

THE PAUL ARCARIO and DON WALKER LGBTQIA+ SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Faculty Council

The LaGuardia Faculty Council invites LaGuardia students to apply for the annual **Paul Arcario and Don Walker LGBTQIA+ Scholarship** of \$300.

DESCRIPTION: In honor of Provost Paul Arcario and his late partner Don Walker, whose support was integral to his success during a long career of dedicated service to LaGuardia, Faculty Council seeks to promote the visibility of Queer life on campus and to foster education and community activism. The Paul Arcario scholarship is designed for students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, or other members of the LGBTQIA+ community to support their growth, education, and career goals. To apply for the scholarship, LGBTQIA+ students are required to submit a statement on one of the following two topics:

- **(Option 1) LGBTQIA+ Identity and Education:** Students should reflect on the relationship between their LGBTQIA+ identity and their educational experiences, either at LaGuardia or some stage prior. We encourage applicants to reflect on how a class, assignment, educator, peer, or experience had an impact on their understanding of, or relationship to, their identity. This might include coming to terms with one's sexuality, coming out, experiencing discrimination, celebrating one's identity, etc.
- **(Option 2) Advancing LGBTQIA+ Lives:** Alternately, students may write a statement about plans to pursue careers and/or engage in community work that will support or advance LGBTQIA+ individuals. Applicants should explain how their identity or membership in the LGBTQIA+ community has shaped their intent to enter a profession, or to engage in community service, that will positively impact members of queer communities and describe how they will do so.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to students who identify as LGBTQIA+. No GPA Requirement! Each Spring I, Faculty Council will open and promote the Paul Arcario LGBTQIA+ essay contest for LaGuardia students across all departments to participate.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the attached application form for this announcement.
2. **Submit a Word document with your statement.**
3. Submit a copy of your most recent **Official Transcript** from the Registrar's Office. (No charge)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Essay Deadline: May 31, 2023**
See contact information on the application below.

Essay criteria:

Your application and essay will be evaluated based on the strength of your discussion of formative identity and educational experiences and/or your creativity and innovative thinking around LGBTQIA+ issues.

- Your statement should be 2-3 pages long, double-spaced.
- If you refer to any outside sources (optional), include in-text citations and a reference list at the end. Use either MLA or APA style.
- Include a formal heading with your name, the date, and the topic selected.
- Format your statement in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced.
- We recommend visiting the Writing Center for support in revising a draft of this statement. In addition, be sure to proofread your statement carefully before submitting, so that we can clearly understand your ideas.

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LGBTQIA+ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ DATE _____

MAJOR _____ EMPLID _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # :(HOME) _____ (WORK OR CELL) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CREDITS EARNED: _____

SESSION AND YEAR THAT YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE: _____

Submission process

Essay deadline: May 31, 2023

Submit this form, your statement, and your official transcript to Professors Allie Brashears jbrashears@lagcc.cuny.edu and Chelsea Del Rio cdelrio@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Faculty Council will announce winner by the end of June.

CHECKLIST

- ____ Completed Application Form
- ____ Personal Statement
- ____ Official Transcript