well as financial need.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Please note that the recommendation may not be written by Time Out Youth Center current Board members or staff.

Please return this form and your written recommendation to the applicant (in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap) so they submit it as part of a total application package.

The application deadline is May 6, 2016.

Circle your relationship to the applicant: Instructor/Professor Employer/Supervisor Other

If other, please specify: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

You're Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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RECOMMENDATION FORM #2

Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

College/university you plan to attend this fall: _____

TO THE REFERENCE:

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