

James W. Jones Memorial Scholarship

The James W. Jones Memorial Scholarship is in support of Central Michigan University undergraduate students, who are active in advocating in matters of the LGBTQ+ community. Preference will be given to students who study world languages and who have a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of the LGBTQAI+ community. A selection committee, appointed by the Director of the Office of LGBTQ Services & Gender Equity Programs, will determine the recipient of the award. Appointed annually, the selection committee will include one undergraduate student, one staff member outside of the Office of LGBTQ Services & Gender Equity Programs, and one faculty member. The director serves on the committee as a non-voting member.

The selection committee will annually award a total of \$1,000 in scholarships. The selection committee may choose to award two \$500 scholarships or one \$1,000 scholarship per year. All students are eligible to apply for the scholarship, even if they have previously been awarded.

General Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- be an incoming or current student of Central Michigan University for the upcoming Fall semester
- demonstrate a commitment to LGBTQAI+ communities
- if applicable, demonstrate the successful study of a world language
- be enrolled 12 or more credits per semester
- once awarded, remain in academic good standing for the duration of the scholarship for this scholarship, academic good standing means completing 12 or more credits per semester and maintaining a 2.5 gpa or higher
- be willing to be publicly acknowledged as a recipient of the award

Applicants should download the Scholarship Application .pdf, complete the required fields and return the completed materials via email to Shannon Jolliff-Dettore at jolli1sm@cmich.edu with "James W. Jones Memorial Scholarship" in the subject line.

For full consideration, completed materials should be submitted by January 4th, 2021 at noon.

Decisions will be announced no later than May 1.

Questions and completed materials should be emailed to:

Shannon Jolliff-Dettore, Director
Office of LGBTQ Services & Gender Equity Programs
Bovee UC 110A
jolli1sm@cmich.edu

Section 1- Required Personal Information

Applicant Number: _____ (office use only)

Note: Name and any identifying characteristics will only be seen by members of the Office of LGBTQ Services & Gender Equity Programs and will be kept confidential. Committee members will not receive items that could expose the identity of someone, and will be reviewing applications by the assigned applicant number.

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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First Name | Middle Initial | Last Name |
| _____ | _____ | |
| Date of Birth (MM DD YYYY) | Student ID Number | |
| _____ | | |
| Current mailing address | | |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | _____ |
| Preferred email contact | | Preferred phone contact |

Section 2: Current and/or Previous Academic Information

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| What year in school will you be during the beginning of the Fall semester? | | |
| Degree sought | | |
| Major/area of specialization | | |
| Other majors | | |
| Certificates or minor fields of study | | |
| World Language(s) studied and GPA | | |

Previous Educational Experiences

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| University or college previously attended, and dates attended | | |
| Academic major(s) and minor(s) earned | | |
| GPA earned out of 4.0 | | |

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| Academic major(s) and minor(s) earned | | |
| GPA earned out of 4.0 | | |

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| Name of high school you attend or from which you are graduating | | |
| Date of high school entry and date of graduation/anticipated graduation | | |
| GPA earned out of 4.0 | | |

The following sections (Section 3 and Section 4) may be completed on this form, or applicants may submit a resume that addresses both sections.

Section 3. Involvement

You have three opportunities to highlight your most significant extra-curricular activities. In this section, reflect on some of the experiences that have informed and influenced your life thus far, particularly those experiences related to leadership, identity development, civic engagement, or community service.

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| Position/ Level of Involvement 1 5 (Ex: General Member/3) | | |
| Organization | | |
| From mm/yy to mm/yy and hours per week | | |
| Description of experience and impact it had on you (200 words or less) | | |

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| Description of experience and impact it had on you (200 words or less) | | |

Section 4. Scholarships, Awards and Honors

Please list and briefly describe any other scholarships, awards, or honors that you have received.

Name of Award/Scholarship _____

Organization Name _____

Date awarded _____ Amount of monetary award (if applicable): _____

Name of Award/Scholarship _____

Organization Name _____

Date awarded _____ Amount of monetary award (if applicable): _____

Name of Award/Scholarship _____

Organization Name _____

Date awarded _____ Amount of monetary award (if applicable): _____

Section 5. Essays

Please complete **one of the three** following essays. The essay should not exceed 650 words and should be saved as a separate file, following the file naming conventions listed. Acceptable file formats are .docx and .pdf. Please indicate the question number at the beginning of your essay (Question 1, Question 2, or Question 3). Do not include your name in the body of the document.

Question 1.

Please describe what you think is the top issue facing LGBTQ+ college students. What are some of the systemic roots to this problem and what would you suggest as some solutions?

Question 2.

Gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are just some aspects of multiple social identities. Please discuss an experience where the intersection of your multiple identities has changed or affected your worldview or how you interact with others.

Question 3.

Please discuss how being committed to LGBTQ+ issues informs your experiences as a student at Central Michigan University and of your own communities.

Certification

I understand that my application will be shared with the selection committee. In submitting this application, I have been truthful and honest to the best of my knowledge and understanding. I understand that any deliberate misrepresentation of information will result in forfeiture of any scholarship(s) received. I certify that all information in my application, including my essays, is my own work, is complete and accurate, is factually true, and is honestly presented to the best of my knowledge.

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| Initials/digital signature and date | |
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Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Section 1: Required Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Section 2: Previous Academic Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Section 3 & 4 OR current resume Two of three completed essays, each saved in a different file, named according to instructions above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Final page: certification statement |

Completed applications and inquiries may be sent to Shannon Jolliff-Dettore at jolli1sm@cmich.edu.