

Stonewall Fund Inc.

For LGBTQ+ Youth-At-Risk



What is the Stonewall Fund?

The Stonewall Fund Incorporated was established by our Founders to set-up endowments and current-use funds at colleges and universities around the United States to support LGBTQ+ youth-at-risk. Too frequently, young people who have come out or been outed as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or queer find themselves ostracized from their families without financial support for basic-needs. The Stonewall Fund endeavors to ensure funding is available at colleges and universities to step-in and provide emergency financial support for housing, food, medicine, tuition, books or any other emergent needs.



How does it work?

Although there is flexibility in how a Stonewall Fund is structured, the most common model is for an alum of a particular college or university to make a matching pledge to establish an endowment. The endowments often include the donor's name along with the Stonewall Fund. For example, the Mary Lopez & Janice Obama Stonewall Fund at Oxford College. The matching pledge is publicized by the host university to their alumni and donors, often during Pride Month or LGBTQ+ History Month. The gifts that flow in are matched by the donors and when the endowment minima is reached (i.e: \$25,000), the fund is endowed and interest and returns begin to accrue. The Stonewall Fund Incorporated will often provide an additional matching incentive in the early years to further incentivize donors and to help reach the endowment minima earlier. The investment returns of the endowment fund are then available to be awarded to LGBTQ+ youth-in-need; awards are often delegated to the dean of students at the respective university. Since the fund is an endowment, the returns will come in indefinitely and the donors' contributions will provide support to LGBTQ+ students-in-need in perpetuity.



Are there other ways to support the Stonewall Funds?

Yes! Contributions can be made directly to the Stonewall Fund Incorporated. These direct contributions are used to provide the additional matching funds when a new Stonewall Fund is established as a college or university. You can make your contribution at this link:

<https://stonewallfund.weebly.com/donate.html>

How do I get started?



Contact the Stonewall Fund Incorporated at stonewallfund@yahoo.com or 510-879-7898 to start the discussion on how to approach the college or university where you would like to establish a Stonewall Fund. More information can be obtained at www.stonewallfund.org. If you prefer to start with the college or university, go ahead and share with document with them and they can contact us directly.

Sample Agreements

Most colleges and universities have a standard template for their endowment agreements. The Stonewall Fund Incorporated can provide suggested language to incorporate into the endowment agreement made between the founding donor(s).



Is an endowment required?

No. A current-use fund can also be established. This means that all of the funds donated to the Stonewall Fund at that college or university will be distributed to LGBTQ+ youth-in-need. With this model, a positive impact can be made for students more quickly. However, when funds are depleted, no more awards can be made. It is also unlikely that the Stonewall Fund Incorporated will make an additional matching pledge as our goal is to provide on-going support. Current-use funds can be a good alternative if the particular college or university has a high endowment minimal (i.e: \$250K), making reaching that goal challenging.



The Stonewall Fund