GSBA — Greater Seattle Business Association (Seattle LGBT Chamber of Commerce)

For More Info On Their Scholarship Program Please
See:  http://thegsbascholarship.org/facts.php

SUMMARY

This program would work exactly like the waiver program that was approved last year with the Washington Apple Education Foundation.

For every student receiving a GSBA scholarship, CWU would provide a $2,500 tuition waiver.

That tuition waiver would be renewable each year they were here at CWU --- provided that their corresponding GSBA scholarship funding continues each year as well.

ABOUT THE GSBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (taken directly from their web site)

The GSBA Scholarship Fund awards educational scholarships to undergraduate LGBTQ and Allied students who exhibit leadership potential, demonstrate strong academic abilities, and who are actively involved in school and community organizations. Our scholars represent a diverse group of students who have dreams of making our community and the world a better place; each of them possesses the skills, talents and dedication to make those dreams a reality.

GSBA realizes that today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders and is committed to supporting our community's future leaders by providing financial resources, role-models and hope to outstanding LGBTQA students.

In the 23 years of the GSBA Scholarship Fund, we have awarded over $1.8 million dollars to over 300 students. This year, 2013, we supported 44 scholars with $230,000 in educational scholarships.

ADDITIONAL HISTORY (again, taken directly from their web site)

The GSBA Scholarship Fund was started in 1990 by two teachers who realized there was a huge need to support students who, because of their sexual orientation, were often discriminated against in school, disowned by their families and shunned by their friends. These were students who had the ability and drive to be successful in college, but who did not have the money or support to go to college. The GSBA Scholarship Fund was created to help these disenfranchised young people reach their educational goals. Over the years, the GSBA Scholarship Fund has expanded its reach and its mission and now awards scholarships to LGBTQ and Allied students of any age.
In 1993, the Pride Foundation started its own Scholarship Fund and joined forces with GSBA. This collaboration enables students to complete one application to apply for scholarships from both organizations. Although we share an application, both organizations are independent in terms of fundraising, interviewing, and the actual granting of scholarships.