

# LGBT Foreign Affairs Scholarship 2010



## *Application Process:*

**Application Deadline:** 11:59pm, Friday, March 26, 2010

**Finalist Interviews:** April 11-15, 2010

**Scholarship Awarded:** April 16, 2010

## *Frequently Asked Questions:*

### **What is the purpose of the scholarship?**

The LGBT Foreign Affairs Scholarship serves to provide students of foreign affairs with opportunities they would not otherwise have had due to financial constraints. GLIFAA supports this scholarship because of its desire to be involved in promoting the best workforce possible for U.S. foreign affairs professionals as well as a diverse foreign affairs community, inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

### **Who is eligible for this scholarship?**

All apply:

- Undergraduate sophomores, juniors or seniors or graduate students
- Demonstrated financial need
- Current student in a foreign affairs field
- Interest in LGBT advocacy
- U.S. citizenship or proof of application for U.S. citizenship

### **Will the scholarship provide an internship opportunity?**

Applicants can indicate their application or acceptance to a foreign affairs-related internship or indicate their desire to serve as an intern with the sponsor of this scholarship, GLIFAA. Applicants interested in interning with GLIFAA will be further interviewed by GLIFAA Board Members. However, GLIFAA plans to award this scholarship to the most qualified student applicant both in terms of merit and financial need. Applicants need only to apply for a foreign affairs-related internship to apply and secure this award, but final confirmation of internship employment is required before funds will be released.

### **Will the scholarship provide housing?**

While the major purpose for scholarship funds will be to pay for housing, applicants will be solely responsible for securing a place of residence. The LGBT Foreign Affairs Scholarship and GLIFAA assume no responsibility for housing or the personal needs or safety of any recipient.

### **What is expected of scholarship recipients?**

Recipients will be expected to complete a 10-20 week internship in a foreign-affairs related field during May-September 2010. Internship supervisors will be consulted to confirm employment. Recipients will also be asked to provide simple statements showing how scholarship funds were spent. Costs can include the following: housing (rent), transportation costs such as airfare or commuting costs, or food purchases from grocery stores.

### **How will the scholarship funds be distributed?**

Scholarship funds will be distributed in installments, starting with \$750 on April 16, 2010, or upon the date thereafter that the recipient receives acceptance into a foreign affairs-related internship. Thereafter, funds will be distributed in installments of \$750 and \$1000 at appropriate times based on the exact time period of the internship, with the only condition that the applicant internship continues.