

## Virginia Durant LGBTQ+ Scholarship

<b>Biography</b>	The K-State Spectrum Center in Student Belonging and Inclusion in partnership with the Virginia Durant family, have created this scholarship to recognize the contributions of a LGBTQ+ or allied student. The scholarship is for the 2024-2025 academic year. The ideal candidate shall be recognized as a leader within the minoritized sexuality and gender identity community and as a leader who promotes diversity and social justice for all people. Preference will be given to a student who identifies as a first-generation student in higher education. In all other respects, this scholarship shall be awarded without restriction to race, sex, gender identity, national origin, religion, age, sexuality, or disability.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>The applicant of the scholarship must meet the following criteria to receive the scholarship. If applicant does not meet all the criteria, they may address and appeal in their essay to be submitted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The recipient(s) of this scholarship will be a student properly enrolled in any curriculum at Kansas State University.</li><li>2. The recipient(s) must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, based on a 4.0 scale.</li><li>3. The recipient(s) must be a permanent resident of the United States.</li></ol>
<b>Other Criteria</b>	<p>The applicant must submit all of the following materials to be considered for the scholarship.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Applicants Information Page</li><li>2. Essay Submission</li><li>3. Signed Release of Information Form</li></ol>
<b>Selection Timeline</b>	A scholarship committee comprised of university faculty and staff will choose the recipient. Applicants will be informed by email of the award selection. The scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester and checks will be made to Kansas State University for a tuition stipend.

### **Return Completed Application:**

Kansas State University Spectrum Center  
Student Belonging and Inclusion  
1101 Mid-Campus Drive  
207 Holton Hall  
Manhattan, KS 66506

Electronic submissions accepted: [lgbt@ksu.edu](mailto:lgbt@ksu.edu)

**Part I - Application**

*Please print or type the following information.*

**Applicant Information**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Ethnic/Racial Status (check all that apply):**

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- I prefer not to respond

- Biracial
- White/Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic/Latino/Latina
- Any Not Listed \_\_\_\_\_

**University Information**

University ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Classification: \_\_ Freshman \_\_ Sophomore \_\_ Junior \_\_ Senior

Graduate Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Year

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you or will you be a full-time, undergraduate student at Kansas State University in Fall 2024? (You must be an enrolled, Kansas State University student at the time of disbursement to receive the scholarship.)**

Yes  No

**Are you the first in your family to go to college (i.e. first generation college student)?**

Yes  No

**Additional Information**

List any/all high school, college, or community activities in which you have participated in that enhance social justice awareness or the LGBTQ+ community:

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**Special Honors and Awards:**

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**Leadership Activities and Roles/Service to Community:**

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**Potential Career Path/Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you employed:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**If you are not employed, do you plan to be and/or do you need resources for employment?**

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**Part II – Essay**

*Please write your responses to the following essay prompts to help let us learn more about you. We ask you to please take care in writing your essay as they are the most important part of your application. Essays should be neatly typed, Times New Roman 12pt font, and attached. Page length or word count should not be a concern, if you can convey your point efficiently. Be thorough with your answers. Be sure to include your name on the essay and include both prompts on the same document.*

**Prompt #1**

What would it mean to you to be a recipient of this scholarship? Explain to the committee how this scholarship would be a benefit for you and help you be successful as a K-State student.

**Prompt #2**

Please speak to your experience enhancing social justice issues, particularly in relation to minoritized sexualities or gender identities. Why do you feel social justice and recognition of sexuality and gender identity in a multicultural society is relevant today?

**Part III - Signature Page**

*Applicants must sign a Release of Information form (included with this application) so the scholarship committee can verify student financial assistance.*

**Release of Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the committee permission to verify student enrollment status and financial assistance with the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application via email. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Brandon Haddock; bhaddock@ksu.edu.

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*It is our goal to maintain the confidentiality of any and all information submitted on this application.*