

The Seth Burklund Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Seth Burklund of San Diego, California. Seth was 18 years old when he died by suicide. Seth was known by many as a best friend. His beautiful, bright smile belied his long-time struggle with depression. Seth's friendship to others, generosity of spirit, and strong heart will be his legacy.



The Transgender Community

While the visibility of transgender people is increasing, transgender people face severe discrimination, stigma, and systemic inequality. Specific issues facing the transgender community include lack of legal protection, barriers to healthcare, identity documents, poverty, harassment, stigma, and anti-transgender violence (HRC, 2019). This can make it difficult for transgender people to cope. A study conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (2018) showed alarming rates of suicidality among transgender teens – between 30, 40, and 50% (for transgender females, non-binary, and males, respectively).

Eligibility

Applicants to the Seth Burklund Memorial Scholarship are scholars or practitioners who will produce a journal article, conduct research, or develop a program in the field of transgender issues in behavioral intervention, education, healthcare, or mental health.

Award

The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. Scholarship winner(s) will receive a one-time award, up to \$1,500.

How to Apply

Submit the application materials, which consists of a 500-800-word description of your journal article, research, or program in the field of transgender issues in behavioral intervention, education, healthcare, or mental health. Student researchers are encouraged to apply. Please submit all materials to Poppy Fitch at poppyfitch@gmail.com and Vanessa Pomarico at vpdenino@gmail.com.

To aid in the application process, we have included the following rubric to help applicants better understand the decision-making process.

Questions can be directed to our team at info@nabita.org.