



## St. Vrain Valley Schools EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**Scholarship Name:** Prism Scholarship

**Award:** One (1) award of \$1,500

**Background:** The Longmont High School (LHS) Prism scholarship is to be awarded annually to a college-bound, academically accomplished, student who self-identifies as LGBTQ. This scholarship is funded by LHS LGBTQ alumni aiming to empower students to continue personal growth and academic success. The founders empathize with the opportunities and challenges of growing up LGBTQ in Longmont. Having defined and achieved success through a diverse and meaningful set of experiences, the funders are excited to assist LHS graduates as they continue their academic careers and develop into leaders in their communities. While there are no requirements for volunteerism or extracurricular involvement, applicants are encouraged to note any meaningful community service/organizational involvement that the committee should consider when deciding on a scholarship recipient.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a high school senior at Longmont High School.
- Be a student who self identifies as a LGBTQ.
- Be planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited **two-year or four-year college or university**, located in the United States beginning the fall of 2022.
- Have a 3.25 grade point average or higher.

### **Application Process:**

**Step1:** Complete the general scholarship application on the St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation (SVVSEF) website ([www.stvrainfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.stvrainfoundation.org/scholarships)). You will be required to submit the following information as part of the general scholarship application. Please note that not all information collected on the general application will be used in selecting the recipient of this scholarship, but will be used to determine your eligibility for all scholarship offered through SVVSEF:

- **Application Information** to include name, address, phone number, email address, high school, GPA, high school transcript, graduation date and name of college, university or trade school the student will be attending.
- **Financial Need** including the EFC from the FAFSA, the FAFSA SAR report and one – two paragraphs explaining the students financial aid situation or financial need.
- **Volunteer and Community Service Record**
- **High School Honors and Awards**
- **High School Activities**
- **Leadership Positions**
- **Letters of Recommendation** to include one from a teacher, administrator or counselor and one from a community member who is not a family member.

**Step 2:** Complete the *Prism Scholarship* application via SVVSEF scholarship platform on Kaleidoscope.

- **Personal Essay** that is 500 words or less. Essay topics:
  - What does an equitable society look like to you?
  - 10 years from now, what historical perspective and advice would you give LGBTQ youth?