

Summer 2022 Newsletter



A message from the GMF President

John Ellis

As we approach our Foundations New Fiscal Year (July 1) we reflect on another year of helping the LGBTQ+ community with Grant and Scholarship awards. During this last fiscal year we were able to award \$400,000 due to the generosity of our donors and the Foundation investments.

We have completed the process of evaluating and scoring to determine which of our next group of applicants will be recipients of next year's awards. We encourage our members to participate in our summer meeting. This year will be the first time in two years we will be holding a full meeting due to the covid restrictions. We will have in-depth discussions about the future needs of our award winners as well as planning the present and future goals our donors expect of the Foundation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all those who participated in the evaluation and scoring process for both our Grant and Scholarship awards. This very important process is what makes our awards so meaningful to our evaluators and our winners.

Finally, as always, "THANK YOU" to our very generous donors. Without you the Gamma Mu Foundation could not provide the support to the LGBTQ+ community that these awards provide.

Please enjoy your summer and be safe and healthy.

GMF ANNUAL REPORT



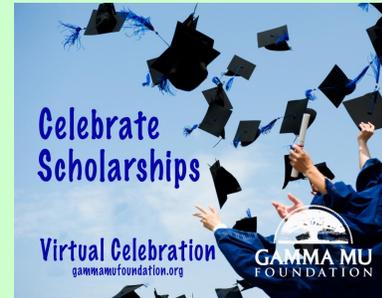
What Being A Grant Evaluator Means to Me.

Brett Stover
Cincinnati Ohio

Being a volunteer reviewer helps me play a small part in running the Foundations' mission to create positive differences in the lives of the LGBTQ+ community by focusing primarily in rural and other underserved populations. Reviewing the proposals is a stark reminder of the intense needs and work to be done. Equally important, it is a wonderful learning celebration of the successful existing programs we help incubate across the nation. It is also a great way to connect with my Gamma Mu Foundation friends in a purposeful way.

2022-2023 Scholarships

This year the Gamma Mu Foundation received 181 qualifying applications for scholarships.



The application review process has just been completed and the scholarship winners will be notified shortly.

Total funding \$125,000

Recipients of Named Scholarships

Wade Simpson and Gordon Mann Scholarship - Nicholas Maggard, Carnegie Mellon BS Computer Science

Steinhilber WEISER Foundation - Jacob Lopez, University of Texas, Austin BS Biochemistry

Art Huskey and Herman Phillips Memorial Scholarship - Adam Sherwood, UC at San Diego, BA Global Studies

Douglas Morton Scholarship - Clayton Singleton, Clark University, BA Music

Tonomora Scholarship - Evan Hinchliffe - University of Arkansas, BA Psychological Science and Philosophy

Clark Trust Scholarship - Clayton Bush, University of Florida, BS Family Youth and Community Services

Steve Lotterer Scholarship - Nicolas Cicchinelli, Tufts, PhD International Human Rights Law

Gamma Mu 50th Anniversary Scholarship - Daniel Dorsky, Palo Alto University, PhD Clinical Psychology

Cliff and Aileen Pettit Scholarship - Jason Gomez, Stanford University, MD

Robin McDonald Memorial Scholarship - Adam Stoker, Allant International University, PhD Counseling Psychology

Folsi and Goodwin Scholarship in memory of Ray Williams - Sebastian Sylvester, Bloomsbury University of Pennsylvania, BS American Sign Language and Interpreting



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

Peter Harvey

The applications received this spring, for the 2022-23 grants year that starts October 1st and runs until the end of September next year, set new records for the Foundation. Our grants and scholarships programs are becoming more visible and searchable on the internet and that extra exposure is driving students and non-profits to apply for funding in record numbers. Focusing on our Grants program, we have received a record 116 applications this year requesting a total of \$1.4M. The number of applications were up 80+% from the most we have received in past years, and 84 of the applications were from non-profits who had never applied for funding before. Our applications are submitted under one of three categories and this years crop of applications split into 17 under 'Research & Public Education', 22 under 'HIV/AIDS' Services' and 77 under community services.

Using a priority system that highlighted the top 50 or so applications that most closely align with the mission of the Foundation, our team of volunteer evaluators who read and score the applications using our computer based application management system did a brilliant job of collectively coming up with a ranking of the most eligible organizations that may deserve a grant from the Foundation. Last year we awarded 29 grants for a total of \$262k, funding about \$1 in \$3 of the \$750K requested. This year we will award grants of \$175k funding 20 or so Organizations for about \$1 in \$7 requested.

We have all been adversely impacted by the pandemic over the past 2 1/2 years and the LGBTQIA+ non-profits have been similarly affected and have had to adapt the way they operate. Many services and programs had to pivot to online offerings using tools like Zoom to connect medical staff with clients or group leaders to theirs, and while they are beginning to open up more resource centers that had been closed and deliver in-person services, most intend to continue to use their virtual outreach channels to touch the lives of more rural and remote clients who cannot travel or who live too far away from physical locations.

As always, your Foundation Board is profoundly grateful for your continued support and donations. Under the stewardship of our investment committee and our program directors use your dollars to improve the lives of young and old LGBTQIA+ people through our scholarship program and our grants to those non-profits that provide services that closely align with our mission to help rural and underserved gay communities.

