



**HETRICK-MARTIN INSTITUTE**  
EMPOWERMENT, EDUCATION & ADVOCACY FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

## 2021 HMI Fall Scholarship Application

HMI has several scholarship opportunities for HMI members and Harvey Milk High School graduating seniors. The following application will serve as a part of the requirement for consideration for the scholarships enclosed.

Your application will be evaluated based on your:

- Academic record
- Contribution and/or potential contribution to the community

Application requirements:

- Completed application form
- Short personal essay(s)
- High School transcript/High School Equivalency (formerly GED) certificate or College transcript
- One Page Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

**Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.  
In addition, the review committee will consider whether directions were followed when completing the application.**

### **DEADLINE**

**The due date for this application is due September 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM.**

**Please submit your completed application to:**  
Charles Parker, Program Manager of Academic Enrichment  
Hetrick-Martin Institute  
2 Astor Place  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10003

**Please note: You will be notified by email whether you have or have not received the scholarship by **Thursday, September 30, 2021.****

**This HMI Scholarship will go towards your Fall 2021 tuition and fees in the form of a check written out to the recipient's current college/university. Scholarship checks cannot be written out to the student.**

**Personal Information**

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Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Gender Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

OSIS (High School) ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*We support every individual's right to self-identify in regard to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. We ask that you select the option(s) that most closely apply to your sexual orientation and/or gender identity.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> Gay <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/Straight <input type="checkbox"/> Queer <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning <input type="checkbox"/> Two Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> Same Gender Loving <input type="checkbox"/> Asexual <input type="checkbox"/> Pansexual <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose <input type="checkbox"/> Other Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> If other Sexual Orientation, please self-identify: _____
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**Sexual Orientation (Please circle all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> MTF (Male to Female) Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> FTM (Female to Male) Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender/Trans* <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Queer	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Confirming <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to not disclose <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gender Identity <input type="checkbox"/> If other Gender Identity, please Self-Identify: _____
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**Gender Identity (Please circle all the apply)**

**School Information**

**PRINT**

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High School/College currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are *starting college* this spring, please list where you have been accepted.  
If you are *continuing college*, indicate the school **and** state the number of credits you have earned.

*Starting:*

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*Continuing:*

*Credits Earned:*

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What post-secondary education level will you be considered at the start of the 2021 spring semester?

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

## Resume

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Please submit a *one page* resume that includes the following information:

- ◆ Education
- ◆ Clubs, organizations, or sports teams that you have been involved in during high school and/or college. Please indicate any leadership positions (e.g. team captain, president)
- ◆ Paid work experience
- ◆ Community service/volunteer work

*Make sure to include dates for all items listed in your resume.*

## Personal Essays

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On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following short essays. The HMI Scholarship essay is mandatory. For consideration for the two optional scholarships please answer the additional short essays on the following pages.

**The HMI Scholarship requires that you write one original essay with personal reflections. Using a word processing program such as Microsoft Word, please type a 550 word minimum essay in 12-point font. Please select from one of the three topics from Part One as described below. Do not write on more than one topic in Part One, and don't forget to add Part Two to your essay.**

**The prompt is the description that should help you organize and guide your thoughts. Under the prompt, the sub-questions are leads; you should touch upon most or all of the sub-questions, but you are not required to answer every sub-question.**

### HMI College Scholarship Application: Personal Essays

#### Part One: Personal Reflection (Please choose one topic below for this part)

##### Choice 1. Social Justice (Create an original title for your essay)

**Prompt:** This era will be remembered for its investment or non-investment in social justice. The recent police-related deaths of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor and other African Americans helped bring national awareness to pervasive institutional racism, social injustice, and inequality. Black Lives Matter protests and demonstrations have sprung across the nation. Provide a response to how these or similar events have impacted you and the community in which you identify.

- Choose a period in history in your community or another that has sparked a movement to invoke change for the people of that community. Provide dates, names of leaders, and events.
- How does the time period and movement you selected relate to any of the social justice movements taking place today?
- How do you foresee yourself being a part of a social movement that is important to you?

##### Choice 2: The Pandemic (Create an original title for your essay)

**Prompt:** Provided that we are in the midst of one of the worst pandemics in American history, the CDC is pushing for people all around the world to be vaccinated. This has created much divide amongst people who feels mandating vaccinations is against one's human's rights and it should be a choice to take the vaccine or not. Provide a response on your opinion on the vaccination mandates and who it compromises one's human rights.

