

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 2018/19 academic year, **GRTF is awarding \$9000 in scholarships with individual awards up to \$2500.**

Application Guidelines and Procedures

- 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.)
- Award criteria are based on personal essay, financial need, and academic goals.
- Applicants must provide **a)** the completed application form, **b)** one essay.
- Applicants should submit the financial release form to their first-choice academic institution no later than **June 15, 2018** (three weeks prior to application deadline).
- All applications must be complete for consideration, and received no later than **July 6, 2018.**

The scholarship will be awarded on July 31, 2018. 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?

Web applicants, please email the application package to applications@grtransfoundation.org. Include in the email your name, essay (in .doc format), and completed application form.

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	Cell	Are we permitted to leave a message at either of these numbers? If not, we will only contact you via email.		Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Neither (email only) <input type="checkbox"/>
Email	Date of birth		Last 4 SSN (enter 0s only if you do not have an SSN)	
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"/>			How did you hear about this scholarship?	

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

Citizenship and Background (optional)

Are you a US citizen/permanent resident? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	If not US, country of citizenship	Is English your first language? If not, what is? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
What is your race?	Are you of Hispanic, Latinx, or Spanish origin? 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"/>	
Are you "out and open" to your community? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Your gender identity:		

Academic Information

Anticipated college, university, or technical/vocational school (if known)	Admissions office address		
Admissions office phone	Intended program or major	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 _____