

THE IOWA PRIDE NETWORK AWARD

Recognizing & Honoring Iowa's Best Gay-Straight Alliances

-NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM - *APPLICATION DEADLINE April 15th, 2011*

The Iowa Pride Network Awards are designed to recognize and honor Iowa's best middle school and/or high school Gay-Straight Alliance and college and/or university LGBT group. The awards go to LGBT student organizations that have shown a committed effort to raise awareness of LGBT issues on their campus and in their communities; and have pioneered programs that have increased the respect for LGBT people.

Iowa Pride Network Award winners will be recognized at Iowa Pride Network's Spring Soirée and Honors Benefit in Des Moines, Iowa April 28, 2011. Applicant's student leaders and/or advisor(s) must be able to attend the official ceremony in April. Award winning organizations will also receive \$250.00 in support. Please see Criteria for Nomination and Selection below.

Please Print Clearly

Nominated Organization

Organization Name: _____

Middle/High School/College/University: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Student Contact

Name: _____

Position in group: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor Contact

Name: _____

Position at school/college: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please mail all applications to the following address:

**IOWA PRIDE NETWORK
777 Third St. Suite 312
Des Moines, IA 50309**

- Have Questions -

Email Outreach Coordinator Joshua Merritt at: iowapridenetwork@gmail.com

Or phone at: 515-471-8063

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-CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION & SELECTION -

1) **Statement of Nomination**

Compile information (such as supporting letters, documents, awards, pictures, etc.) of the nominee's contributions and provide specific examples to describe how the organization meets The Iowa Pride Network Award criteria. (In years past, organizations have submitted scrapbooks, DVDs, and organization binders showing their organization in action).

2) **Documentation of Successive Lines of Leadership**

Any successful organization insures that its programs and resources will continue on. To the extent possible; please provide a list of students (with contact information) who are assuming leadership for your GSA next year.

3) **Criteria for Selection**

Each application will be evaluated based on the following five categories: **Education, Programming, Advocacy, Outreach, and Community Service.**

Here are some examples to give you a better idea what each category may consist of. You are in no way restricted by the examples on this list. If you have any questions please contact Iowa Pride Network.

- ✓ **Education:** Examine your current school curriculum or college classes and make sure there are fair and accurate representations of LGBT people in you classes. Use days of action to educate students and faculty members about LGBT issues. Talk with teachers and professors; see if they will offer your meetings and events as extra credit to their classes (*perfect for Education Majors*).
- ✓ **Programming:** Make sure your meetings are inclusive, educational, and fun! Invite guest speakers to present at your regular meetings, use your meetings to build an anti-racist GSA or make sure your group is Trans inclusive. Participate in known days of action like Day of Silence, Iowa GSA Day, LGBT History Month, Ally Week, World AIDS Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, National Coming Out Day, TransAction Day, etc.
- ✓ **Advocacy:** Write to your legislators about issues that are relevant to your group or college/school. Host events where you can educate your campus about the marginalized identities in our community. Show films, host guest speaks and panels to discuss LGBTQIA people of color, bisexuality, the transgender community, homeless LGBT youth, etc...
- ✓ **Outreach:** Help local colleges and schools start a GSA! Network with local high school and college LGBT groups; provide resources and support for local groups and help them become more sustainable. Work with local high schools and middle schools to make sure the Iowa Safe Schools Law is being implemented in their school; help them create their own safe space training for faculty and students.
- ✓ **Community Service:** Host an event on campus to raise awareness for a good cause! Use the event to collect money, food, or supplies for a local food pantry, homeless shelter, or another organization or cause. Help make your school more green friendly! Volunteer your GSA to pick up trash, or plant trees and plants in the community.

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-PAST AWARD WINNING GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES-

2010 High School Award Winner:
2010 College Award Winner:

Southeast Polk High School
Waldorf College

2009 High School Award Winner:
2009 College Award Winner:

Linn-Mar High School
Waldorf College

2008 High School Award Winner:
2008 College Award Winner:

Urbandale High School
University of Northern Iowa

2007 High School Award Winner:
2007 College Award Winner:

Johnston High School
Iowa State University

2006 High School Award Winner:
2006 College Award Winner:

Cedar Falls High School
Wartburg College

2005 High School Award Winner:
2005 College Award Winner:

Dubuque Senior High School
University of Iowa