50 States. 50 Grants. 5000 Voices.
Overview + Guidelines

Grants of up to $10k will be awarded from a fund to at least one middle and/or high school in every U.S. state, including U.S. territories. We want to support educators, administrators, and LGBTQ+ clubs that prioritize the empowerment and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ youth while at school. The grant opportunity is made possible with support from American Eagle, MAC VIVA GLAM Fund, and Tumblr.

Below are examples of projects, and not limited to the following. Projects could include:

● **School-wide Projects**
  - Build an LGBTQ+ section for books and other resources in your school library (For example: Build an Inclusive Library w/ Welcoming Schools)
  - Paint a mural or other art installation in your school highlighting local LGBTQ+ history (For example: Install History Panels w/ ONE Archives Foundation)
  - Provide LGBTQ+ inclusive training for your entire school staff (For example: Support Professional Development w/ GLSEN or Provide LGBTQ+ History Webinars for Educators w/ ONE Archives Foundation)

● **Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Projects**
  - Launch your school’s first GSA
  - Install a school garden or gender affirming closet that supports the GSA
  - Provide leadership training for your GSA student leaders (For example: Provide LGBTQ+ History Webinars for Students w/ ONE Archives Foundation)

● **Community Projects**
  - Organize a school float for your city’s Pride Parade
  - Help establish a student-focused program with a local LGBTQ+ center or nonprofit
  - Establish a partnership between the LGBTQ+ students at your school with LGBTQ+ seniors in your area

Grant recipients have up to one year to utilize funding and to report back on impact. Grants do NOT fund research, political activities, scholarships, or individual needs. Grants can NOT benefit only one student.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

All grant applicants **must** demonstrate the following criteria in their application:

● School is a public and/or charter secondary (middle/junior or high) school listed by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) that serves students between 13–18 years old.
● Clear demonstration that funding will effectively support the school’s LGBTQ+ students and educators.
● Clear student/youth participation in the planning and execution of the proposed project; all applications must include at least one student leader and one faculty advisor as signatories.
Unique project plan that must be executed within one school year, demonstrating a clear understanding of the needs of LGBTQ+ students at that school, as well as measurable objectives/impact.

Limited to one application per school.

Grants will be prioritized to schools that demonstrate the following additional criteria:

- Diverse student population (ex. 50% or more of all students are students of color).
- Federally recognized Title I status (i.e. 40% or more of students come from low-income homes).
- Supportive environment for LGBTQ+ students (including trans students, queer students of color, queer students with disabilities, etc.) through resources, policies, curriculum, and more.
- Project plan that incorporates broader community impact and involvement.
- Project plan demonstrates longevity or the ability to keep making a positive impact on LGBTQ+ students beyond the grant year.

**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

Below is the estimated timeline for the entire grant process, from application through the final report:

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