

September 8, 2022



Alton Pride, Inc.  
PO Box 662  
Alton, IL 62002

Hello,

Alton Pride is a charitable and educational organization established to bring awareness, understanding, and advocacy to the LGBTQ+ community with an emphasis on the specific needs of the youth within the community. As we work to bridge the gap between all marginalized people, networking with fellow charitable organizations in the community and by fostering these relationships we increase our capability to meet the needs of the community as a whole.

Through our organization's growth, our long-term goals remain consistent, yet agile. The hope to open a crisis center to serve as a place for those in need seeking support, education, and shelter set us apart from other Pride organizations. By focusing on giving back to our community and depositing a majority of all event proceeds into a structured account, the dream of opening a local teen suicide prevention line and a crisis center can become a reality.

We are contacting you because we would like to assist a youth in our community by offering a \$500 scholarship to assist in furthering their education by attending a community college, trade school, or university. We would like to ask your assistance in promoting this scholarship to your students. We have provided a flyer that you can use to advertise the scholarship. There is a deadline of January 31, 2023, to apply, with a selection decided on April 30, 2023.

Please feel free to reach out to us at [admin@altonpride.com](mailto:admin@altonpride.com) for any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

The Board of Alton Pride, Inc

Nicci Kincer, President

Michael Paynic, Vice-President

Anne McCoy, Secretary

Dawn Strickland, Youth Director

Barry Church, Sponsorship/Fundraising Director



## **2023 Scholarship**

**Scholarship Amount: \$500.00**

### Requirements:

- ✓ Senior in High School
- ✓ Minimum GPA 2.50
- ✓ Member of or an ally for the LGBTQ+ community

### Actions Needed:

- ✓ A 300-word essay describing how the applicant contributes to the benefit of the LGBTQ+ community.
- ✓ A minimum of 4 hours of volunteer work with Alton Pride or a non-profit community organization.
- ✓ A completed application.
- ✓ Mail the application with the essay to:  
PO Box 662, Alton, IL 62002
- ✓ Deadline: January 31, 2023
- ✓ Selection Date: April 30, 2023