

Independence Business Alliance/Delaware Valley Legacy Fund 2015 Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Independence Business Alliance (IBA), in collaboration with The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund (DVLF) and founding sponsor, LinguiSearch, Inc., is proud to announce they are accepting applications for their annual Business Scholarship Award. DVLF is continuing its longstanding history of meeting the emerging needs in the LGBTQ community through this partnership with the IBA. The scholarship benefits a local student currently enrolled in a business-related discipline within the Philadelphia region.

DVLF was created in 1993 to benefit the Philadelphia region's LGBTQ community by raising money for a permanent community endowment fund. DVLF fosters positive change every year through advocacy, grant making, scholarships, programming, and education.

The IBA is the LGBT Chamber of Commerce for the Greater Philadelphia region. The IBA is a membership-based business advocacy organization, dedicated to making the Philadelphia region an influential and diverse LGBT business community with an impact on economic development, equal rights and policy issues. The IBA's mission is to enhance financial opportunities, foster diversity, develop leadership and collaboration, and advocate for positive change. In addition, the IBA is an official affiliate of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

Applications will be reviewed and selected by a small committee of DVLF and IBA Board members, as well as representatives of the IBA member business community. Both DVLF and the IBA view this collaboration as a tremendous opportunity to work together, enabling a community-minded and business-focused student to take one step closer to their goals. For more information on either organization, visit www.DVLF.org or www.IndependenceBusinessAlliance.com.

On behalf of both organizations, we wish you the best of luck in the application process!

Please call DVLF Executive Director, Samantha Giusti at 215-563-6417, ext. 117 or IBA Executive Administrator, Tom Cavanaugh at 215-557-0190 with any questions.



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PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

1. **Amount:** This will be a **\$2,500 scholarship**, awarded for educational expenses to include tuition, books & supplies, and/or room & board. The awarded funds will be payable directly to the school on the student's behalf. The scholarship will be awarded annually. Previous award recipients are eligible to receive the scholarship again, provided a complete application is submitted for the new award year.

2. **Dates:**
 - a) Application Deadline: Must be received by **March 16, 2015 by 11:59 PM**
 - b) Announcement/Presentation: **April 8, 2015 at 5:30 PM**

3. **Criteria/Guidelines:**
 - a) Applicants are reviewed on the basis of academic credentials, business interest, a letter of recommendation, leadership potential and roles, community service and involvement, financial need, future career goals, and an interview (when applicable).

4. **Submission Requirements:**
 - a) A completed application form.
 - b) One (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member or student advisor.
 - c) Your resume/CV.
 - d) A response to the prompt below. Take this opportunity to tell us who you are – it is important that your personality shows through.



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5. Eligibility:

- a) To be eligible for receiving this award, an applicant must be (1) a self-identified LGBTQ student **OR** an allied student supportive of the LGBTQ community; (2) currently enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university in the Philadelphia area;¹ (3) working toward an undergraduate degree in a business program/major and (4) able to demonstrate leadership roles.
 - i. For the purposes of this award, a business program includes, but is not limited to: Business Management, Finance, Leadership, Organizational Development, Organizational Dynamics, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Marketing, Statistics, and/or Accounting, plus any combination of major/minor encompassing these subject areas.
 - ii. Applicants involved in LGBTQ organizations and/or seeking to improve the Philadelphia region through community service are especially encouraged to apply and significant consideration will be given to such service.

¹ This includes Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania; Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties in New Jersey; and New Castle County in Delaware



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(If your handwriting is illegible, please type answers into this form.)

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Date
Street Address	City		State Zip Code
Phone Number	Email Address		
College/University	Program/Major	GPA	Graduation Date
Can you be reached at the above phone number regarding your application? If not, we will contact you via email.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Do you identify as LGBTQ? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
How are you paying for your education? (loans, parents, work, etc.)	If more than one source, please approximate percentage from each.		

APPLICATION QUESTION

Please use a separate page to answer the following question, double-spaced in 12pt font.

- How do you intend to use your degree to better the LGBT business community in Philadelphia after your graduation? (700 word limit)

<i>Disclaimer and Signature</i>	
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
If this application leads to an awarding of scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my disqualification.	
Signature	Date

Please submit the completed scholarship application packet (form, essay, letter, and resume) to:

Independence Business Alliance
 Attn: IBA/DVLF Business Scholarship
 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1132
 Philadelphia, PA 19107