***Biden Signs Measure Intended to
Counter Hateful Attacks on L.G.B.T.Q.
Rights***

MICHAEL D. SHEAR



WASHINGTON - President Biden signed an executive order aimed at protecting LGBTQ people from a cascade of legislation in conservative states that increasingly targets gays, lesbians, trans-gender youth and others.

Mr Biden's executive order takes direct aim at so-called conversion therapy a discredited therapy in which doctors falsely claim to be able to adjust a person's gender identity or sexual orientation with treatment.

In a ceremony in the East Room packed with LGBTQ supporters, Mr. Biden said he was moved to take action to prevent what he called "hateful attacks" by Republican Governors and legislatures around the country.

In the executive order, the president directs the secretary of health and human services and the secretary of state to lead an effort to limit exposure to the procedure on the part of American youth, and endeavor to end it altogether internationally. The order would also direct the Federal Trade Commission to determine whether therapy amounts to a deceptive act that should merit warnings to consumers from the agency.

The order will also seek to expand access to suicide prevention and mental health resources for LGBTQ people, White House officials said.

The president's announcement of a new executive order comes as the White House celebrates Pride Month. In his remarks on Wednesday, Mr Biden repeated what he said a year ago during a similar event: "Pride is back at the White House."

ANNUAL FOUNDATION COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

DID YOU KNOW?

IN THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR THE GAMMA MU FOUNDATION PRODUCED 19 CAMPAIGNS

6,081 EMAILS HAVE BEEN SENT

THE AVERAGE OPEN RATE IS 67%

THE AVERAGE CLICK-THROUGH RATE WAS 3%

EMAILS OPEN BY DEVICE: 17% MOBILE 20% DESKTOP



**THE GAMMA MU
ANNUAL FOUNDATION**



SUMMER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN DALLAS TEXAS JULY 16, 2022

**ALL CLIFF PETTIT FELLOWS ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND.**

**THE SUMMER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WARWICK MELROSE
HOTEL ON JULY 16. THE FOUNDATION WILL ALSO HOLD THE ANNUAL
FOUNDATION MEETING AT THAT TIME.**

**TO RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE MELROSE HOTEL AT SPECIAL MEETING
RATES, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN ELLIS.**

SUGGESTED ARRIVAL ON FRIDAY JULY 15, 2022

JOHN ELLIS



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Research by Gallup shows increasing support for same-sex marriage, even as it faces potential threats from the Supreme Court

*By Rachel Shatto
The Advocate June 1, 2022*

Gallup's annual Values and Benefits poll, conducted in May, found that 71 percent of Americans support legal same-sex marriage, an all time high.

When Gallup began polling on the subject in 1996 only 27 percent of respondents supported legalizing same-sex marriage. Those numbers climbed very slowly over the years, only reaching a majority in 2011, 15 years later. By 2015, 60 percent of those surveyed were in support, just months before the *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision by the Supreme Court made such unions legal nationwide. Last year the poll showed that the number had increased to 70 percent.

While the number of people who support same-sex marriage has grown overall, there is one holdout group: "weekly churchgoers." Those who say they attend a place of worship nearly weekly or monthly have not yet reached the majority in their support; 40 percent said they back the unions while 58 percent remain opposed. This number has barely budged since Gallup first

began polling on the subject in 2010, having stayed steadily within the 39 percent to 44 percent range. Respondents who said that they never attend church have always been most supportive of same-sex marriage, according to Gallup polling.

Churchgoers are an outlier, as polling shows that support has risen steadily even among demographics who traditionally wouldn't have backed the marriages, including adults aged 64 and older, who reached a majority of support in 2016, followed by Protestants in 2017, and even Republicans in 2021.

Overall, the latest poll shows the trend of growing acceptance for same-sex marriage continues to slowly tick upwards. Despite this, legal same-sex marriages face potential threats from the Supreme Court. A leaked draft opinion in May that would roll back *Roe v. Wade* also indicates that *Obergefell* may be targeted by the court - a decision that would clearly be in opposition to public opinion and beliefs.

ONCE AGAIN THE GAMMA MU FOUNDATION RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RATING FROM GUIDESTAR NON-PROFIT RATING FOR 2022



GuideStar awards The Gamma Mu Foundation it's highest rating!

GuideStar, the largest non-profit rating organization, has awarded the Gamma Mu Foundation it's highest rating for transparency.

How does this help the Foundation?

- Demonstrates that we are an organization that is focused on measuring our progress and results.
- Gives potential funders information they crave, so it's good for fundraising.
- Shows our improvement and results year over year.
- Provides a concrete alternative to donors evaluating us using our overhead ratio.



Join the great group of donors who volunteer time to the operations of the Gamma Mu Foundation.

The Foundation welcomes anyone who wishes to participate in the operations of our great organization. Many donors and friends of the Foundation have expertise that could be a benefit to the Foundation. Contact any member of the Board of Directors for information on how you can volunteer and contribute your time and knowledge.

Anyone interested in becoming an evaluator for either Grants or Scholarships, please contact Doug Morton (palmspringsdoug@gmail.com) for Scholarships or Peter Harvey (pharvey@sbcglobal.net) for Grants.

PLEASE USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE DONATIONS

Our *Foundation* is receiving an unprecedented number of requests for Grants and Scholarships and we are only able to fund a small fraction of our requests.

Please consider making an "*Extra*" donation during these uncertain times so that the *Foundation* can fulfill more requests.

The *Foundation* is an *all volunteer* organization and *every dollar* that you donate is awarded to Grants or Scholarships.

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