

THE MARKOWSKI-LEACH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Horizons Foundation

San Francisco State University

Stanford University

University of California - Berkeley

2012-13 INFORMATION SHEET AND APPLICATION

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE:

All applications must be received by the Markowski-Leach Scholarships Committee, via web, e-mail or postal mail at the addresses listed below, no later than **Friday, April 20, 2012**. Applications will be reviewed by the Committee and awardees will be selected in early May. Notification will be sent to all applicants about the status of their applications by the end of May. Status inquiries can be made by e-mail or postal mail.

PURPOSE:

The Markowski-Leach Scholarship Fund was established under the terms of a bequest from the estate of Mr. James Leach in memory of Mr. Leach and Mr. Thomas Markowski. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship awards to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) persons attending San Francisco State University, Stanford University or University of California at Berkeley as undergraduate or graduate students. According to the terms of the bequest, award recipients will have been determined by the Scholarship Committee to be likely to make a substantial contribution to society, thereby enhancing society's perception of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people as well as increasing the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community's self-esteem.

Study in gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer related fields is not required. Successful candidates will demonstrate leadership and a commitment to excellence in their service, employment, or scholastic endeavors. "Commitment to excellence" is meant to include dedication to enhancing personal effectiveness in the pursuit of ideals for the benefit of oneself and others. "Leadership" is meant to include things such as defining a situation in a revelatory manner, holding a position of guidance, helping to forge consensus, coalition building, or being a dynamic force for change. Endeavors cited need not be limited to LGBTQ related activities. Successful candidates will further show dedication to a goal that will allow them to contribute to the betterment of society. Visibility as an out lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer person is considered crucial to the possibility of the successful candidate becoming a role model for other LGBTQ people.

AWARD:

The award for the 2012-13 school year will be \$1,500. This amount will be divided by the number of terms in the recipient's school year. Award checks will be sent to recipients' Financial Aid Office and will be credited to recipients at the beginning of each term.

ELIGIBILITY:

The eligibility rules governing the competition for The Markowski-Leach Scholarships include the following:

Applicants shall be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer persons. Applicants shall, by their completion of and signature on the scholarship application, certify that they are LGBTQ.

Recipients must be enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students at San Francisco State University, Stanford University, or University of California at Berkeley during the academic year in which the award will be disbursed. Applicants need not be enrolled at the time of application, however, which will occur in the spring preceding the award year. Applications may be submitted by students whose acceptance into a program is pending, though the scholarship can only be awarded if the student actually matriculates.

Recipients must be enrolled in a program that leads to an undergraduate degree, a graduate degree, or to a state teaching credential.

Undergraduate recipients must be enrolled full-time as defined by their institution for each term in which they receive an award. Graduate recipients must be deemed by their schools to be enrolled and must demonstrate progress toward their degree during the award period.

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All undergraduate recipients must have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in all prior college level coursework. (High school students applying for admission will be considered eligible upon admission to an affiliated University.)

Graduate recipients must be eligible to enroll in a graduate program at their campus.

Note: Academic transcripts need not be provided. The Financial Aid Office at the student's campus will verify eligibility.

Recipients must meet all satisfactory academic progress requirements normally applied by the institution for its federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs.

Applicants must meet all material submission requirements and deadlines that are included in the annual announcement of the competition. It is expected that an applicant must provide the following documents in order to be considered for the award:

- a. Completed and signed Application with general demographic information.
 - b. Written statement describing how the student meets the requirements of the scholarship program as described in Section C of the Application Form.
 - c. Names of two references to support assertions made in the candidate's statement. Actual letters of reference are not required with the application.
 - d. Any other documents subsequently requested by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Applicants may include additional information to support their application, including documentation of activities cited in their statements. The statement, however, will be the primary vehicle for candidate evaluation.