- Please provide your stance on whether the government bodies and other institutions should mandate people be vaccinated?
- How does this align with other historical periods where people's sense of their rights has been challenged or taken away?

- How do you think the CDC can reach its goal of having all Americans vaccinated?

**Choice 3: The College Experience (Create an original title for your essay)**

**Prompt:** This essay is an option only for those already in college because it requires a deep reflection of your college experience thus far.

- Describe in depth how your college experience so far has been different from any previous life experience.
- What are you looking forward to from your college experience? Why?
- What have you learned about yourself so far in your college journey?
- How will your college degree help you and your community?

**Part Two: Personal Need (Must incorporate in your essay)**

This brief portion of the essay is separate from the topics provided, and an addition to the previous essay to consider your response complete. This is a requirement in the application process for the HMI scholarship. All sub-questions are required for this section.

**Prompt:** To help us determine your eligibility and the depth of your financial need, please write at least two complete paragraphs.

- Describe your current financial situation. From where are you drawing income and where does the money go?
- What are your college and career aspirations?
- How will you benefit from an HMI scholarship in pursuit of your college aspirations?

**Perry-Moore Hero Fund Scholarship (OPTIONAL)**

- Author and producer Perry Moore dedicated his life to spreading a message of tolerance and empowerment for all. Moore's groundbreaking novel, *Hero*, reveals the story of the first gay teenage superhero. Perry wrote *Hero* to support LGBT teens and to combat the negative imagery regarding gay characters in the mainstream comic industry. In honor of Perry's legacy and for consideration of the 2021 *Perry Moore Hero Fund* award, please describe a heroic act you have witnessed (large or small) and how it has inspired you to make a positive impact on the LGBT community.

**Recommendation Form (required)**

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*Note: Recommendation forms may not be completed by a family member.*

*Recommenders you can either return recommendation in a sealed and signed envelope to the applicant OR return directly to Charles Parker, Program Manager, Academic Enrichment, 2 Astor Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, NY, NY 10003, by fax at 212-674-8650, or by email cparker@hmi.org.*

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter of recommendation please be sure to include the following:

- For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- What do you consider to be the applicant's strengths or talents?
- What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
- What contributions has the applicant made to his/her community?



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MEDIA RELEASE FORM

**(Completion of this form has no bearing on scholarship decision-making process.)**

(Please Print)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have agreed to participate in internal and external publicity/media for The Hetrick-Martin Institute and/or The Harvey Milk High School. This includes use in the Institute's printed fundraising materials (including brochures, newsletters, press releases, and annual reports), web-site, printed or electronic public service announcements, magazines, newspapers, television, and film for city, state, national and/or international distribution. I certify that I am at least 18 years old. If not, I have the consent of my parent or legal guardian.

I have read and understand the following:

1. In the event that a media opportunity arises, a representative from HMI will contact me. The Development Department MUST have this document on file before my participation in any media/publicity begins.
2. Although it is ultimately my decision whether or not I want to participate, I know that HMI staff is available to assist me in deciding if appearing in a specific project is in my best interest; HMI staff is committed to offering me support regardless of my decision.
3. I do not have to disclose my real name to a reporter. If I wish, I can be identified by another name.
4. I do not have to answer any questions I do not feel comfortable answering, and I can end my participation at any time during the course of an interview.
5. An HMI staff member will be present with me throughout the interview. I know that I can stop an interview and ask for anything I may need.
6. I realize that once an interview has been completed, I may no longer have any control over when or if it is made public or how many times it is reprinted or rebroadcast.
7. If I do decide to appear in the media (**either in a photograph, a website, or on television**), there is the possibility that someone who knows me will see it and recognize me. This includes family members, relatives, neighbors, friends, community members and peers. As a result, my sexual orientation and/or membership at The Hetrick-Martin Institute may be revealed.
8. I have given careful consideration to the possibility that some people who see this piece may object to my sexual orientation and/or my decision to be public about it. I realize that once the product airs or is printed, I might experience negative reactions from family members, relatives, neighbors, friends, peers, and even from strangers.