

The Grand Rapids Trans Foundation Academic Scholarship was created to provide financial support for transgender students pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education. Through this scholarship, transgender students can apply for funds to pay for education-related expenses to pursue a degree or certificate from an accredited college, university, or technical/vocational program with a satellite campus or permanent presence in Kent County. For the 2019/20 academic year, **GRTF is awarding \$11,000 in scholarships with individual awards up to \$2,500.**

Application Guidelines

- This award is open to people of any age who identify as transgender (including non-binary, two-spirit, third gender, transsexual, and/or any other non-cis gender identity.)
- Applicants must be attending a college or vocational program within Kent County, MI. This includes satellite campuses.
- Award criteria are based on personal essay, financial need, and academic goals. There is no GPA or grading requirement.
- Students of color and students with disabilities encouraged to apply.

Application Procedures

- Applicants must provide **a)** the completed application form and **b)** one essay.
- Applicants should submit the financial release form to their first-choice academic institution no later than **May 17, 2019** (three weeks prior to application deadline).
- All applications must be complete for consideration, and received no later than **5 PM on June 7, 2019.**

The scholarship will be awarded on June 30, 2019. GRTF will distribute awards directly to the educational institution upon verification of attendance.

ESSAY

Please submit a typewritten essay of a few paragraphs (approximately 500 words or less) answering the following questions:

- Describe any individual circumstances that present difficulties in pursuing your goals. Have you experienced barriers (in education or otherwise) related to your trans identity?
- Tell us about your academic goal(s). How will this scholarship help your academic (or life) outcome?

Please email your essay (in .doc format) and completed application to applications@grtransfoundation.org. Alternatively, printed versions may be mailed to PO Box 2674, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

Application form

Personal Information

Name		Pronouns	Legal name (if different)	
What name and pronouns do you prefer GRTF use in correspondence with educational institution?				
Mailing address street		city	state	zip
Phone	Email		How may GRTF contact you? Check all that apply	Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth	Student ID number	How did you hear about this scholarship?		
Do you have a relationship with any members, officers, trustees, or donors of GRTF? * If so, please list the person and your relationship to the person: No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/>				

* If you are unsure, a list of GRTF members, officers, trustees, and donors is available. Please contact applications@grtransfoundation.org

Demographic Information (optional)

Is English your first language? If not, what is? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Are you of Hispanic, Latinx, or Spanish origin? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	What is your race?	
Do you identify as a person who is neurodivergent and/or has a disability? Please specify. Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>		Will you be among the first generation of your immediate family to complete post-secondary education? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
Your gender identity:		Are you "out and open" to your community? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	

Academic Information

Anticipated college, university, or technical/vocational school (if known)		Intended program or major		
Admissions office address street		city	state	zip
Admissions office phone	Will you be a full or part-time student?	Anticipated date of graduation		

Student Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

name _____ date _____