National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association of Los Angeles Issues Call for Scholarship Applications, Due April Sept. 25

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LOS ANGELES — College students who plan to pursue careers in journalism are invited to apply for scholarships from the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association – Los Angeles (NLGJA-LA). The organization will issue up to $1,000 in scholarships to students who are currently enrolled in colleges or universities in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura or San Diego counties.

Scholarships will be awarded to college students who demonstrate a commitment to fair, accurate coverage of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues.

Applications for 2014 scholarships must be submitted by Friday, Sept. 25. Winners will be notified by Friday, Oct. 9. The winner(s) will be formally presented with scholarship funds at an NLGJA-LA mixer on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

**How to Apply**

Scholarship applications should be submitted as PDFs via email to lauren.jow@gmail.com. Applications should include:

- **Resume** – Include a record of journalism experience (professional and/or student experience) along with a brief description of duties in each position. Relevant achievements and awards may also be included.

- **Clips/Work Samples** – Submit up to three samples of your best work. For print scans, the student’s name should be attached as the writer, and the text must be legible. For broadcast, submit short video or audio samples that can be accessed online. Clips should demonstrate professional abilities as well as a commitment to fair, accurate coverage of
the LGBT community.

- **Proof of Enrollment and Transcript** – Applicants must provide proof of enrollment at a two- or four-year college or university in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura or San Diego counties. A transcript (official or unofficial) should be included.

- **Personal Essay** – A short essay (maximum 500 words) describing the applicant’s career goals and personal commitment to accurate coverage of LGBT issues. Applicants should mention what type of LGBT stories they think the mainstream media should cover and how they would approach covering these stories.

**NLGJA-LA will judge applications based on these criteria:**

- Commitment to fair and accurate coverage of the LGBT community and LGBT issues – 40 percent
- Quality of work – 40 percent
- Relevant work and internship experience (if applicable) – 10 percent
- Academic achievement – 10 percent

“Our organization is dedicated to accurate, inclusive coverage of the LGBT community, and we want to foster that in the next generation of reporters,” said NLGJA-LA president Lauren Jow.

“Our board is proud to recognize the work of outstanding LGBT and allied student journalists.”

**About the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association**

NLGJA is an organization of journalists, media professionals, educators and students working from within the news industry to foster fair and accurate coverage of LGBT issues. Learn more at nlgja.org.