

AUDRIA M. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship fund, named for Audria M. Edwards, was established by her children, Woody Johnson (aka Lady Elaine Peacock) and Misty Waters in 1987. The fund is administered by Peacock Productions, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, funded by donations, the proceeds of variety shows and community fundraisers.

Eligibility Guidelines

Individuals are eligible for scholarships if they:

- will be pursuing post-secondary, under-graduate education in an accredited institution or program during the coming school year;
- are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender or have a LGBT parent;
- have resided for at least one year in the state of Oregon or in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, or Wahkiakum County in Washington.

Application Process

1. Complete the application form.
2. Compile a one-page essay, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript.
3. Read and sign the affidavit at the end of the application form.
4. Mail the form and enclosures on or before May 1st to:

The Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 8854
Portland, Oregon 97207-8854

Application packets that are incomplete or that are postmarked after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Selection Process

A committee appointed by Peacock Productions, Inc. will review materials from all applicants and select finalists on the basis of the following qualifications:

- clarity of career and educational goals;
- potential to succeed in an educational program;
- experience as a volunteer or service-oriented leader;
- commitment to the LGBTQ community;
- capacity for overcoming difficult circumstances and making the most of personal assets.

All finalists will be interviewed before the Review Committee determines who will receive scholarships and how much funding each will receive. Checks will be mailed to students' schools and credited to their student accounts before the beginning of the school year. Funds can be used for tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board charges, but cannot be applied toward off-campus housing, transportation, dependent care, or other personal expenses.

For more information about the history of The Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund
or to learn more about the work of Peacock Productions, Inc.,
visit www.peacockinthepark.com or www.facebook.com/peacockamefund

Community, School, and Work Experience

In the space below, briefly list important and recent extra-curricular and community activities, work and volunteer experiences, and honors / awards you have received. Be specific about groups/organizations you have worked with, how long you were involved, and leadership and service you provided.

Plans for the Coming School Year

Educational Plan

- ▶ Institution you plan to attend: _____ ▶ Its Address: _____
- ▶ Degree You Will be Seeking: Certificate Associate's Bachelor's Other (explain)
- ▶ Intended Major or Area of Study: _____
- ▶ Admission Status: Not Yet Admitted Admitted for Next School Year Returning Student
- ▶ Use the space below to note any circumstances that may alter this plan.

Educational Expenses for the Next School Year

Scholarship funds must be used for items that can be charged to your student account. Use figures from your school's catalog or web site to estimate these expenses. Provide annual totals for the coming year and use the academic year as your date range.

- ▶ Tuition and Fees: \$ _____ ▶ On-campus Room and Board: \$ _____ ▶ Books and Supplies: \$ _____
- ▶ Total Educational Expenses for the next school year: \$ _____

Other Expenses for the Next School Year

Besides educational expenses, what other expenses will you have to cover during the next school year? Provide annual estimates and use the academic year as your date range.

- ▶ Off-Campus Housing: \$ _____ ▶ Transportation: \$ _____ ▶ Personal Expenses: \$ _____ ▶ Prior Student Loans: \$ _____
- ▶ Total of Other Expenses: \$ _____

Income for the Next School Year

Provide annual totals in each income category and use the academic year as your date range. If exact figures are not available, provide estimates for the next school year. Report loans, scholarships, and grants only if you already know you will receive them.

- ▶ Work earnings: \$ _____ ▶ Savings: \$ _____ ▶ Parents/Relatives: \$ _____
- ▶ Grants: \$ _____ ▶ Loans: \$ _____ ▶ Scholarships: \$ _____
- ▶ Total Income for the Next School Year: \$ _____
- ▶ Use the space below to explain any special financial circumstances.

Step 2: Prepare Enclosures

Write a one-page essay.

You must include a one-page essay that describes (a) goals you want to achieve by pursuing higher education, (b) your academic goals and interests, and (c) how a scholarship will prepare you to give back to the GLBTQ community.

Obtain two letters of recommendation.

You must enclose two letters of recommendation with your application packet. Each letter should come from a teacher, instructor, mentor, guidance counselor, supervisor, or other individual who can comment on your academic abilities, community involvement, potential for success, commitment to the LGBTQ community, or other qualifications as an applicant.

Obtain your most recent transcript.

You must enclose a copy of your most recent transcript with your application. You may enclose copies of prior transcripts if you think they provide important evidence of your academic abilities.

Step 3: Read and Sign this Statement

- The information I have supplied on this application is complete and truthful.
- If I am selected as a finalist, I will participate in an interview with the Review Committee.
- If I am awarded a scholarship, Peacock Productions, Inc. may use my name in its publications.

► Signature: _____ ► Date: _____

Step 4: Mail the completed Application Form and enclosures by May 1st to:

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