



# 12 STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS

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Study abroad can be a defining moment in any student's educational journey, one filled with opportunities for growth, numerous realizations, and many more meaningful experiences. For LGBTQ students, studying abroad can be not only an incredible powerful educational experience, it can also be an opportunity to expand understanding, awareness, and acceptance of the LGBTQ community globally.

To support LGBTQ students who are ready to take on the challenge of studying abroad, many organizations, institutions, and associations have established study abroad scholarships to specifically provide financial assistance to LGBTQ students.

Every student deserves the chance to study abroad alongside their peers and experience all the world has to offer, and these scholarships are just some of the opportunities that have been put in place to inspire LGBTQ students to take the leap and study abroad

## 1. The Point Foundation LGBTQ Scholarship

[Point Foundation](#) is a national, publicly supported, scholarship-granting organization focused on helping LGBTQ students. It seeks to empower promising LGBTQs to achieve their academic and leadership potential. Aside from financial support, the Point Foundation also provides mentorship, leadership development, and community service to LGBTQ students in high school and university. Each year the scholarship ranges from \$5,000 to \$28,000.

## 2. Gamma Mu Foundation Scholarship

[The Gamma Mu Foundation](#) seeks to award individual scholarships to gay men who are interested on attending a postsecondary institution or a vocational school. The foundation supports a wide array of educational options, so that every gay student can pursue their specific educational aspirations, including associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, graduate programs, and vocational and technical training. The foundation gives a \$19,000 award each year.

## 3. Pride Foundation Scholarships

Established in 1985, the [Pride Foundation](#) is a regional community organization that is dedicated to giving opportunity and equality to LGBTQs across the Northwestern region of the United States. The Pride Foundation has over 50 scholarships available for LGBTQ students. These scholarships are categorized by academic pursuits, community leadership, cultural identities, and geography, but are available to students at every degree level. The Pride Foundation's scholarship awards range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

## 4. Live Out Loud Educational Scholarship

LGBTQ youth who are pursuing a degree at a college or university can apply for a scholarship with [Live Out Loud](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and inspiring LGBTQ youth and the larger LGBTQ community to live proud, live out, and live free. The scholarship is open to LGBTQ high school seniors in the tri-state area. Five students are awarded a \$5,000 educational scholarship every year.

## 5. LEAGUE Foundation LGBTQ Scholarship

Since 1996, the [LEAGUE Foundation](#) has been providing financial resources to American LGBTQ high school seniors who want to pursue higher education. The foundation has three separate scholarship awards: the Laurel Hester Memorial Scholarship, the Matthew Shepard Memorial Scholarship, and the LEAGUE Foundation Scholarship. Applications are accepted from January through April annually, and awardees are announced in July.

## 6. APIQWTC Scholarship

[Asia Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community](#) (APIQWTC), pronounced as "Api-cutesy," is a volunteer-based organization founded in 1987. The APIQWTC scholarship is awarded to two Asian Pacific Islander, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or transgender students pursuing technical or professional training or full degree programs at higher education institutions each year. The selected scholars receive a \$1000 scholarship to go toward their educational endeavors.

### 7. PFLAG National Scholarships

Founded in 1972, [PFLAG](#) is the largest grassroots-based organization in the U.S. The organization is committed to advocating for equality and societal affirmation of LGBTQs. The PFLAG National scholarship is open to LGBTQ and allied students worldwide, who plan to pursue a higher education and demonstrate an interest in participating in the LGBTQ community. Awardees receive \$1,000 to \$5,000.

### 8. Stonewall Foundation Scholarships

Since 1990, the Stonewall Foundation has been focusing on the needs of the LGBTQ community specifically in the state of New York. The foundation inspires meaningful change by creating scholarship opportunities for LGBTQ students. In 2015, the Stonewall Foundation offered four separate scholarships opportunities for LGBTQ students, each one reflecting the unique values of its donors.

### 9. Colin Higgins Youth Courage Award

Established in 2000, the [Colin Higgins Foundation](#) gives away the Youth Courage Award annually to recognize exceptional students who demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and discrimination. LGBTQ youth activists who apply will have the chance to win a grant of \$10,000, an opportunity to attend the National Conference on LGBTQ Equality, and be honored during Pride Week on an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles or New York.

### 10. NGPA Aviation Scholarship

Gay, lesbians, and their straight allies who are interested in pursuing an aviation career can apply for a scholarship provided by the [National Gay Pilots Association \(NGPA\)](#). This international organization promotes equality as well as aviation safety.

The NGPA Aviation Scholarship is awarded to exceptional candidates who have demonstrated involvement and support of the LGBT community.

### 11. Rainbow Scholarship

Made possible by the generous donations and support of numerous international education professionals that are dedicated to helping LGBTQ students participate in international programs, the [Rainbow Scholarship](#) is awarded to LGBTQ students who want to pursue meaningful, intensive education programs abroad. Awarded by the [Fund for Education Abroad](#) annually, this scholarship is part of the NAFSA Rainbow Special Interest Group, which is made up of professionals that are devoted to supporting and counseling LGBTQ students as well as combating discrimination against LGBT students.

### 12. IGLTA Foundation Scholarships

[The International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association Foundation](#) offers Annual Global Convention Scholarships in order to support future LGBT leaders in the fields of tourism and hospitality. The IGLTA Foundation also focuses on supporting students interested in establishing businesses in destinations that lack LGBT acceptance, in order to help promote awareness and global acceptance of the LGBT community.

# RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS

To help LGBT students who are contemplating studying abroad, preparing for their trip, or currently participating in an international program, we have put together a comprehensive list of resources to make researching easier; and in turn, studying abroad easier for LGBT students.

- [Education Abroad Guide](#)
  - [NAFSA: Association of International Educators Rainbow Special Interest Group](#)
  - [The International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association](#)
  - [Rainbow Europe](#)
  - [Northwestern University Study Abroad - LGBTQ Students Abroad Page](#)
  - [IES Abroad Diversity Resources](#)
  - [The LGBT Guide to Study Abroad by Tufts Programs Abroad](#)
  - [LGBT Identity Abroad by The University of Iowa](#)
  - [U.S. Department of State LGBTQ Travel Informationz](#)
  - [Know Your Rights: Schools by National Center for Transgender Equality](#)
  - [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Returned Peace Corps Volunteers](#)
  - [International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association](#)
  - [Foreign & Commonwealth Office of the UK - LGBT Foreign Travel Advice](#)
  - [Diversity Abroad](#)
  - [National Center for Transgender Equality](#)
  - [A Blueprint for Equality: The Right to Travel \(2015\)](#)
- [Know Your Rights: Airport Security](#)
  - [University of San Diego - LGBTQ Students & Study Abroad](#)
- Useful Articles:**

  - [Suggestions for LGBTQ Students Going Abroad](#)
  - [10 Reasons why LGBTQ Students should Study abroad](#)
  - [GlobalGayz Blog](#)
  - [NYU Student-to-Student Guide for LGBT Students](#)
  - [4 Tips for Advising Trans Students on Study Abroad](#)
  - [Putting LGBTQ into Generation Study Abroad](#)
  - [Some Questions LGBTQ Students Should Consider When Making the Decision to Study Abroad](#)
- Videos:**

  - [University of Minnesota - Orientation for LGBT Students Studying Abroad](#)
  - [IES Abroad - It Gets Better Project for LGBT Students](#)