Up to 15 $1000 scholarships will be awarded to incoming and current UMKC students.

The UMKC LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and ally) Leadership Scholarships supports all students regardless of gender or sexual diversity, who are or will be enrolled in any undergraduate degree program at UMKC. Eligible students will a) be in good academic standing, b) demonstrate financial need (through the FAFSA), c) be enrolled full-time and d) have worked towards the advancement of LGBTQIA equity through leadership efforts, inside and/or outside of the classroom environment, demonstrating continued efforts to improve the experience of the LGBTQIA community at UMKC. These efforts include but are not limited to:

- Working to establish an informed and civically engaged LGBTQIA community at UMKC.
- Actions to educate the non-LGBTQIA community on the daily-lived experiences of the LGBTQIA community at UMKC or local community.
- Efforts to educate, inform, and engage the UMKC community about the intersecting identities that make up the UMKC LGBTQIA community.

If selected as a LGBTQIA Leadership Scholar, recipients will need to demonstrate continued involvement in a number of campus or community engagement opportunities. These may include:

- Serving as a peer educator on campus LGBTQIA Speakers Bureau panels.
- Maintaining a leadership position in an LGBTQIA student organization.
- Serving as a volunteer in the Rainbow Lounge.
- Demonstrating volunteer commitments to campus or community LGBTQIA support organizations.
- Organizing LGBTQIA inclusive programs in collaboration with LGBTQIA Programs & Services.

When applying, please fill out the application below, and submit the following items:

- A completed application.
- A personal essay demonstrating your LGBTQIA leadership efforts through involvement, education, or engagement towards LGBTQIA advancement and inclusion. Also indicating goals for future UMKC leadership endeavors.

**Application Checklist**

- Scholarship Application
- Personal Essay

**Snail Mail Address**

Application materials should be submitted to:

Office of Student Involvement
LGBTQIA Programs & Services
5100 Cherry St. Suite 320
Kansas City, MO 64110

lgbtqia@umkc.edu

**DUE DATE:**

Current (Returning) Students: July 15 (priority)
Incoming Students: July 15 (priority)
I, ___________________________________________, (printed name) hereby authorize the University of Missouri-Kansas City to release information connected to my progress as a student. I understand and agree this may include:

• My major field
• My cumulative GPA
• My awards and/or organization participation
• Any general comments on my contributions to the University.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________