

Scholarship established for LGBTQIAP+ graduating senior

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Following a successful fundraiser at Imminent Brewing, the Northfield Pride Committee voted to offer a \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating senior who self-identifies as a member of the LGBTQIAP+ community.

"Whether it's banning gender-affirming care or silencing trans lawmakers, every day LGBTQIAP+ youth are seeing lawmakers try to strip power, often with success, from people like them," says Committee Chairperson Emily Lloyd. "We want to empower queer youth, our community's future leaders, and show them that they are worthy of recognition for the whole of who they are, not in spite of who they are."

The committee sees this scholarship as a way to invest in LGBTQIAP+ youth and to reward their unique contributions to our community. "As a member of the Northfield Pride Committee, and as a local faith leader, I am thrilled that we are able to honor a local graduating senior," writes Rev. Cindy Maddox. "Our youth inspire me and remind me of my sacred obligation to make the world a better place for them."

This is a "flexible education scholarship" which means it can be used for any type of post-secondary education, whether that be a 2 or 4 year college, trade school, training courses, or a certificate program. Students do not apply themselves but are nominated by a teacher, coach, faith leader, or any non-related adult. Nominators

must seek permission from the nominee, and the nominee must live within 15 miles of Northfield. The winner will be publicly announced at the Pride in the Park celebration on Saturday, June 3, in Northfield's Central Park.

The nomination form, which includes more details, can be accessed at <https://northfieldpride.com>

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