



**The New Haven Pride Center David Knapp Scholarship**  
**The New Haven Pride Center Rosa Nilvo O'Connell Scholarship**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**2017/18 INFORMATION SHEET**

**PURPOSE:**

The New Haven Pride Center David Knapp Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship awards to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning persons, and allies who are either: a) residents of Connecticut attending accredited technical, vocational, undergraduate or graduate programs; or, b) non-Connecticut residents who are attending accredited technical, vocational, undergraduate or graduate programs in Connecticut. The New Haven Pride Center Scholarship Committee will determine award recipients. During the application review period, the Committee will consider academic accomplishments, leadership, community service, financial need and personal story. The scholarship was named for David Knapp in early 2011, in honor of his service to the LGBT community and his support of the New Haven Pride Center.

The New Haven Pride Center Rosa Nilvo O'Connell Scholarship Fund was established as an additional scholarship in 2016, in honor of the mother of a longtime Center board member and co-president. With similar goals to the David Knapp Scholarship Fund above, the Rosa Nilvo O'Connell Scholarship Fund adds an additional bonus scoring criteria for those pursuing a degree in the medical field (nursing, medical doctorate, etc.), although all applicants to our process will still be eligible for the award.

**APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE:**

Applications must be received by the Committee, at the address listed below, no later than Thursday, June 1, 2017. The Committee will review applications and awardees will be selected in mid-June 2017. Notification will be sent to all applicants about the status of their applications in mid-Summer 2017.

**AWARDS:**

The New Haven Pride Center will award three scholarships for the 2017/2018 school year. The first two awards, known as the David Knapp Scholarships, will be in the amount of \$500. One \$500 award will be given to a high-school senior, college freshman or college sophomore; a second \$500 award will be given to a student continuing or pursuing education at a level higher than college sophomore. The Rosa Nilvo O'Connell Scholarship is a \$1,000 award which will

be given to one individual from any of the applicants to the two above; a bonus criteria is established for those pursuing a degree in the medical field.

Each award check will be given to enrolled recipients via their institution's Financial Aid Office, at the beginning of the term.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The eligibility rules governing the competition for the New Haven Pride Center David Knapp Scholarship include the following:

1. Eligible applicants include all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students and allies.
2. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or hold a valid student visa during the period in which the award is dispersed (school year 2016/17).
3. During the academic year in which the award is dispersed, recipient must be a) a resident of Connecticut enrolled in an accredited vocational, undergraduate or graduate program leading to a degree, certificate, license, or diploma in their field; or b) enrolled in an accredited vocational, undergraduate or graduate program in Connecticut leading to a degree, certificate, license, or diploma in their field.
4. A recipient from an accredited vocational, undergraduate or graduate program must have earned a minimum cumulative average of a C+ in all prior college level coursework.
5. Recipients must meet all satisfactory academic progress requirements normally applied by the institution for its federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs.
6. Those pursuing a medical field (such as nursing, medical doctorate, etc.) will receive bonus scoring criteria for the Rosa Nilvo O'Connell Scholarship, but all applicants will be eligible for the award.

**INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Official high school and/or college transcripts must be sent by the institution directly to the New Haven Pride Center (address below). All materials must be received (not postmarked) by the Center by Wednesday, June 1, 2016.
2. Applicants must meet all material submission requirements and deadlines that are included in the annual announcement of the competition. An applicant must provide the following documents in order to be considered for the award:
  - a. Completed and signed Application Form with general demographic information.
  - b. Written statement describing how the student meets the requirements of the scholarship program as described in the eligibility section above.
  - c. Any other documents subsequently requested by the Scholarship Committee.
3. Applicants may include additional information to support their application, including documentation of activities cited in their statements.
4. **Applications must be RECEIVED (not mailed) by Thursday, June 1, 2017.** No application received after this date will be considered. Applications can be submitted in two ways:
  - a. Mail completed application and any supporting materials to:  
New Haven Pride Center David Knapp Scholarship

PO Box 8914  
New Haven, CT 06532

b. E-mail completed application and any supporting materials to:  
[nhglcc@gmail.com](mailto:nhglcc@gmail.com).

5. Applicants must inform the Scholarship Sub-Committee of changes of address or enrollment status. Failure to notify the Committee of any changes may impact Scholarship disbursement. Notification can be made via either of the options listed above (physical address or e-mail address).

\*\*\*For all questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee by sending an e-mail to [nhglcc@gmail.com](mailto:nhglcc@gmail.com).

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