



TEAM TORONTO PARTICIPATION BURSARY for Gay Games VII Chicago 2006 or Montréal 1st World Outgames

Team Toronto is launching a Bursary Program for Athletes and Cultural Program participants who plan on attending the upcoming Gay Games VII in Chicago (July 15th to July 22nd, 2006) or the 1st World Outgames in Montréal (July 29th to August 5th, 2006). By mid March 2006, five bursaries will be given to elected athletes / cultural registrants who are participating in Gay Games VII, in Chicago and five bursaries will be given to elected athletes / cultural registrants who are participating in the 1st World Outgames in Montréal.

The Team Toronto Bursary program is intended to reward deserving Team Toronto members who exemplify the ideals of the Gay Games and World Outgames, who have shown leadership potential in Toronto's LGBT community, and would benefit from financial assistance to get the most from this unique opportunity of international experience. This bursary is not designed to pay for the entire cost of the trip and registration, but to provide additional support to a qualified applicant in financial need who has a demonstrated commitment to attending the Gay Games or the World Outgames.

Upon return from the Gay Games or the World Outgames, individuals accepting the assistance agree to write an essay between 500 and 1000 words describing their experience in Chicago or Montréal. Portions of this essay may be published or otherwise used to promote the Team Toronto Bursary Program.

THE TEAM TORONTO BURSARIES WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Gay Games or World Outgames participation and event registration fees.
- 4 of the 10 Bursaries will also consist of a \$500 cash award to be used towards travel expenses or accommodations.
- Team Toronto Membership Fee for 2005 & 2006.
- Team Toronto Uniform to be used for the Opening & Closing Ceremonies for the Gay Games or World Outgames.
- Round Trip transportation from Toronto to Montreal on VIA Rail*. (*Note: this applies only to those five bursaries awarded to the Montréal World Outgames).

REQUIREMENTS - APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Indicate the intended use of support requested (i.e. Airfare, lodging, other travel expenses)
2. Demonstrate how they plan to pay for their expenses not covered by this financial assistance.
3. Provide financial documentation demonstrating their need for this scholarship
4. Provide 2 letters of reference/recommendation describing their commitment to participating in the Gay Games. This should be provided by a coach, teammate, partner, or friend.
5. Preference will be given to athletes/cultural participants who are attending the Gay Games for the first time, and to distribute the awards to people of different genders.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a letter describing what your request will fund and how you are paying for the other parts of the trip. Include details of any fundraising activities. Please also identify the event you intend on participating in, describing your past Gay Games or other community event or sports/cultural group experiences, as well as what you hope to achieve at the Chicago Gay Games or Montréal World Outgames in July 2006. In addition, please attach the following supporting information: (NOTE: this information is only used to assist the selection committee members in ranking their selections, and will be kept confidential, and returned on request)

1. Letters of recommendation from a coach, teammate, friend, etc. describing your commitment to participating in the Gay Games. Please include 2 letters from different sources.
2. Supporting Financial Documents - can include 2004 Federal Tax Return summary; or documentation demonstrating that you are low waged or un-waged, or a full time student.
3. Include your name, address, telephone, e-mail, sport/team information

It is important that you application be accurate and complete. If any part of the application contains inaccurate information or if false information or documentation is submitted, the application will be rejected before processing.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Applications Due	February 28, 2006 - envelopes must be postmarked by February 24, 2006
Award Notifications	March 15, 2006 through telephone with a written confirmation.
Award Presentation	March 25, 2006 at Toronto Sports Alliance Sports Fair

Please send your completed application to: Team Toronto Bursary Program
599 - B Yonge Street, Suite 311
Toronto, Ontario. M4Y 1Z4

AWARDING BURSARIES:

After the deadline for applications, the Bursary Committee will begin assigning scholarships to applicants according to their ranking. Those applicants who qualify for a bursary will be notified.

If you need further information or assistance with the application process, please write to the Team Toronto Committee at info@torontosportsalliance.com

Thank you for applying for the Team Toronto Bursary Program.

Yours In Sport,

The Team Toronto Bursary Committee