

**UNITY COALITION|COALICION UNIDA'S
LGBT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ANITA PRIEST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2016 APPLICATION**



All information is strictly confidential.

This authorization is being granted to this Committee as it pertains to being considered for the UC|CU's Anita Priest Memorial Scholarship.

Eligibility: You must be a resident of South Florida.

Instructions: You must follow all instructions for your application to be considered. See the checklist below before sending the application via e-mail. Applications must be complete before they will be considered.

- Completed and signed application
- Recent photo or digital photo in jpg, gif, or bmp format
- Most recent academic transcript to be sent by the school by e-mail to: herb@unitycoalition.org or by mail directly to: HERB SOSA, 831 Ninth Street, Miami Beach, Florida 33139
- At least two and no more than three letters of recommendation (At least one of these must be from an individual familiar with your work in South Florida (no family members))
- A scan of Driver's License / State Issued ID

I authorize Unity Coalition|Coalicion Unida's LGBT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP Program | Anita Priest Memorial Scholarship Committee, to review and discuss my grades and other records concerning me that are maintained by my school or submitted by me for consideration. This authorization is being granted to this Committee as it pertains to my being considered for a Scholarship Award.

Student's Authorization _____ Yes _____ No Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Tel: _____

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| 1. | Are you a graduating high school senior? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| 2. | Do you currently have a high school diploma, G.E.D. or other accreditation? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| 3. | Date of Birth: _____ Ethnicity/Race: _____ | | |
| 4. | Are you a member of the LGBT community? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| 5. | If yes, are you "out and open" in the community? | _____ Yes | _____ No |
| 6. | Are you a supporter of the gay community? | _____ Yes | _____ No |

APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC STATUS (Skip to question 14 if you are a graduated high school student)

7. Name of High School: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
8. Name of Financial Aid Advisor: _____ Phone: _____
9. Name of Principal: _____ Phone: _____
10. Are you in a good academic standing? ___ Yes ___ No
11. GPA _____ Approximate Class Rank _____ Number in Class _____
12. Have you been awarded any school honors or recognitions? ___ Yes ___ No
If so, please list them _____
13. What school clubs or extracurricular activities are you involved with? _____

APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL NEEDS AND COLLEGE INFORMATION

14. Are your parents aware of your gay status? _____ Yes ___ No
15. Are your parents supportive of your gay status? _____ Yes ___ No
16. Do you live apart from your family? _____ Yes ___ No
17. Do you support yourself financially? _____ Yes ___ No
18. Do you believe that you have any special needs? _____ Yes ___ No
If yes, please explain your needs on a separate sheet of paper. These special needs will be treated with confidentiality. If we need to contact anyone else about these needs, we will contact you first to obtain your permission to talk with others about your needs.
19. To what colleges are you applying: _____
If you are currently in college, what is the name of your current institution and what is the cumulative GPA (grade point average)? _____
20. What is your admission status? _____ Planning to apply
_____ Waiting for school to respond
_____ Admitted
21. Estimated annual college cost (tuition, room and board, books, etc.) \$ _____
22. Do you have a chosen major? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, list chosen major: _____
23. How do you plan to finance your college education? (check all that apply)
_____ Grants/Scholarships _____ College Work/Study Program
_____ Part-Time Employment _____ Full-Time Employment _____ Student Loans
24. Are your parents able and willing to assist with your college expenses? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YOUR PARENT(S) ARE SUPPORTIVE, & WILLING & ABLE TO ASSIST WITH YOUR COLLEGE EXPENSES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (skip to question 30 if this doesn't apply to you)

25. Is this a single-parent family? _____ Yes _____ No
1st Parent's Name: _____
2nd Parent's Name: _____
26. If both parents reside at the same address, are they both working? ___ Yes ___ No ___ N/A
27. Total household income as reported on most recent federal tax return(s): \$ _____
28. Number of dependent children in the household: _____
29. Number of dependent children in college: _____

APPLICANT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT AND/OR ANY EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

30. Please briefly describe any community service activities with which you have been involved. You should describe only those activities which have been of the highest importance to you. You do not have to describe every activity that you have undertaken. Be sure to mention any activities in which you have played a leadership role in ANY activities in the gay community.

31. What jobs, if any, have you held? Please list both volunteer and paid positions as appropriate.

Employer's Name: _____
Job Title: _____ Date of Employment: _____

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32. Please describe any achievements of which you are especially proud:

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What career do you plan to pursue upon completion of your education?
How have your past experiences shaped this goal? (500 word limit)

2. If applicable, how has the fact that you are gay, bisexual, or transgender affected your life?
 How would being a recipient of this scholarship allow you to make a positive contribution to the gay
 community? (400 word limit)

3. Optional Essay: Complete this essay if there is other information you would like to add regarding your
 candidacy. For instance, if you believe one or more aspects of your application (e.g., GPA or test
 scores) do(es) not accurately reflect your potential for success, please elaborate. (300 word limit)

CERTIFICATION:

I attest that all the information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented. The Unity
 Coalition|Coalición Unida LGBT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP Program | Anita Priest Memorial Scholarship has my
 permission to verify information submitted in this application. I understand that any misrepresentation of my
 application will justify the denial or cancellation of any offer of scholarship by the Anita Priest Scholarship.

Yes No _____ Date: _____
 Name/Signature
 Typing your name above reflects a valid signature

Established in 2007 in memory of her later partner, renowned Interior Designer Anita Priest, the "Whispering Angels" Memorial
 Scholarship program founded by Sandra Holiday, is a legacy program that provides a scholarship for the LGBT community to
 advance their education in the areas of Design, the Arts, and Education.

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 gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) - advancing Equality & Fairness since 2002.
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