

Iowa Pride Network's  
**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GAY-STRAIGHT  
ALLIANCE CONFERENCE**

Saturday, April 17, • Wells Fargo West Des Moines Campus, 800 South Jordan Creek Parkway • Des Moines

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS  
*APPLICATION DUE FRIDAY April 3, 2010*

Those wishing to present a workshop for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gay-Straight Alliance Conference should read these instructions before filling out a workshop proposal application.

Mission:

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The mission of the Annual Gay-Straight Alliance Conference is to celebrate the diversity and culture of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied (LGBTQA) communities; collaborate across the spectrum of our identities and experiences; provide a safe forum to discuss challenges, issues and ideas facing LGBTQA students today; and empower students to build not only successful student organizations, but healthy and productive lives.

Conference Registration and Fees:

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**Workshop presenters are required to register for the conference.** It is highly recommended that all workshop applicants register for the conference as soon as possible. **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GSA Conference is free for all participants.**

Accommodations and Travel Expenses:

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Workshop presenters are responsible for their own accommodation and travel expenses.

Deadlines:

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**The final deadline for all applications is April 2nd.** Workshop applicants must be registered for the conference by this date in order for their proposals to be considered.

If the number of conference proposals exceeds conference capacity, selection will be based in part on the criterion of diversity related to the topic area of focus listed further below.

Notifications:

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Those who turn in their applications by April 2nd will be notified of their application status by April 9th.

Length:

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Submitted proposals should be 60 minutes in total length.

Recommendations:

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It is recommended that presentations include an interactive component with the audience and that handouts are readily available to all workshop participants.

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Topic Areas of Focus:

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It is requested that workshop proposals fit into one of more of the following categories:

- **GSA Activism, Leadership and Development**  
Starting a GSA, building and managing your group, developing leaders
- **Allies and Safe Space Campaigns**  
How to be an Ally, what issues face the Ally community, how to bring and keep allies in your GSA, developing and maintaining a Safe Space program
- **Arts, Culture, and History of the LGBTQA Community**  
Celebrating the arts, culture and history in regards to the LGBTQA community, review of how LGBTQA community has evolved in media and society
- **Education and Outreach in Schools**  
How to educate your school on LGBTQA issues, ally and teacher trainings, and spreading awareness of issues facing the LGBTQA community
- **Coming-Out**  
Issues facing those that are in the process of coming out, creating supportive environments to those in coming out process
- **Bodies and Gender Freedom**  
Issues facing those that do not fit into the gender or sexual binary norms, including those who are Transgender, Intersex and Genderqueer
- **Curricula and Studies**  
How to incorporate the LGBTQA community into curricula, dealing with and overcoming opposition to inclusive teachings
- **Faculty and Staff Concerns**  
Issues facing faculty and staff, in particular, advisors of GSAs
- **Health/HIV Prevention**  
Health issues facing the LGBTQA community, STD prevention, safer sex initiatives, physical, mental and psychological health
- **People of Color**  
Issues surrounding communities of color
- **Spirituality and Faith**  
Being spiritual and a part of the LGBTQA community, debunking myths and incorrect teachings regarding faith and sexual orientation and gender identity, supportive faiths and reconciling organizations

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- Violence and Bias Prevention  
Methods of addressing, preventing and reporting violence, harassment and bias in school and in the community
- Coalition Building and Fighting Oppression  
Building alliances and coalitions with other organizations, dealing with various forms of inequality and other “isms”
- LGBTQA Concerns when Preparing for College or the Workforce  
Issues surrounding choosing accepting colleges and workplace environments, what to look for and how to be prepared
- Other (Please Explain):

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## WORKSHOP PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Basic Information:

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Presentation Title:

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Focus Track Areas (check all that apply):

- GSA Activism, Leadership and Development
- Allies and Safe Space Campaigns
- Arts, Culture, and History of the LGBTQA Community
- Education and Outreach in Schools
- Coming-Out
- Bodies and Gender Freedom
- Curricula and Studies
- Faculty and Staff Concerns
- Health/HIV Prevention
- People of Color
- Spirituality and Faith
- Violence and Bias Prevention
- Coalition Building and Fighting Oppression
- LGBTQA Concerns when Preparing for College or the Workforce

Would you be willing to join another session on your topic if the number of workshop proposals exceeds conference capacity?

- Yes
- No

Equipment Needs (check all that apply):

- Overhead Projector
- LCD Projector
- Television/VCR/DVD Player
- Film Projector
- Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Needs (i.e. moveable chairs, tables, etc.):

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Program Abstract:

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Please type and attach a program abstract (500 words or less) that describes the in-depth goals and topics that will be covered in this proposed workshop. This information will be used for selection purposes and will not be published in the conference program.

Program Description:

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Please type and attach a program description (60 words or less) that will be used to describe this workshop in the conference program guide.

Presenter Information:

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Please type and attach a short biography (60 words or less) of each presenter. If there are more than two presenters, please type and attach additional presenter information to this form, as well.

PRESENTER #1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTER #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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If not submitting online, please mail all applications to the following address:

IOWA PRIDE NETWORK  
777 Third St. Suite # 312  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

Applications may also be submitted via email to: [rachel@iowapridenetwork.org](mailto:rachel@iowapridenetwork.org)