

The Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship Application

Mike Goen was a member of the Medford community, who was passionate about LGBTQ+ issues and rights. Mike is remembered as a fun-loving guy who loves animals, God, his friends and family. Mike passed away in June of 2022. Mike was one of the original members of the Medford Pride Tribe.

The Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2022 after the 2nd annual Medford Pride Stride. The goal of the Scholarship is to assist the LGBTQ+ students in North Central Wisconsin with a preference to students from Clark, Taylor, and Price counties in receiving higher education to help them achieve their greatness, follow their dreams, and help this world become more accepting of all its children.

Scholarship Eligibility:

The Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship is available to any person who identifies as LGBTQ+ who are planning to enroll in or are enrolled in an institution of higher education such as University, College, or Technical College.

- Students should have a current GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, be in good academic standing, and demonstrate leadership through extracurricular activities and/or involvement in LGBTQ+ advocacy.
- Applicants must live in North Central Wisconsin. We will be giving preference to students from Taylor, Clark, or Price Counties.
- Applicants must be enrolled in and attend an institution of higher education. Proof of enrollment will be required prior to payment of scholarship.

Award Amount:

- \$500 scholarship

Funding Sources

- The Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship is funded through donations and fundraisers through the Medford Pride Tribe, an organization supported by the 5 Practices team of the Community UCC in Medford, WI.

Application Process and Deadline:

- Students will be able to apply for the Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship by filling out an application form, submitting a copy of a current school transcript or report card, and completing essay questions.
- Please email medfordpridetribe@gmail.com for a copy of the application.
- The deadline for submissions is 05/01/2026.
- Recipients of the scholarship will be notified no later than 06/01/26.

On a Separate piece of paper, please respond to the following essay questions:

1. Describe your LGBTQ+ community involvement and/or extracurricular activities in the last 2 years.
2. How will you help this world become more accepting of all its children?
3. Describe how you plan to finance your higher education?

Please return this form, essays and a copy of your current report card or transcript to: MedfordPrideTribe@gmail.com

Or mail the information to:

Medford Pride Tribe,
c/o CUCC,
510 E Broadway Ave,
Medford WI 54451

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Date: _____

Full Name: _____ (first middle last)

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ Wisconsin County: _____

Current School Information: (name, address, phone #):

College, University, or Technical College you plan to attend in the fall of 2026:

Course of Study: _____

Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship - Confidentiality and Consent for Public Recognition

- The Medford Pride Tribe and our community partners are committed to honoring your privacy and ensuring your safety. Scholarship applications are strictly confidential.
- If you are selected for the Mike Goen Memorial Scholarship, you will *not* be required to be publicly recognized in any way in order to receive the award.
- However, if you feel safe and comfortable being publicly celebrated, we invite you to let us know your preferences below:
- **1) Are you willing to be publicly recognized as a recipient?**
 - Yes
 - No
- **If yes, where are you comfortable being recognized (select all that apply):**
 - High School Scholarship Night
 - Medford Annual Pride Stride
- **2) Are you willing to sign a name and photo release?**
 - Yes
 - No
- If you are comfortable being publicly recognized, please sign and date below:
- *Signature:* _____ *Date:* _____
- If you are not comfortable or if public recognition would compromise your safety, please sign and date below to indicate that you wish to remain confidential:
- *Signature:* _____ *Date:* _____
- Public recognition is entirely optional and has no impact on your eligibility to receive the scholarship.

If you have concerns about safety, privacy, or need support, please know that the Medford Pride Tribe partners with Stepping Stones, Inc.—a local agency that provides free and confidential services to individuals affected by domestic, family, and sexual violence, bullying, and harassment. Stepping Stones is a safe and affirming space for LGBTQIA+ individuals. You can speak with an advocate to receive emotional support, safety planning resources, and other support services. To connect with Stepping Stones, call 715-748-3795. Office hours are 8 am - 4 pm, Monday-Thursday. For after hours support, please call Stepping Stones 24/7 support line at 715-748-5140.