**Queering STEM**

**Scholarship Application**

**2020/2021**

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Description

Queering STEM is a scholarship program for LGBTQ+ youth in Ontario who are entering a STEM (science, tech, engineering, math) undergraduate program in Ontario for the 2020/21 school year. The scholarship addresses gaps in LGBTQ+ visibility in STEM fields by providing funding to students who demonstrate academic excellence, civic engagement, and leadership potential. Two scholarships of $2,000 CAD are available. Queering STEM is funded and directed by LoveisLoveisLove and administered in partnership with ScholarTree.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Under 22 years old.
* Currently a resident of Ontario and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
* Completed 2 years of high school education in Ontario.
* Graduating high school in 2021 or graduated high school in 2021.
* Entering a STEM-related undergraduate program in Ontario.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Application window is November 1st 2019 to 11:59pm, January 1st 2020. Finalists will be contacted in early February or earlier. Winners will be announced in mid-February.**

**Application Requirements Checklist**

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| [ ]  | **A 500-word personal essay.** This essay should discuss your interest in STEM, why you chose to study in STEM for your post-secondary education, and what your goals are. “Goals” here is open to interpretation. You can focus on concrete professional goals (IE: you want to do X job); social goals (IE: you want to solve X problem); broader personal goals (IE: you want to be X kind of person), or a combination of these three. |
| [ ]  | **A list of up to 10 extracurricular activities**, employment experiences, and/or awards of your choosing that best reflect your achievements and interests. |
| [ ]  | **A 60-90 second video** on the importance of LGBTQ+ inclusion in STEM. Your video will be evaluated based on the content of your speech, how you present yourself (IE: charisma). Minor consideration will be given to the technical quality of your video, but this is peripheral. |
| [ ]  | **A digital copy of your academic transcript**. A scanned copy is acceptable. Finalists will be asked to provide an official, physical copy of their transcript. |
| [ ]  | [optional] **A 200-word statement on obstacles and/or extraneous circumstances** that may be relevant to your application. Examples include: labour put towards supporting your family (IE: parent siblings in a low-income family); experiencing a serious medical crisis such as cancer; having a close family member go to jail; and so on. The purpose of this statement is to acknowledge individuals may show excellence in their work ethic and character in ways that are not captured by traditional scholarship indicators, either due to differences in social privilege or because of special individual circumstances. |
| [ ]  | [optional] **If it is ambiguous whether the program you intend to attend falls under STEM, you may provide a 150 word explanation why you believe the program does fall within the prevue of this scholarship program.** |

**Section I: Candidate Information**

**Basic Information**

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| Name of Candidate (If your preferred name differs from your legal name, please provide both and indicate which is which): |       |
| Pronouns: |       |
| Phone Number(s): |       |
| Home/Mailing Address: |       |
| Email Address: |       |
| Name of High School: |       |
| University (planning to attend): |       |
| Name of Undergraduate Program: |       |

**Demographic Information**

The following information will not affect your application score, but is needed to help us understand which communities we can better serve in the future.

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| Date of Birth: |       |
| Gender/Gender Expression: |       |
| Sexual Orientation: |       |
| Ethnicity: | [ ]  White (Canadian or Western European)[ ]  White (Eastern European / Slavic)[ ]  Black[ ]  Latin American[ ]  Middle Eastern[ ]  South Asia (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)[ ]  East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Japanese)[ ]  Southeast Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Cambodian)[ ]  West Asian (Iranian, Afghan)[ ]  Other (please specify):       |
| Household Income | [ ]  <$25,000[ ]  $25,000 - $35,000[ ]  $35,000 - $50,000[ ]  $50,000 - $75,000[ ]  $75,000 - $100,000[ ]  $100,000 - $125,000[ ]  $125,000 - $150,000[ ]  >$150,000[ ]  Prefer not to say |
| Did one or both of your parents attend post-secondary education?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Prefer not to say |
| Have you been *diagnosed* with a physical disability? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Prefer not to say |
| Have you been *diagnosed* with a mental disability? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Prefer not to say |
| Immigration and citizenship status:  | [ ]  Canadian citizen [ ]  Permanent resident |

**Section II: Application Questions and Requirements**

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### 1. **Personal Essay** (Maximum 500 words) on your STEM interests, why you chose your university STEM program, and how it is related to your career goals. Please type out essay in the textbox and expand the textbox as needed. Only material within the box will be read.

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2. **Achievements**: A list of up to 10 extracurricular activities, employment experiences, and/or awards of your choosing that best reflect your achievements and interests. Please order them from most to least significant. The description of *each* achievement/award should be a maximum of 75 words.

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3. **Video Submission**: Film and create a 60-90 second video about the importance of LGBTQ+ inclusion and accessibility in STEM. The video should focus on you as a speaker and should not cut away to footage or images. Our goal is to get a sense of who you are. We may share some of these stories to future sponsors to help them understand the value of this program. In submitting your scholarship application you consent to non-commercial, private use of your video for this and similar reasons. In some cases, we may want to share exceptional videos on our platforms or use it for future, public-facing community engagement when growing this scholarship, In this case, LoveisLoveisLove will contact you to request consent for this usage, and no public usage shall occur unless consent is explicitly given in writing.

The video should be submitted as a publicly accessible link below (IE: Youtube, Vimeo, Dropbox). If, for whatever reason, your video must be password protected (IE: to protect your privacy if you are not fully out of the closet), please provide the password below.

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4. **Academic transcript**: Please send a scan or digital copy of a transcript that includes your six highest course grades available at the time of application. This could be your highest midterm grade 12 grades; your highest final grade 12 grades (if you are taking a gap year or completed grade 12 courses earlier, such as through summer school), your final grade 11 grades, or some combination of these. Whatever six courses you include must be highlighted in your transcript.

Please also indicate the calculated average of your six highest grades.

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| Average mark of highest six grades (%):      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

### 5. **Statement of hidden obstacles** (Maximum 200 words, Optional). Please articulate, if applicable, any

**and/or extraneous circumstances** that may be relevant to your application. Examples include: labour put towards supporting your family (IE: parent siblings in a low-income family); experiencing a serious medical crisis such as cancer; having a close family member go to jail; and so on. The purpose of this statement is to acknowledge individuals may show excellence in their work ethic and character in ways that are not captured by traditional scholarship indicators, either due to differences in social privilege or because of special individual circumstances.

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### 6. **Explanation as to why your program falls under the STEM umbrella if you feel that it may be ambiguous whether said program fits within the scope of this scholarship program (maximum 150 words, Optional).**

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**Submission of Application**

Please combine your completed Application Form and your scanned transcript into a single PDF. Title the PDF as “QueeringSTEMApp2020\_LastName\_FirstName” (IE: “QueeringSTEMApp2020\_Kardashian\_Kim”). Email this PDF to scholarship@loveisloveislove.org by the indicated deadline. Do not contact this email for questions on the scholarship. Any inquiries on the scholarship should be submitted using the contact form on LoveisLoveisLove’s website.

1. Proof of admission must be provided via a scanned acceptance letter before scholarship is disbursed. Scholarship will only be paid directly to academic institutions. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to revocation of scholarship. LoveisLoveisLove recognizes that it may be ambiguous whether some programs fall under the STEM umbrella, and reserves the right to adjudicate this on a per-case basis. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)