The Renaissance City Softball League
Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Renaissance City Softball League Scholarship (RCSL) Fund. This scholarship fund, created by Stephen McGuire (aka Irina Devaroux), is an opportunity to give back to the Rhode Island & Southeastern Massachusetts LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) community and promote sports and higher education.

The RCSL, currently in its 21st year, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is a member of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA). NAGAAA, founded in 1977, is the member-driven managing organization that coordinates the highest level of international competitive LGBTQ softball spanning the United States and Canada. The purpose of the NAGAAA is to be a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of amateur sports competition, particularly softball, for all persons regardless of age, sexual orientation or preference—with special emphasis on the participation of members of the gay community—and to otherwise foster national and international sports competition by planning, promoting, and carrying out amateur sports competition. Each city is an autonomous organization bound together in shared structure, policies, and goals. The RCSL's mission is to foster and coordinate local and national amateur competition, to promote sportsmanlike conduct, and to provide positive social activities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities and their allies. We strive to create a safe environment for all. The RCSL has played a significant role in local LGBTQ fundraising and community service.

The Purpose of the RCSL scholarship fund is to give back to the community that has given us so much throughout the years. We could not think of a better way to support our community and give back than by furthering the education of students that will transform our community into the future and beyond.

Sincerely,
Renaissance City Softball League
Scholarship Committee

Qualifications and Obligations

- This scholarship is open to any individual that has either graduated or is about to graduate (high school or equivalent) who is interested in pursuing a level of higher education in medicine and/or a sports related field and identifies as a member of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) community or who has a parent or guardian who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.
- In the event that the LGBTQ connection pertains to a parent and/or guardian, the parent/guardian will also be required to sign a media release for publicity purposes acknowledging that their names and/or images may be used in media or printed materials.
- The recipient(s) is requested to attend the annual on field Opening Day Ceremonies, (date TBD) at the Hank Soar Softball Complex located at 500 Prospect St, Pawtucket, RI 02860 for the award presentation.
- Each applicant will need to provide proof of residency in Rhode Island or the following counties in Massachusetts: Worcester, Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth.
- Each applicant will be required to include a copy of their high school/College transcript and/or GED certificate with the application.
- Each applicant will be required to include a resume consisting of work, volunteer work, clubs/associations etc.
- Prior to the disbursement of award monies, the recipient will need to provide written proof, in the form of an acceptance letter from the postsecondary institution, to the Renaissance City Softball League.
- Funds from the scholarship will be used as payment toward the recipient's tuition or other educational costs at an accredited postsecondary institution. Monies will be submitted directly to the institution as identified by applicant.
- All application materials will be considered in determining the recipient(s) of the scholarship.

- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED! HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE THE FORM OF A .PDF OR .DOC DOCUMENT!**

Application Check List

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Transcripts and/or GED certificate
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Proof of Residency
- ☐ Media Release Form

- Completed applications should be either filled out online and submitted or mailed to:
  Renaissance City Softball League
  Attn: Scholarship Committee
  P.O. Box 40067
  Providence, RI 02940

All application submissions must be postmarked by Friday, March 1, 2019

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Basic Information

Name:		
Address:		
City/State/ Zip Code:		
Phone Number: ( )		
E-Mail:		
Date of Birth:		
LGBTQ:	☐ YES	☐ NO

Legal Guardian (If applicant under 18)
Print Name:
Signature:
Relation to Applicant:

Post-Secondary Education Information

college / university / trade / technical school Attending:		
Degree Pursuing:		
Have you been accepted?	☐ YES	☐ NO
Projected Start Date:		

Please write an essay outlining your educational plans, involvement with the LGBTQ community, how your or your parent/guardian's LGBTQ status has influenced your life, and how you would give back to the community through medicine and/or a sports related field. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5" x 11") with 1" margins on all sides. It should be no longer than 2 pages.

Release

I have read and agree to the terms set forth in this scholarship application. I also consent that in the event that I am selected as the recipient of this scholarship, I authorize the Renaissance City Softball League to use my name and image strictly for publicity purposes as deemed appropriate. In closing, all information mentioned in this application is filled out to the truest and best of my abilities. Any purposely misleading or false information will result in dismissal and forfeiture of any and all scholarship monies. In the event that misrepresentation is discovered after the scholarship monies have been awarded, the winning applicant will be responsible for repaying any and all monies awarded. Failure to pay back monies will result in contact with local authorities.

Name (Print):

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Signature:

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Date:

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Parental Guardian Release

Name (Print):

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Signature:

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Date:

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