Applications can be submitted online at <http://www.mlscholarships.org> (preferred) or sent via e-mail or postal mail in care of one of the following addresses:

MLScholarships@gmail.com

or

The Markowski-Leach Scholarships
P.O. Box 13315 – PMB#206
Oakland, CA 94661-0315

Applicants must inform the Scholarship Committee of changes of address or enrollment status. Failure to notify the Committee of any changes may affect Scholarship disbursement. Notification can be made via e-mail or postal mail to the addresses listed above.

By their signature on the acceptance letter, award recipients agree to the use of their names and general information in news releases and promotional information about The Markowski-Leach Scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee shall have responsibility for interpreting these policies, making decisions regarding the competition, and for candidate selection.

Questions may be sent via e-mail to: MLScholarships@gmail.com or directed to the campus contact person as indicated below:

San Francisco State University
Rose Carmona, Student Financial Aid

Stanford University
Jeff Shelby, Financial Aids

University of California - Berkeley
Bill Brockett, School of Public Health
(wbrocket@berkeley.edu)

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Deadline: Friday, April 20, 2012

SECTION A.

Name

Last First MI

Address

Street

City State Zip

E-mail address

Telephone Number

Student ID Number

SECTION B.

1. During the 2011-12 academic year, I attended:

____ San Francisco State ____ UC Berkeley ____ Stanford

____ Other - Please Specify _____

2. During the 2012-13 academic year, I will attend:

____ San Francisco State ____ UC Berkeley ____ Stanford

3. During the 2012-13 academic year, I will be a:

___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

___ Master's Candidate ___ Doctoral Candidate ___ Credential Candidate

4. My major field of study during the 2012-13 academic year will be:

5. I expect to finish my current degree objective in the _____ of _____
Term Year

SECTION C.

Please prepare a short statement (typed, double-spaced, not to exceed four pages) discussing your leadership and personal commitment to excellence in your service, employment, or academic endeavors. "Commitment to excellence" is meant to include dedication to enhancing personal effectiveness in the pursuit of ideals for the benefit of oneself and others. "Leadership" is meant to include things such as defining a situation in a revelatory manner, holding a position of guidance, forging consensus, coalition building, or being a dynamic force for change. Endeavors cited need not be confined to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer related activities. Describe how your accomplishments and your goals will enable you, as a visible LGBTQ person, to make a substantial contribution to society, thereby enhancing society's perception of LGBTQ people and increasing the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community's self esteem. Include a description of your visibility as an out LGBTQ person.

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SECTION D.

Please provide the names of two references. Letters of reference are not required with the application. These references may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be contacted to attest to your accomplishments as asserted in your Section C statement or for further information about your application.

1. _____
Name Title Relationship to Applicant

School/Company/Organization Daytime Telephone Number

2. _____
Name Title Relationship to Applicant

School/Company/Organization Daytime Telephone Number

SECTION E.

Note: Personal information collected as a part of the application process for the Markowski-Leach Scholarship will become the property of the Scholarship Committee, will be kept confidential and will only be used by the Scholarship Committee for purposes of evaluating applicants. Award recipients, by their signature on their acceptance letter, agree to the use of their names and general information in promotional releases about this scholarship program.

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand all the conditions and requirements of an applicant for The Markowski-Leach Scholarships as described on the separate INFORMATION SHEET and that I meet all eligibility requirements:

Signature of Applicant Date

SECTION F.

1. The following questions are being asked solely to determine whether or not we are reaching all eligible applicants for the scholarship program. This information will have no bearing on the Committee's consideration of you for an award. Though you are self-identifying as LGBTQ by signing the application, individual gender identity or sexual orientation is not a factor in determining an applicant's merit.

For demographic information only, please answer the following:

Gender Identity: _____

Sexual Orientation: _____

2. How did you hear about the The Markowski-Leach Scholarships? Please specify the name of the source. Thank you.

___Web site ___Other; Please specify web site or other source_____

3. This completed and signed Application Form and your written statement must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by **Friday, April 20, 2012** via e-mail or postal mail to one of the following addresses:

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