



LGBT RESOURCE CENTER

Student success underlies all UH Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center initiatives. The mission of the UH LGBT Resource Center is to launch the next generation of healthy, proud, academically successful lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) citizens, leaders and advocates. By providing leadership development programs, we can move students toward success no matter where they may be on the continuum of needs.

Student Need

Students frequently identify financial reasons for not completing college. Unfortunately, LGBT students have an additional reason to experience financial difficulty: family support. The LGBT office has counseled students who have experienced hardships as a result of informing their family of their sexual orientation, which in some cases has led to probation or suspension academically, but has also resulted in difficulty paying for tuition and fees at UH.

Ways to Invest

The LGBT Resource Center has identified programs that could allow it to better serve the LGBT students and the surrounding Houston campus community. We ask you to keep the following points in mind when considering giving:

- **EDUCATIONAL AND IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**— The center provides programs that educate students about LGBTQ people or support LGBTQ students in their identity development. These programs include a Mentoring Program for at-risk LGBTQ students, a Brown Bag Lunch that helps students make connections to their LGBTQ peers, and a Speakers Bureau that educates students and creates an inclusive campus environment.
- **SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**— Scholarships are awarded to UH students who apply and display a commitment to serving in the LGBT community. Currently, the center awards scholarships between \$600 and \$1,000 each year. To date, four scholarships have been awarded. The first portion of each scholarship is awarded in the fall term and the remaining half is awarded during the spring term. To alleviate the amount of debt that a student will incur while at UH, the center seeks to establish an endowed scholarship fund that will award up to \$2,500 to qualified students.
- **STUDENT LEADER TRAVEL FUND**— Sending UH students to the Creating Change conference, the nation's pre-eminent leadership and skills-building conference for the LGBT social justice movement, benefits not only those in the LGBT community, but also those that support the issues affecting the LGBT Community. By attending this national program, students will be able to return to campus to lead and facilitate workshops/discussions on how to build grassroots coalitions, human rights advocacy, and advocate about civil rights issues. In order for this effort to be effective and reach across the campus community, multiple students will need to be afforded the opportunity to attend this conference.

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