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## John Lawrence and Tyrone Garner Scholarship Fund of the Houston GLBT Community Center

Successful candidates for the scholarships given by the Houston GLBT Community Center's John Lawrence and Tyrone Garner Scholarship Fund will be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender-identified Texas students pursuing higher education at an accredited institution who have:

1. Already demonstrated a commitment to public service.
2. Already demonstrated leadership in the fight for equality for GLBT people.
3. Engaged in significant extra-curricular activities.
4. A record of service in community organization(s).
5. A demonstrated financial need.

The John Lawrence and Tyrone Garner Scholarship Fund was established by the Houston GLBT Community Center in honor of John Lawrence and the late Tyrone Garner, the two petitioners in the landmark Lawrence v. Texas case, which overturned anti-gay sodomy laws in the United States. Without their willingness to fight this discriminatory law, the march toward equality would have been significantly slower.

The scholarship recognizes outstanding leadership shown by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Texas high school seniors and college students by contributing to the cost of their continuing education. Selection is based upon character and need, not academic performance alone.

Scholarships are awarded in June at the Community Center's annual commemoration of the Lawrence v. Texas Supreme Court victory. Recipients should maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale. Previous year recipients must provide a transcript or grade report at the end of each academic school year (June).

Application deadline: Must be postmarked by **Friday, March 4, 2011**, include all items required, and be addressed to the attention of the Center Treasurer. *Send a mailing confirmation to the email above when mailed.*



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What is your admission status? Planning to apply \_\_\_\_\_ Waiting for school to respond \_\_\_\_\_ Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a major in mind? Y N If yes, what do you plan to study? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to finance your college education? (Check all that apply) Student loans \_\_\_\_\_ Grants or scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time employment \_\_\_\_\_ College work/study program \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time employment \_\_\_\_\_ Are your parents able and willing to assist with your college expenses? Y N

Is this a single parent family? Y N (If yes, please answer one of the following two questions.)

First parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Second parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

If both parents reside at the same address, are they both working? Y N

Total household income as reported on most recent federal tax return(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of exemptions claimed on tax return(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children in family: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of dependent children in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Involvement

Please briefly describe the community service activities that have been most important to you. Please do not describe every activity you have undertaken. Don't forget to mention leadership roles. (You may use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

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Organization	Position	Area(s) of Responsibility
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Please describe any achievements or accomplishments of which you are especially proud: \_\_\_\_\_

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What, if any, post-college career plans do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification

By signing below, you certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of applicant	Date signed
Signature of parent or guardian	Date signed
Signature of parent or guardian	Date signed

- NOTES:
1. If you wish, you may ask your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to sign. The signature of a parent or legal guardian is desirable but not required.
  2. Please remember to attach an unofficial transcript.
  3. Please attach a brief essay that shows how you have done the following:
    1. Already demonstrated a commitment to public service.
    2. Already demonstrated leadership in the fight for equality for GLBT people.
    3. Engaged in significant extra-curricular activities.
  4. Please attach two signed reference forms. One reference should affirm your status as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered person. *You may want to distribute extra reference forms in order to ensure that the minimum of two required reference forms arrive by the deadline.*

## Release

Please be assured that whether you grant or deny these permissions will NOT affect the outcome of your application. This is an administrative form that is not sent out to reviewers.

On the \_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, I make the following statements of my own free will:

Please sign the blank space in each of the five (5) sections to indicate your agreement. Write “no” in each of the five (5) sections to which you do not grant permission.

1. I grant (sign here: \_\_\_\_\_) to the Community Center permission to approach my school principal/dean regarding recognition of my scholarship award by the school.
2. I grant (sign here: \_\_\_\_\_) to the Community Center permission to publish an announcement of my scholarship award in the local news media.
3. I grant (sign here: \_\_\_\_\_) to the Community Center permission to release information about my scholarship award to the local GLBT Community.
4. I grant (sign here: \_\_\_\_\_) to the Community Center permission to use my photograph in publicity releases about my scholarship award.
5. I grant (sign here: \_\_\_\_\_) to the Community Center permission to use my scholarship essay in an anthology of stories to be compiled for publication.



